

**THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF EASINGTON
HELD ON FRIDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2007**

Present: Councillor Mrs M Nugent (Chair)

Councillors Mrs M Baird, E Bell,
S Bishop, A Burnip, P J Campbell,
A Collinson, R Crute, R Davison,
Mrs J Freak, H High, A J Holmes,
Mrs J Maslin, K McGonnell, D Myers,
G Pinkney, D Raine, F Shaw,
R Taylor, R J Todd, T Unsworth,
C Walker, P G Ward and
Mrs V M Williams

**1 POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES REVIEW 2007
PROPOSALS FOR POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES**

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Democratic Services and Administration which sought approval to the proposals for polling districts and polling places within the District of Easington.

Members were advised that the Electoral and Administration Act 2006 placed a duty on Councils to review all polling districts by 31 December 2007 and to keep these under review. The aim of the review was to ensure that all electors had reasonable facilities for voting and as far as was reasonable and practicable, polling places were accessible to all electors, including disabled people.

Accordingly a Notice of Review had been published in August 2007 inviting comments from electors and a range of consultees. This initial consultation ended on 12 September 2007. Once the Council's proposals had been prepared a second stage consultation took place between 12 and 26 October 2007, which included those persons and organisations involved in the first stage.

A Working Group was established to consider the proposals and all the comments/representations received. This Group consisted of the Executive Members for Resources, Social Inclusion and Culture, Neighbourhood Engagement and Communications, and Customer Services. The Terms of Reference of the Group were attached to the report at Appendix 1.

The final report detailing the proposals for new polling districts and polling places, incorporating the comments of the Working Group was attached at Appendix 2, and Appendix 3 provided a summary of the main changes proposed.

RESOLVED that the proposals for polling districts and polling places, as outlined in the report, be agreed.

2 ADDITIONAL URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS

In accordance with the provisions of Section 3(2) of the Council Procedure Rules contained in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, the Chair agreed that consideration be given to the following item of business not shown on the Agenda.

**3 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES
NORTH TEES AND HARTLEPOOL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**

The Head of Democratic Services and Administration reported the receipt of an invitation from North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust for the Council to nominate a Member to sit on the Council of Governors to be established when their application to become a Foundation Trust was granted.

The Council of Governors was to be made up of elected members from the public and staff constituencies and stakeholders, including local authorities, local primary care trusts and local universities.

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs E Huntington, Executive Member for Health be nominated to the position.

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