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Iain Phillips Chief Executive

9th November 2005

Dear Councillor,

I hereby give you Notice that a Meeting of the **HOUSING SERVICES COMMITTEE** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, CROOK** on **THURSDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER 2005** at **6.00 P.M.**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To consider the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Committee held on 7th September 2005 as a true record – copies previously circulated.
3. To consider the findings of the Durham Coalfields Settlement Study.
4. To consider the adoption of the proposed Value for Money Strategy.
5. To consider proposals to improve security on Council houses.
6. To receive a progress report on the establishment of an Arms Length Management Organisation.
7. To consider a proposed transfer of funding between budgets to facilitate the procurement of a new computer reporting tool.
8. To receive the Durham County Council Social Care and Health Operational Plan 2005/06 and consider proposals to continue joint working in Social Care and Health.
9. To consider the budget monitoring report for April to September 2005.
10. To consider proposals to nominate officer representation to the Core Group and Sub-Group currently progressing a bid to the Choice Based Letting Regional Fund.
11. To follow the progress of and receive an update on volatile budgets 2005/06.
12. To receive initial feedback from the Indicative Housing Inspection 2005 and consider the next steps in the process.*
13. To consider developments and proposals relating to the sale of St Andrew's Road Estate, Bishop Auckland. *

14. To consider such other items of business which, by reason of special circumstances so specified, the Chair of the meeting is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.

* It is likely that items 12 and 13 will be taken in the closed part of the meeting. Item 12 as it is deemed to be confidential information and item 13 in accordance with paragraphs 7 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Hilditch', with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Chief Executive

Members of this Committee: Councillors Mrs Burn, Mrs Douthwaite, Ferguson, Gale, Harrison, Mrs Hilditch, Kay, McKellar, Murphy*, Mrs. Pinkney, Mrs Seabury, J. Shuttleworth, Sinclair, Stonehouse and Mrs Todd.

*Ex-officio, non-voting capacity

Chair: Councillor Gale

Deputy Chair: Councillor Sinclair

TO: All other Members of the Council for information
Management Team