

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING**  
**OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF EASINGTON**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 8 MAY 2008**

Present: Councillors Mrs. M. Baird, B. Bates,  
E. Bell, B. Burn, A. Collinson,  
Mrs. E.M. Connor, R. Crute, R. Davison,  
Mrs. S. Forster, Mrs. J. Freak, A.J. Holmes,  
Mrs E. Huntington, Mrs A. E. Laing, T. Longstaff,  
Mrs. J. Maitland, Mrs J. Maslin, Mrs. S. Mason,  
K. McGonnell, D. Myers, A. Napier, Mrs M. Nugent,  
G. Pinkney, D. Raine, M. Routledge, F. Shaw,  
Mrs. B.A. Sloan, R. Taylor, D. J. Taylor-Gooby,  
R.J. Todd, T. Unsworth, C. Walker and P.G. Ward

1. **CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor R. Taylor be elected Chair of the Council for the ensuing year.

2. **VICE-CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor R. Davison be appointed Vice-Chair of the Council for the ensuing year.

3. **DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor R.J. Todd be appointed Deputy Leader.

4. **COMMITTEES/PANELS/FORUMS/BOARDS**

**RESOLVED** that the following Committees/Panels/Forums and Boards be confirmed and the number of seats on each, be agreed.

Community Services Scrutiny Committee	10
Regeneration Services Scrutiny Committee	10
Resources Scrutiny Committee	10
Development Control and Regulatory Panel	13
Audit Committee	10
Employee Welfare Panel	5
Regulatory Appeals Panel	5
Appointments and Appeals Panel	6
Chief Officer Appointments Panel	6
Standards Committee	6 (plus 3 Parish Council representatives and 3 independent representatives)
Licensing Committee	15
Licensing Sub-Committee	3 (Chair or Vice-Chair of Licensing Committee plus 2 others drawn from the Members of the Licensing Committee)

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**FURTHER RESOLVED** that in view of their nature and constitution, the political balance requirements do not apply to the following:-

- (i) **North Area Forum and North Area Management Board**  
Murton, Seaham, South Hetton, Dalton-le-Dale, Seaton with Slingley.
- (ii) **Central Area Forum and Central Area Management Board**  
Shotton, Peterlee, Haswell, Haswell Plough.
- (iii) **Coastal Area Forum and Coastal Area Management Board**  
Hawthorn, Easington Village, Easington Colliery, Horden, Blackhall.
- (iv) **West Area Forum and West Area Management Board**  
Wheatley Hill, Thornley, Wingate, Station Town, Hutton Henry, Castle Eden, Trimdon Station, Deaf Hill, Sheraton with Hulam and Nesbitt, Monk Hesleden, Hesleden and High Hesleden.

### **5. EXECUTIVE**

**RESOLVED** that:-

- (a) the total number of seats on the Executive be confirmed as 10;
- (b) the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council be appointed to the Executive;
- (c) the following Members be appointed to the Executive:-

Councillors R. Crute, Mrs. J. Freak, Mrs. E. Huntington, D. Myers, Mrs. A. Naylor, G. Patterson, F. Shaw and P.G. Ward.

### **6. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES/PANELS/FORUMS/BOARDS**

**RESOLVED** that the membership of the following Committees/Panels/Forums and Boards be confirmed, in accordance with the submissions made by the political parties and in line with the political balance requirements, where necessary:-

#### **Community Services Scrutiny Committee**

Councillors B. Burn, R. Burnip, P.J. Campbell, Mrs A.E. Laing, T. Longstaff, R. Liddle, Mrs S. Mason, D. Milsom, C. Patching and T. Unsworth

#### **Regeneration Services Scrutiny Committee**

Councillors S. Bishop, Mrs E.M. Connor, Mrs S. Forster, H. High, A.J. Holmes, D. Raine, M. Routledge, Mrs B.A. Sloan, D.J. Taylor-Gooby and C. Walker

#### **Resources Scrutiny Committee**

Councillors Mrs M. Baird, A. Burnip, A. Collinson, J. Haggan, A. J. Holmes, R. Liddle, D. Maddison, Mrs J. Maitland, M. Nicholls and Mrs V.M. Williams

#### **Development Control and Regulatory Panel**

Councillors B. Bates, Mrs M. Baird, Mrs G. Bleasdale, Mrs E.M. Connor, R. Davison, A.J. Holmes, Mrs A.E. Laing, Mrs J. Maitland, D. Milsom, B. Quinn, M. Routledge, D.J. Taylor-Gooby and C. Walker

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### **Audit Committee**

Councillors B. Bates, E. Bell, Mrs G. Bleasdale, R. Davison, K. McGonnell, G. Johnson, Mrs M. Nugent, G. Pinkney, B. Quinn and P. Stradling

### **Licensing Committee**

Councillors E. Bell, S. Bishop, B. Burn, A. Burnip, A. Collinson, J. Haggan, A.J. Holmes, Mrs E. Huntington, Mrs J. Maslin, Mrs A. Naylor, Mrs M. Nugent, G. Pinkney, D. Raine, R.J. Todd and C. Walker

### **Employee Welfare Panel**

#### **Core**

Councillors R. Liddle, T. Longstaff, Mrs S. Mason, D. Raine and C. Walker

#### **Pool**

Councillors P.J. Campbell, Mrs E.M. Connor, Mrs S. Forster, Mrs A.E. Laing and Mrs B.A. Sloan

### **Regulatory Appeals Panel**

#### **Core**

Councillors P.J. Campbell, A. Collinson, T. Longstaff, K. McGonnell and Mrs B.A. Sloan

#### **Pool**

Councillors A. Burnip, D. Maddison, Mrs J. Maslin, G. Pinkney and Mrs V.M. Williams

### **Appointments and Appeals Panel**

#### **Core**

Councillors E. Bell, P.J. Campbell, Mrs E.M. Connor, D. Milsom and Mrs B.A. Sloan

#### **Pool**

Councillors A.J. Holmes, G. Johnson, T. Longstaff, Mrs J. Maitland and Mrs J. Maslin

### **Chief Officer Appointments Panel**

Leader, Deputy Leader, relevant portfolio holder, 1 Scrutiny Member, Executive Member for Improvement and Councillor R. Liddle

### **Standards Committee**

Councillors E. Bell, B. Burn, A.J. Holmes, R. Liddle, Mrs S. Mason and Mrs V. M. Williams, three independent representatives, W. Local, E. Smith and one other, and three Parish Council representatives Mrs M Goyns, Miss J. Clark and one other

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### **Area Forums**

#### **North**

Councillors Mrs M. Baird, E. Bell, Mrs G. Bleasdale, B. Burn, P. J. Campbell, R. Davison, Mrs S. Forster, J. Haggan, Mrs J. Maitland, Mrs S Mason, D. Myers, A. Napier, Mrs A. Naylor, Mrs M. Nugent, C. Patching, F. Shaw, R. J. Todd and C. Walker

#### **Central**

Councillors S. Bishop, A. Collinson, H. High, Mrs E. Huntington, G. Johnson, Mrs A.E. Laing, R. Liddle, T. Longstaff, Mrs J. Maslin, D. Milsom, G. Pinkney, B. Quinn, Mrs B. A. Sloan and D. J. Taylor-Gooby

#### **Coastal**

Councillors A. Burnip, R. Burnip, Mrs E. M. Connor, R. Crute, A. J. Holmes, D. Maddison, G. Patterson, D. Raine, M. Routledge, P. Stradling, P. G. Ward and Mrs V. M. Williams

#### **West**

Councillors B. Bates, Mrs J. Freak, K. McGonnell, M. Nicholls, R Taylor, T. Unsworth and B. Wilson

### **Area Management Boards**

#### **North**

Councillors B. Burn, R. Davison, Mrs J. Maitland, Mrs A. Naylor, C. Patching and C. Walker

#### **Central**

Councillors S. Bishop, A. Collinson, H. High, Mrs A. E. Laing, B. Quinn and D.J. Taylor-Gooby

#### **Coastal**

Councillors Mrs E.M. Connor, A.J. Holmes, D. Raine, P. Stradling and Mrs V.M. Williams

#### **West**

Councillors B. Bates, M. Nicholls, T. Unsworth and B. Wilson

## **7. MEETINGS OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF EASINGTON AND ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES/PANELS/FORUMS/BOARDS**

**RESOLVED** that the following dates and times as indicated for the meetings of the Council and its Executive Committees/Panels/Forums and Boards, be confirmed:-

## **Annual Meeting of the District Council of Easington – 8 May 2008**

### **EXECUTIVE (10.00 am - every 3 weeks)**

#### **2008**

Tuesday 20 May  
Tuesday 10 June  
Tuesday 1 July  
Tuesday 22 July  
Tuesday 2 September  
Tuesday 23 September  
Tuesday 14 October  
Tuesday 4 November  
Tuesday 25 November  
Tuesday 16 December

#### **2009**

Tuesday 13 January  
Tuesday 3 February  
Tuesday 24 February  
Tuesday 17 March

### **REGENERATION SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (10.00 am - every 3 weeks)**

#### **2008**

Monday 2 June  
Monday 23 June  
Monday 14 July  
Thursday 31 July  
Monday 15 September  
Monday 6 October  
Monday 27 October  
Monday 17 November  
Monday 8 December

#### **2009**

Monday 5 January  
Monday 26 January  
Monday 16 February  
Monday 9 March  
Monday 30 March

### **RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (9.30 am - every 3 weeks)**

#### **2008**

Tuesday 3 June  
Tuesday 24 June  
Tuesday 15 July  
Friday 1 August  
Tuesday 16 September  
Tuesday 7 October  
Tuesday 28 October  
Tuesday 18 November  
Tuesday 9 December

#### **2009**

Tuesday 6 January  
Tuesday 27 January  
Tuesday 17 February  
Tuesday 10 March  
Tuesday 31 March

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (11.30 am - every 3 weeks)**

#### **2008**

Tuesday 3 June  
Tuesday 24 June  
Tuesday 15 July  
Friday 1 August  
Tuesday 16 September  
Tuesday 7 October

#### **2009**

Tuesday 6 January  
Tuesday 27 January  
Tuesday 17 February  
Tuesday 10 March  
Tuesday 31 March

## **Annual Meeting of the District Council of Easington – 8 May 2008**

Tuesday 28 October  
Tuesday 18 November  
Tuesday 9 December

### **DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AND REGULATORY PANEL (6.00 pm - every three weeks)**

#### **2008**

Tuesday 20 May  
Tuesday 10 June  
Tuesday 1 July  
Tuesday 22 July  
Tuesday 2 September  
Tuesday 23 September  
Tuesday 14 October  
Tuesday 4 November  
Tuesday 25 November  
Tuesday 16 December

#### **2009**

Tuesday 13 January  
Tuesday 3 February  
Tuesday 24 February  
Tuesday 17 March

### **AUDIT COMMITTEE (10.00 am unless stated - monthly)**

#### **2008**

Thursday 22 May  
Thursday 12 June  
Wednesday 16 July  
Thursday 11 September  
Thursday 16 October  
Thursday 13 November  
Thursday 11 December

#### **2009**

Thursday 15 January  
Thursday 12 February  
Thursday 12 March

### **AREA FORUMS (6.00 pm - every 3 weeks)**

#### **2008**

Wednesday 18 June - Central  
Wednesday 2 July - Coastal  
Wednesday 30 July - West  
Wednesday 1 October 2008 - Central  
Wednesday 29 October - Coastal  
Wednesday 12 November - West

#### **2009**

Wednesday 14 January – Central  
Wednesday 28 January - Coastal  
Wednesday 18 February - West

### **AREA MANAGEMENT BOARDS**

The dates and times of the meetings to be determined by each Area Management Board.

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### EMPLOYEE WELFARE PANEL (11.00 am - quarterly)

#### 2008

Thursday 10 July  
Thursday 23 October

#### 2009

Friday 9 January  
Thursday 26 March

### DISTRICT COUNCIL OF EASINGTON (10.00 am unless stated - monthly)

#### 2008

Thursday 5 June  
Thursday 3 July  
Thursday 4 September  
Thursday 2 October  
Thursday 6 November  
Thursday 4 December

#### 2009

Thursday 8 January  
Thursday 5 February  
Thursday 5 March

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that dates and times of meetings be varied if necessary.

## 8. CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES/PANELS AND AREA FORUMS

**RESOLVED** that the undermentioned Members be elected Chair and Vice-Chair of the following Committees/Panels and Area Forums:-

### (a) Community Services Scrutiny Committee

Chair - Councillor C. Patching  
Vice Chair - Councillor R. Burnip

### (b) Regeneration Services Scrutiny Committee

Chair - Councillor D. Raine  
Vice Chair - Councillor Mrs. E.M. Connor

### (c) Resources Scrutiny Committee

Chair - Councillor A. Burnip  
Vice-Chair - Councillor Mrs. J. Maitland

### (d) Audit Committee

Chair - Councillor G. Pinkney  
Vice-Chair - Councillor Mrs. G. Bleasdale

### (e) Licensing Committee

Chair - Councillor E. Bell  
Vice-Chair - Councillor A.J. Holmes

### (f) Development Control and Regulatory Panel

Chair - Councillor M. Routledge  
Vice-Chair - Councillor R. Davison

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(g) **Employee Welfare Panel**

Chair - Councillor T. Longstaff  
Vice-Chair - Councillor Mrs. S. Mason

(h) **Regulatory Appeals Panel**

Chair - Councillor P.J. Campbell  
Vice-Chair - Councillor A. Collinson

(i) **Appointments and Appeals Panel**

Chair - Councillor Mrs E. M. Connor  
Vice-Chair - Councillor D. Milsom

(j) **Chief Officer Appointments Panel**

Chair - Councillor F. Shaw  
Vice-Chair - Councillor R. Liddle

(k) **North Area Forum**

Chair - Councillor C. Walker  
Vice-Chair - Councillor Mrs. S. Forster

(l) **Central Area Forum**

Chair - Councillor A. Collinson  
Vice-Chair - Councillor Mrs. A.E. Laing

(m) **Coastal Area Forum**

Chair - Councillor P. Stradling  
Vice-Chair - Councillor A.J. Holmes

(n) **West Area Forum**

Chair - Councillor M. Nicholls  
Vice-Chair - Councillor R. Taylor

### **9. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

**RESOLVED** that the following Members be appointed to serve as representatives of the Council on outside bodies for the forthcoming year:-

**Age Concern (Durham County)**

Chief Executive - Janet Johnson

**Association of North East Councils**

Leader or Deputy Leader of the Council

**Association for Public Services Excellence**

Executive Member for Housing



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### **Care and Repair Agency**

Executive Member for Housing (substitute - Executive Member for Social Inclusion and Culture)

### **Castle Eden Dene Nature Conservancy Joint Committee**

Councillors D Milsom and D J Taylor-Gooby

### **Coalfield Community Campaign**

Leader of the Council, Executive Member for Regeneration plus Councillor Mrs. J. Maitland

### **County Durham Association of Local Authorities**

Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council plus the Chief Executive - Janet Johnson

### **County Durham Lifelong Learning Partnership**

Councillor B Burn

### **Durham Coast Rail Line Steering Group**

Executive Member for Regeneration

### **Durham Valuation Tribunal**

Councillor Mrs J Maitland (2009)

### **Durham Heritage Coast Partnership**

Executive Member for Liveability

### **Durham Police Committee - Local Consultative Committee**

Councillors P.J. Campbell and A. Burnip

### **Durham Rural Community Council**

Executive Member for Regeneration (substitute - Chair of Development Control and Regulatory Panel)

### **Durham and District Supporting People Partnership**

Executive Member for Housing

### **Durham and District Supporting People Partnership - Shadow Board**

Executive Member for Social Inclusion and Culture

### **Easington Social Welfare Centre**

Councillor D Raine

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### **East Durham Groundwork Trust**

Executive Members for Regeneration and Liveability

### **East Durham Homes Board**

Councillors B Bates, Mrs E M Connor, R Davison, Mrs B A Sloan and D J Taylor-Gooby

### **East Durham and Houghall Community College Board**

Councillor C Walker

### **East Durham Development Agency**

Executive Member for Regeneration plus the Chief Executive – Janet Johnson

### **Eastlea Community Centre**

Councillors Mrs S Mason and Mrs M Nugent

### **Economic Development Forum**

Executive Member for Regeneration

### **English Heritage - Champion for the Historic Environment**

Executive Member for Liveability

### **1<sup>st</sup> Murton (St Paul's) Scout Group**

Councillor Mrs J Maitland

### **Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee**

Councillors P J Campbell and Mrs V M Williams

### **Horden Youth and Community Association**

Councillor Mrs V.M. Williams

### **Local Government Association**

Leader or Deputy Leader of the Council

### **Local Government Association (District Leaders Sounding Board)**

Leader or Deputy Leader of the Council

### **Local Government Association (Coastal Issues Special Interest Group)**

Leader or Deputy Leader of the Council

### **Local Government Association (National New Towns Special Interest Group)**

Councillor R J Todd

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### **Local Government Association (Rural Commission)**

Councillor R Crute

### **Local Government Association (Urban Commission)**

Councillor R Crute

### **Local Government Information Unit**

Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council or substitute when required

### **Local Enterprise Growth Initiative Joint Local Authority Review Panel**

Executive Member for Regeneration plus Scrutiny Member Councillor D Raine

### **Murton Youth Association**

Councillors A Napier and Mrs A Naylor

### **National Association of Councillors**

Councillors R Crute and D. Myers

### **National Society for Clean Air (Northern Division)**

Executive Members for Liveability and Housing, Chair and Vice-Chair of Development Control and Regulatory Panel plus the appropriate Officer

### **North East Assembly**

Leader or Deputy Leader of the Council or substitute when required

### **North East Regional Employers Organisation**

Executive Member for Resources

### **North East Sport**

Executive Member for Social Inclusion and Culture

### **North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust**

Executive Member for Health

### **Parkside and District Community Association**

Councillor C Walker

### **Peterlee Community Association**

Councillor S Bishop

### **Rock House Community Association**

Councillor J Haggan

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### **Seaham Youth Centre**

Councillor Mrs G Bleasdale

### **Tree Council**

Executive Member for Liveability

### **Wingate and District Community Association**

Councillor R Taylor

#### **10. LONG SERVICE AWARD**

The Chair presented a long service award to Councillor D J Taylor-Gooby for his 20 years service to the Council.

11. **THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF EASINGTON** held on 3 April 2008, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were confirmed.

12. **THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF EASINGTON** held on 31 March 2008, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were submitted.

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

13. **THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF EASINGTON** held on 16 April, 2008, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were submitted.

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

#### **14. TO SEAL DOCUMENTS**

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

- 19783 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Janet Mordue and James Mordue (2) relating to land at 2-5 Rymers Close, Easington Village
- 19784 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Glen Roxby (2) relating to 44 Melrose Crescent, Seaham
- 19785 Cancellation of Entries relating to a registered charge relating to 65 Chapel Hill Road, Peterlee
- 19786 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Beverly Hedges and Ian Garfield Hedges (2) relating to 17 Malvern Crescent, Trimdon Station
- 19787 Agreement made between EDC(1) and Phillip Cooper and Keith Turner (2) relating to land adjacent Showmans Compound, Thornley, Co. Durham

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- 19788 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Andrew Harvey and Beverley Harvey (2) relating to Land at Gore Burn, Wheatley Hill (Plot A)
- 19789 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Andrew Harvey and Beverley Harvey (2) relating to Land at Gore Burn, Wheatley Hill (Plot B)
- 19790 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Elizabeth Archer (2) relating to 26 Laburnum Crescent, Easington
- 19791 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC(1) and George Charles Catleugh (2) relating to land at 55 Brandlings Way, Peterlee
- 19792 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Paul Ramage and Anne Ramage (2) relating to land to the rear of 47 Amersham Crescent, Peterlee
- 19793 Release of Part of the Land from a Registered Charge relating to Plot 48 High Croft, Thornley
- 19794 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Brian Dobson and Vanessa Ann Dobson (2) relating to land at 40 Bude Square, Murton