At a Special Meeting of **SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** held in The Gala Theatre, Durham, on Thursday, 7th February, 2008 at 5.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor Hopgood (in the Chair)

and Councillors Colledge, Howarth, McDonnell, Moderate, Robinson, Simpson, Walton and Wolstenholme

Also Present: Councillors Bell, Kellett, Lightley, Marsden, D. Smith, Southwell, Stoddart, Turnbull, Wilkinson and Young

487. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mitchell.

488. 2008/2009 DRAFT BUDGETS

The Director of Financial Services gave Members a briefing on the overview and general issues relating to the draft budgets 2008/2009. The Director of Financial Services went through the draft budgets in further detail giving explanations where necessary.

Three questions had been submitted in writing in advance of the meeting and the Director of Financial Services provided comprehensive answers to these questions. The Director of Financial Services then took questions from the floor.

The Chair thanked the Director of Financial Services for his presentation.

Note: All Members of the Council had been invited to attend the Presentation.

Meeting terminated 6.10 p.m.

Chair