

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
DISTRICT COUNCIL OF EASINGTON  
HELD ON THURSDAY 6 MARCH 2008**

**Present:** Councillor Mrs. M. Nugent (Chair)

Councillors Mrs. M. Baird, B. Bates, E. Bell, S. Bishop, Mrs. G. Bleasdale, B. Burn, A. Burnip, R. Burnip, A. Collinson, Mrs. E. M. Connor, R. Crute, R. Davison, Mrs. S. Forster, Mrs. J. Freak, J. Haggan, H. High, A.J. Holmes, Mrs. E. Huntington, Mrs. A.E. Laing, T. Longstaff, D. Maddison, Mrs J. Maslin, Mrs. S. Mason, K. McGonnell, D. Milsom, D. Myers, A. Napier, Mrs. A. Naylor, G. Patterson, G. Pinkney, D. Raine, F. Shaw, Mrs. B.A. Sloan, R. Taylor, D.J. Taylor-Gooby, R.J. Todd, T. Unsworth, C. Walker, P.G. Ward and Mrs. V. M. Williams.

**1. COUNTY DURHAM AND DARLINGTON NHS FOUNDATION TRUST – ‘SEIZING THE FUTURE’ INITIATIVE**

Stephen Eames, the Chief Executive of County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust was in attendance to brief members on the ‘Seizing the Future’ Initiative, a five year vision for local (acute) hospitals within the Trust and to discuss how local communities/stakeholders were engaged in the process.

S. Eames provided a background to the Trust and the reasons for the review. He explained that the outcomes from the Darzi review five years ago had been implemented and the Trust now had to assess the impact of Government policy on it’s services. Government policy placed a shift in emphasis for certain healthcare provision from hospitals into the community or in the home.

To achieve this the Trust needed to examine existing services against a framework of national standards and develop service configuration options for consideration.

In terms of timescales, the development of service configurations should be completed by the end of May 2008 with formal consultations on the options later in the year.

With regard to engaging with stakeholders he explained that a structure had been established to facilitate this which involved meetings with Councils, MPs, ‘Big Conversation’ events and workshops. A website had been set up to enable individuals to contribute to the consultation. He would welcome any feedback on the proposals from Members.

In response to questions, he explained that PCT Commissioning Boards were fully involved in the process and had a key role in shaping the outcome of the review.

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Analysis had shown that around 11% of activity in hospitals now could take place in the community. However, he accepted that there was a need to ensure that the same levels of service currently provided in hospitals could be provided in the community or in the home before they were transferred. There was also a need to maintain a high standard in hospitals for those services that would continue to be provided in that environment.

A Member referred to problems experienced by the residents of Easington in relation to access to hospital services, and stated that a holistic approach was required to ensure that the needs of patients were fully met.

In response to a further question, Mr Eames stated that there was a need to balance levels of bureaucracy with investment in frontline service delivery.

With regard to resources to implement the changes and the cost of providing some services in communities, he advised that the funding regime for the proposals would make provision for this.

To conclude, Members felt that the ultimate aim of the "Seizing the Future" initiative should be to provide better access to improved health services for residents. It was also important to consult as openly and widely as possible on all the proposals put forward.

The Chair thanked Mr. Eames for his presentation and it was **RESOLVED** that the information given, be noted.

2. **THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF EASINGTON** held on 7 February 2008 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were confirmed.
3. **THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF EASINGTON** held on 22 February 2008, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were submitted.

**RESOLVED** that the information contained within the Minutes, be noted.

4. **THE MINUTES OF THE REGULATORY APPEALS PANEL** held on 25 February 2008, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were submitted.

**RESOLVED** that the decision taken, be noted.

5. **SETTING THE OVERALL COUNCIL TAX FOR 2008/2009**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services on Council Tax levels for 2008/2009, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

In accordance with Section 30 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the Council as billing authority, was required to set the overall Council Tax for 2008/2009 before 11 March 2008.

It was requested that in accordance with statutory provisions, consideration be given to the Council Taxes to be levied in each part of the District Council area for the year 2008/2009.

Following consideration of the report, it was **RESOLVED** that:-

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(i) the revised revenue estimates for the year 2007/2008 and the revenue estimates for 2008/2009 be approved;

(ii) it be noted that at its meeting on 6th March 2008 the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2008/2009 in accordance with regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

a) **26,997.10** being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992, as its Council tax base for the year;

b) Part of the Council's

area

Parish/Town of:-

Castle Eden	<b>298.00</b>
Dalton le Dale	<b>516.70</b>
Easington Colliery	<b>1,425.50</b>
Easington Village	<b>740.00</b>
Haswell	<b>558.70</b>
Hawthorn	<b>194.60</b>
Hornden	<b>2,255.20</b>
Hutton Henry	<b>492.10</b>
Monk Hesleden	<b>1,708.50</b>
Murton	<b>1,970.30</b>
Peterlee	<b>5,698.10</b>
Seaham	<b>5,564.10</b>
Seaton with Slingley	<b>419.70</b>
Shotton	<b>1,185.20</b>
South Hetton	<b>797.90</b>
Thornley	<b>685.40</b>
Trimdon	<b>396.00</b>
Wheatley Hill	<b>856.30</b>
Wingate	<b>1,179.10</b>

being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amounts of its council tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate;

(iii) the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992:-

a) **£109,169,426** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (e) of the Act;

b) **£87,713,920** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)(a) to (c) of the Act;

c) **£21,455,506** being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year;

d) **£12,351,135** being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its general

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fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates, revenue support grant, (increased by the amount of the sums which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year from its collection fund to its general fund in accordance with Section 97(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988) (Council Tax Surplus) ;

- e)        **£337.24**        being the amount at 3( c) above less the amount at 3(d) above, all divided by the amount at 2(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year;
- f)        **£159.76**        being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act
- g)        **£177.48**        being the amount at 3(e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(f) above by the amount at 2(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates;

h) Part of the Council's

area

Parish/Town of:-	£	p
Castle Eden	<b>18.46</b>	
Dalton le Dale	<b>23.18</b>	
Easington Colliery	<b>236.41</b>	
Easington Village	<b>139.54</b>	
Haswell	<b>76.05</b>	
Hawthorn	<b>16.36</b>	
Horden	<b>191.37</b>	
Hutton Henry	<b>60.96</b>	
Monk Hesleden	<b>140.24</b>	
Murton	<b>147.19</b>	
Peterlee	<b>215.39</b>	
Seaham	<b>187.52</b>	
Seaton with Slingley	<b>20.25</b>	
Shotton	<b>80.16</b>	
South Hetton	<b>103.43</b>	
Thornley	<b>154.54</b>	
Trimdon	<b>152.56</b>	
Wheatley Hill	<b>119.45</b>	
Wingate	<b>78.87</b>	

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(g) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount as 2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate;

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Part of the Council's area	Valuation Bands									
	BAND	BAND	BAND	BAND	BAND	BAND	BAND	BAND		
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H		
	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9		
£	p	£	p	£	p	£	p	£	p	
Parish/Town of:-										
Castle Eden	<b>130.63</b>	<b>152.40</b>	<b>174.17</b>	<b>195.94</b>	<b>239.48</b>	<b>283.02</b>	<b>326.57</b>	<b>391.88</b>		
Dalton-le-Dale	<b>133.77</b>	<b>156.07</b>	<b>178.36</b>	<b>200.66</b>	<b>245.25</b>	<b>289.84</b>	<b>334.43</b>	<b>401.32</b>		
Easington Colliery	<b>275.93</b>	<b>321.91</b>	<b>367.90</b>	<b>413.89</b>	<b>505.87</b>	<b>597.84</b>	<b>689.82</b>	<b>827.78</b>		
Easington Village	<b>211.35</b>	<b>246.57</b>	<b>281.80</b>	<b>317.02</b>	<b>387.47</b>	<b>457.92</b>	<b>528.37</b>	<b>634.04</b>		
Haswell	<b>169.02</b>	<b>197.19</b>	<b>225.36</b>	<b>253.53</b>	<b>309.87</b>	<b>366.21</b>	<b>422.55</b>	<b>507.06</b>		
Hawthorn	<b>129.23</b>	<b>150.76</b>	<b>172.30</b>	<b>193.84</b>	<b>236.92</b>	<b>279.99</b>	<b>323.07</b>	<b>387.68</b>		
Hornden	<b>245.90</b>	<b>286.88</b>	<b>327.87</b>	<b>368.85</b>	<b>450.82</b>	<b>532.78</b>	<b>614.75</b>	<b>737.70</b>		
Hutton Henry	<b>158.96</b>	<b>185.45</b>	<b>211.95</b>	<b>238.44</b>	<b>291.43</b>	<b>344.41</b>	<b>397.40</b>	<b>476.88</b>		
Monk Hesleden	<b>211.81</b>	<b>247.12</b>	<b>282.42</b>	<b>317.72</b>	<b>388.32</b>	<b>458.93</b>	<b>529.53</b>	<b>635.44</b>		
Murton	<b>216.45</b>	<b>252.52</b>	<b>288.60</b>	<b>324.67</b>	<b>396.82</b>	<b>468.97</b>	<b>541.12</b>	<b>649.34</b>		
Peterlee	<b>261.91</b>	<b>305.57</b>	<b>349.22</b>	<b>392.87</b>	<b>480.17</b>	<b>567.48</b>	<b>654.78</b>	<b>785.74</b>		
Seaham	<b>243.33</b>	<b>283.89</b>	<b>324.44</b>	<b>365.00</b>	<b>446.11</b>	<b>527.22</b>	<b>608.33</b>	<b>730.00</b>		
Seaton with Slingley	<b>131.82</b>	<b>153.79</b>	<b>175.76</b>	<b>197.73</b>	<b>241.67</b>	<b>285.61</b>	<b>329.55</b>	<b>395.46</b>		
	<b>171.76</b>	<b>200.39</b>	<b>229.01</b>	<b>257.64</b>	<b>314.89</b>	<b>372.15</b>	<b>429.40</b>	<b>515.28</b>		
Shotton										
South Hetton	<b>187.27</b>	<b>218.49</b>	<b>249.70</b>	<b>280.91</b>	<b>343.33</b>	<b>405.76</b>	<b>468.18</b>	<b>561.82</b>		
Thornley	<b>221.35</b>	<b>258.24</b>	<b>295.13</b>	<b>332.02</b>	<b>405.80</b>	<b>479.58</b>	<b>553.37</b>	<b>664.04</b>		
Trimdon	<b>220.03</b>	<b>256.70</b>	<b>293.37</b>	<b>330.04</b>	<b>403.38</b>	<b>476.72</b>	<b>550.07</b>	<b>660.08</b>		
Wheatley Hill	<b>197.95</b>	<b>230.95</b>	<b>263.94</b>	<b>296.93</b>	<b>362.91</b>	<b>428.90</b>	<b>494.88</b>	<b>593.86</b>		
Wingate	<b>170.90</b>	<b>199.38</b>	<b>227.87</b>	<b>256.35</b>	<b>313.32</b>	<b>370.28</b>	<b>427.25</b>	<b>512.70</b>		
All other parts of the Council's Area	<b>118.32</b>	<b>138.04</b>	<b>157.76</b>	<b>177.48</b>	<b>216.92</b>	<b>256.36</b>	<b>295.80</b>	<b>354.96</b>		

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3(g) and 3(h) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section (5)1 of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands;

- (iv) It be noted that for the year 2008/2009 the major precepting authorities have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

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Precepting  
Authority

Valuation Bands

	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
Durham County Council	<b>682.92</b>	<b>796.74</b>	<b>910.56</b>	<b>1,024.38</b>	<b>1,252.02</b>	<b>1,479.66</b>	<b>1,707.30</b>	<b>2,048.76</b>
County Durham & Darlington Fire Rescue Authority	<b>55.08</b>	<b>64.26</b>	<b>73.44</b>	<b>82.62</b>	<b>100.98</b>	<b>119.34</b>	<b>137.70</b>	<b>165.24</b>
Durham Police Authority	<b>94.98</b>	<b>110.81</b>	<b>126.64</b>	<b>142.47</b>	<b>174.13</b>	<b>205.79</b>	<b>237.45</b>	<b>284.94</b>

- (v) Having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3 (i) and 4 above, the Council, in accordance with Section (30)2 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of council tax for the year 2008/2009 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Part of the  
Council's  
area

Valuation Bands

	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
Parish/Town of :-								
Castle Eden	<b>963.61</b>	<b>1,124.21</b>	<b>1,284.81</b>	<b>1,445.41</b>	<b>1,766.61</b>	<b>2,087.81</b>	<b>2,409.02</b>	<b>2,890.82</b>
Dalton-le-Dale	<b>966.75</b>	<b>1,127.88</b>	<b>1,289.00</b>	<b>1,450.13</b>	<b>1,772.38</b>	<b>2,094.63</b>	<b>2,416.88</b>	<b>2,900.26</b>
Easington Colliery	<b>1,108.91</b>	<b>1,293.72</b>	<b>1,478.54</b>	<b>1,663.36</b>	<b>2,033.00</b>	<b>2,402.63</b>	<b>2,772.27</b>	<b>3,326.72</b>
Easington Village	<b>1,044.33</b>	<b>1,218.38</b>	<b>1,392.44</b>	<b>1,566.49</b>	<b>1,914.60</b>	<b>2,262.71</b>	<b>2,610.82</b>	<b>3,132.98</b>
Haswell	<b>1,002.00</b>	<b>1,169.00</b>	<b>1,336.00</b>	<b>1,503.00</b>	<b>1,837.00</b>	<b>2,171.00</b>	<b>2,505.00</b>	<b>3,006.00</b>
Hawthorn	<b>962.21</b>	<b>1,122.57</b>	<b>1,282.94</b>	<b>1,443.31</b>	<b>1,764.05</b>	<b>2,084.78</b>	<b>2,405.52</b>	<b>2,886.62</b>
Horden	<b>1,078.88</b>	<b>1,258.69</b>	<b>1,438.51</b>	<b>1,618.32</b>	<b>1,977.95</b>	<b>2,337.57</b>	<b>2,697.20</b>	<b>3,236.64</b>
Hutton Henry	<b>991.94</b>	<b>1,157.26</b>	<b>1,322.59</b>	<b>1,487.91</b>	<b>1,818.56</b>	<b>2,149.20</b>	<b>2,479.85</b>	<b>2,975.82</b>
Monk Hesleden	<b>1,044.79</b>	<b>1,218.93</b>	<b>1,393.06</b>	<b>1,567.19</b>	<b>1,915.45</b>	<b>2,263.72</b>	<b>2,611.98</b>	<b>3,134.38</b>
Murton	<b>1,049.43</b>	<b>1,224.33</b>	<b>1,399.24</b>	<b>1,574.14</b>	<b>1,923.95</b>	<b>2,273.76</b>	<b>2,623.57</b>	<b>3,148.28</b>
Peterlee	<b>1,094.89</b>	<b>1,277.38</b>	<b>1,459.86</b>	<b>1,642.34</b>	<b>2,007.30</b>	<b>2,372.27</b>	<b>2,737.23</b>	<b>3,284.68</b>
Seaham	<b>1,076.31</b>	<b>1,255.70</b>	<b>1,435.08</b>	<b>1,614.47</b>	<b>1,973.24</b>	<b>2,332.01</b>	<b>2,690.78</b>	<b>3,228.94</b>
Seaton with Slingley	<b>964.80</b>	<b>1,125.60</b>	<b>1,286.40</b>	<b>1,447.20</b>	<b>1,768.80</b>	<b>2,090.40</b>	<b>2,412.00</b>	<b>2,894.40</b>
Shotton	<b>1,004.74</b>	<b>1,172.20</b>	<b>1,339.65</b>	<b>1,507.11</b>	<b>1,842.02</b>	<b>2,176.94</b>	<b>2,511.85</b>	<b>3,014.22</b>

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South Hetton	<i>1,020.25</i>	<i>1,190.30</i>	<i>1,360.34</i>	<i>1,530.38</i>	<i>1,870.46</i>	<i>2,210.55</i>	<i>2,550.63</i>	<i>3,060.76</i>
Thornley	<i>1,054.33</i>	<i>1,230.05</i>	<i>1,405.77</i>	<i>1,581.49</i>	<i>1,932.93</i>	<i>2,284.37</i>	<i>2,635.82</i>	<i>3,162.98</i>
Trimdon	<i>1,053.01</i>	<i>1,228.51</i>	<i>1,404.01</i>	<i>1,579.51</i>	<i>1,930.51</i>	<i>2,281.51</i>	<i>2,632.52</i>	<i>3,159.02</i>
Wheatley Hill	<i>1,030.93</i>	<i>1,202.76</i>	<i>1,374.58</i>	<i>1,546.40</i>	<i>1,890.04</i>	<i>2,233.69</i>	<i>2,577.33</i>	<i>3,092.80</i>
Wingate	<i>1,003.88</i>	<i>1,171.19</i>	<i>1,338.51</i>	<i>1,505.82</i>	<i>1,840.45</i>	<i>2,175.07</i>	<i>2,509.70</i>	<i>3,011.64</i>
All other parts of the Council's Area	<i>951.30</i>	<i>1,109.85</i>	<i>1,268.40</i>	<i>1,426.95</i>	<i>1,744.05</i>	<i>2,061.15</i>	<i>2,378.25</i>	<i>2,853.90</i>

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Director of Finance and Corporate Services and Officers in the Finance Section be commended for their work in setting the Council Tax levels.

### 6. **COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER - ST. JOHNS SQUARE, SEAHAM**

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Regeneration in relation to a Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of St. Johns Square, Seaham, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

The Executive Member for Regeneration advised that the redevelopment proposal in respect of St. Johns Square, Seaham was an integral part of the Seaham Regeneration Strategy; a ten year integrated programme of action focused upon the social, environmental and economic renewal of key areas within the town. The proposal would provide a comprehensive and cohesive range of new, modern public service buildings in a safe and high quality sustainable environment.

In order to enable the scheme to be undertaken, it was necessary for the current pedestrian routes to be reconfigured with new pedestrian routes provided as part of the redevelopment scheme.

The estimated value of the scheme was £15m and would involve the re-development of 16,000 square metres of previously developed land.

A report detailing the proposed terms and conditions for the various land transactions associated with the scheme would be presented to Executive in due course.

To facilitate the development, a number of parcels of land in unknown ownership and other third party land interests would need to be acquired. Where ownership was known, negotiations with the owner was underway with a view to acquiring by agreement. If this failed, a CPO would be required to purchase this land and the land in unknown ownership which were important to the redevelopment of the square.

St. Johns Square was in need of urgent attention and was one of the final initiatives of the Seaham Regeneration Strategy to be implemented. The combined effect of the programme of renewal had been the revival of the town in economic prosperity terms with new employment opportunities created, significant new housing provided with associated social and environmental improvements undertaken.

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The report identified the social, economic and well being benefits that would arise from the use of CPO powers to facilitate the redevelopment.

The Council had previously appointed DLA Piper UK LLP as specialist legal advisers to the scheme in order to advise on the complex legal issues associated with land ownership and CPO. It had been agreed by partners that it would be appropriate to appoint the specialists to act independently on behalf of all partners to the scheme. The reasons for commissioning DLA Piper UK LLP were set out in the report.

### **RESOLVED** that:-

- (a) the Council hereby make a CPO under the powers conferred by Section 226(1)(a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and if necessary, Section 13 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 to acquire the land and if necessary, any new rights over the land shown on the plan attached to the report;
- (b) the Director of Regeneration and Development be authorised, in consultation with the Executive Member for Regeneration, to make the CPO and take all the necessary procedural steps prior to and after the making of the CPO, including the submission of the CPO to the Secretary of State for confirmation as appropriate, together with the preparation and presentation of the Council's case at any public inquiry and the confirmation of the CPO if it was unopposed or if any objections made had been withdrawn;
- (c) authority be granted to the Director of Regeneration and Development, in consultation with the Executive Member for Regeneration, as soon as the CPO was confirmed to advertise the confirmation of the CPO, to serve all necessary notices of confirmation and once the CPO became operative, to take all necessary procedural steps to acquire the interests and any new rights included in the confirmed CPO;
- (d) authority be granted to the stopping up of highways over the land on the plan attached to the report, using the appropriate statutory powers in order to enable the implementation of the scheme;
- (e) in line with Contract Standing Order 1(a), Contract Standing Order 4(a) be waived to enable DLA Piper UK LLP to provide ongoing specialist legal advice in relation to the preparation and confirmation of the CPO.

## **7. TREE PRESERVATION ORDER AT PEARTREE HOUSE, SEATON VILLAGE**

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Planning and Building Control Services in relation to a Tree Preservation Order at Peartree House, Seaton Village, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

The purpose of the report was to consider endorsing the resolution of the Development Control and Regulatory Panel by confirming a Tree Preservation Order in respect of 1 no. sycamore tree on land at Peartree House, Seaton Village. This Tree Preservation Order was previously agreed by the Panel on 16 October 2007.

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**RESOLVED** that the District of Easington (Peartree House, The Village, Seaton No. 2) Tree Preservation Order 2007, be confirmed.

### 8. **POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES REVIEW - CHANGES TO POLLING PLACES**

Consideration was given to the joint report of the Head of Democratic Services and Administration and Polling Places Working Group which sought approval to proposals to change current polling places in Murton East, Murton West, Seaham North and Thornley and Wheatley Hill Wards. A copy of the report had been circulated to each Member.

The Head of Democratic Services and Administration advised that a review of all polling districts and polling places had been carried out during the latter part of 2007.

The report gave details of the proposed changes to each of the polling places affected.

**RESOLVED** that the proposals for new arrangements for polling places in Murton East, Murton West, Seaham North and Thornley and Wheatley Hill Wards, be agreed.

### 9. **DOG CONTROL ORDERS FOR THE DISTRICT OF EASINGTON**

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Liveability in relation to Dog Control Orders for the District of Easington, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

Members were advised that under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, local authorities could make a range of powers to control dog related problems in their areas.

It was proposed that the existing no fouling areas should be extended to cover all appropriate areas within the District. This would require the Council to make a Fouling of Land by Dogs (District of Easington) Order 2008 which would extend the no fouling controls to areas which were previously not designated under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996, details of which were outlined.

A draft Fouling of Land by Dogs (District of Easington) Order 2008 was attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

On 15 January 2008 Executive gave approval to commence the statutory publicity process. Notices were placed in two local newspapers advertising the Council's intent to make the Order and inviting comments and objections. No objections had been received.

**RESOLVED** that the Council hereby make the Order known as the 'Fouling of Land by Dogs (District of Easington) Order 2008', as detailed in the report.

### 10. **SEALING OF DOCUMENTS**

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

19755      Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and

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- Patricia Ann Prince and Peter Prince (2) relating to 4 Ashton Rise, Peterlee
- 19756 Contract between EDC (1) and Abercorn Homes Limited (2) relating to external renovation scheme to residential Properties at Melbury Street, Seaham
- 19757 Cancellation of Entries Relating to a Registered Charge relating to 8 Lincoln Walk Peterlee
- 19758 Agreement made between Northumbrian Water Limited (1) EDC (2) Robert Olaman, Norman Hardy, Alexander Marshall and Gordon Parkin as the Trustees of the Durham Aged Mineworkers Homes Association (3) and Ronden Builders Limited (4) relating to the Diversion of a Public Sewer at Thames Road, Peterlee
- 19759 Lease made between EDC (1) and Linda Wallace (2) relating to flat known as No. 17A Frederick Street, Seaham
- 19760 Deed of Release made between EDC (1) and Stephen George Greenwood and Julie Greenwood (2) relating to 1 Milldale, Seaham
- 19761 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Olwen Marsey (2) relating to No. 118 Bruce Glasier Terrace, Shotton Colliery
- 19762 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Lisa Heron (2) relating to No. 22 Snowdon Place, Peterlee
- 19763 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Nora Rafferty and Marie Ann Rafferty (2) relating to 8 Hawes Road, Peterlee
- 19764 Lease made between EDC (1) and Gwenda Liane Robinson and Mark Paul Robinson (2) relating to flat known as No. 54 York Road, Peterlee
- 19765 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Andrea Miller (2) relating to 43 Melrose Crescent, Seaham
- 19766 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Kevin Gibbon (2) relating to 25 Kirkstone Avenue, Peterlee
- 19767 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Alan Edward Ward and Amanda Ward (2) relating to 17 and 19 Fairbairn Road, Peterlee
- 19768 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Neil Palmer (2) relating to 113 Lancaster Hill, Peterlee
- 19770 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Lisa Joanne Oz (2) relating to 24 Duddon Place Peterlee
- 19771 Section 106 Agreement between EDC (1) and Cecil M Yuill Limited (2) and the County Council of Durham (3) relating to land at former Murton Primary School, Murton (in duplicate)

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- 19772      The Fouling of Land by Dogs (District of Easington) Order 2008 relating to fouling prohibition in Hawthorn, Murton, South Hetton, Easington Village, Easington Colliery, Peterlee, Thornley, Wheatley Hill, Wingate, Station Town, Hutton Henry, Deaf Hill/Trimdon Colliery, Castle Eden, Hesleden/High Hesleden, Blackhall and Crimdon, Haswell and Haswell Plough, Shotton, Horden and Seaham areas
- 19773      Cancellation of Entries relating to a Registered Charge relating to 34 Bruce Glasier Terrace, Shotton

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