

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF EASINGTON**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 4 OCTOBER 2007**

Present: Councillors E. Bell, S. Bishop, Mrs. G. Bleasdale, B. Burn, A. Collinson, R. Crute, Mrs. S. Forster, Mrs. J. Freak, J. Haggan, H. High, G. Johnson, Mrs. A.E. Laing, T. Longstaff, D. Maddison, Mrs. J. Maitland, Mrs. S. Mason, K. McGonnell, D. Myers, A. Napier, Mrs. A. Naylor, C. Patching, G. Patterson, G. Pinkney, F. Shaw, T. Unsworth, C. Walker, P.G. Ward and Mrs. V. M. Williams

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council nominations were sought for a Chair for the meeting.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor C. Walker be elected as Chair.

**2. THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF EASINGTON** held on 6 September 2007, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were confirmed.

**3. ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IN DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACES ORDERS**

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Neighbourhood Initiatives which sought approval for a declaration of an "Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places Order", a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

The Head of Neighbourhood Initiatives reported that the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 empowered local authorities to make an "Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places Order" if they were satisfied that nuisance, annoyance or disorder had been caused to members of the public associated with the consumption of intoxicating liquor in a particular place. These new powers replaced the Home Office model bylaw in September 2006, and therefore existing bylaws had been rescinded.

The Council's Community Services Directorate worked in close partnership with the Police and other stakeholders under the Community Safety Partnership framework and the Partnership considered that the use of such an Order would be an effective tool in combating problems in certain areas of Horden, Blackhall, Haswell, Peterlee, Seaham and Murton. The report listed the specific areas of concern and detailed maps were available at the Community Safety Partnership base at Lee House.

It was therefore proposed that an Order be made covering these areas, to be referred to as the District of Easington Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places Number 1 Order 2007.

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The report provided details of the statutory consultation process undertaken. It was noted that Guidance stated that the establishment of designated areas may potentially lead to anti-social drinking or nuisance being displaced into areas that had not been designated for this purpose. Prior to designating an area, local authorities were advised to make an assessment of all areas where they believed nuisance or disorder may be displaced, ensuring that all those affected were appropriately consulted. Accordingly, the Police, Horden Parish Council, Haswell Parish Council, Peterlee Town Council, Seaham Town Council and licensees in the proposed areas were consulted and supported the proposal with no representations made regarding concerns of displacement.

In response to Members' comments, the Head of Neighbourhood Initiatives confirmed that the impact of the proposed Order would be closely monitored and reviewed, adding that the Council had the power to revoke any Orders.

**RESOLVED** that:-

- (a) an Order be made under Section 13(2) of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 to declare an "Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places Order" for the areas described in Section 4.2 in the report;
- (b) proposals be developed through the Community Safety Partnership with the Police for monitoring and reviewing any Orders made.

#### 4. **TO SEAL DOCUMENTS**

**RESOLVED** that the action taken in affixing the Common Seal to the following documents, be endorsed:-

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| 19639 | Transfer of Whole of Registered Title(s) made between Jean Scott (1) and EDC (2) relating to 13 St. Cuthberts Road, Thornley                       |
| 19640 | Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between David Gordon Turnbull and Mary Alice Turnbull (2) relating to 3 Ambleside Close Peterlee      |
| 19641 | Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Joanne Tasker and Simon Thomas Tasker (2) relating to 37 Severn Close Peterlee    |
| 19642 | Lease made between EDC (1) and Horden Crossroads Allotment and Leisure Association (2) relating to Crossroads Allotment Site, Horden               |
| 19643 | Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Ethel Joyce Haswell (2) relating to Garage 2 Watson Close, Dalton-le-Dale, Seaham |
| 19644 | Lease of premises between EDC (1) and Kulwinder Singh and Sirjit Singh (2) and Brian Greenwood (3) relating to 108/110 Edenhill Road, Peterlee     |
| 19645 | Cancellation of entries relating to a registered charge relating to 20 Glebe Avenue, Easington Colliery  |
| 19646 | Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and   |

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- Stephen Bowes and Victoria Catherine Bowes (2) relating to 11 Dent Close, Haswell
- 19647 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Gary Elliott and Alison Elliott (2) relating to 60 and 61 Coronation Road Wingate
- 19648 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Grigori Andreas and Nicola Catleugh (2) relating to 13 Moore Street, Wheatley Hill
- 19649 Release of Part of Land from a Registered Charge relating to Plot 98 High Croft, Thornley
- 19650 Release of Part of Land from a Registered Charge relating to Plot 29 High Croft, Thornley
- 19651 Release of Part of Land from a Registered Charge relating to Plot 32 High Croft, Thornley
- 19652 Release of Part of Land from a Registered Charge relating to Plot 44 High Croft, Thornley
- 19653 Release of Part of Land from a Registered Charge relating to Plot 52 High Croft, Thornley
- 19654 Release of Part of Land from a Registered Charge relating to Plot 101 High Croft, Thornley
- 19655 Release of Part of Land from a Registered Charge relating to Plot 107 High Croft, Thornley
- 19656 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Colleen Goodwin and Adrian Milner (2) relating to 12 Hambledon Place, Peterlee
- 19657 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Amanda Patricia Ghales (2) relating to 7 Milton Grove, Shotton
- 19658 Lease made between Plee Trustee (Jersey) Limited and Plee Nominee (Jersey) Limited for Plee Trustee (Jersey) Limited as Trustee of the Peterlee Unit Trust (1) and District of Easington (2) relating to level 4 rooms 1 and 2, Lee House, Peterlee
- 19659 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and William Henry Wright and Jackie Wright (2) relating to 5 Bailey Rise, Peterlee
- 19660 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Adam David Winter and Lesley Ann Winter (2) relating to 68 Woodlands, Seaham
- 19661 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Nicola Fletcher and Mark Chaffer (2) relating to 41 Basingstoke Road, Peterlee

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19662            Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Colin Chambers (2) relating to 2 Cook Grove, Horden

### 5. **ANY ADDITIONAL URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

In accordance with the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, Section 100B(4)(b) the Chair agreed that consideration be given as a matter of urgency to one item of business not shown on the Agenda, following consultation with the Proper Officer.

### 6. **GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION PAPER – “COUNCILS’ PROPOSALS FOR UNITARY LOCAL GOVERNMENT: AN APPROACH TO IMPLEMENTATION” (AOB)**

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Executive in relation to the Government Consultation Paper, “Councils’ Proposals for Unitary Local Government: An Approach to Implementation”, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

As agreed at the meeting of the District Council held on 6 September 2007, the report sought endorsement of the actions of the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, in responding to the Department of Communities and Local Government (CLG) Consultation Document. The Paper set out, as the basis for dialogue with affected Councils, the intentions as to the approach to be adopted, and sought views on certain specific issues. In addition to this, the Leader, Deputy Leader and Chief Executive had been heavily engaged in discussions with Officers of the CLG and Government Office North East.

The Durham District Councils had agreed a joint response to the Consultation, a copy of which was attached to the report for Members consideration.

**RESOLVED** that the actions of the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, in agreeing and submitting the response to the Government Consultation Paper as attached to the report, be endorsed.

JE/CB/COM/DIST/071000  
9 October 2007