

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER, 2006**

Present: Councillor C. Patching (Chair)
Councillors R. Burnip, J. Haggan, B. Joyce,
T. Longstaff and D. Milsom

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs. B.A. Sloan, Mrs. S. Mason, P. J. Campbell and R.G. Wharrier.

2. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on 21st November, 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were confirmed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Sub-Group Chairs (Minute No. 9 refers)

The Scrutiny Support Manager explained that Mr. Miller, the Vice-Chair of the Local Strategic Partnership, had confirmed that he would be in attendance at the next meeting on 9th January, 2007, with colleagues from the Community Empowerment Network. The scoping report for the review of the LSP and questions Members wished to ask had also been forwarded to him.

The Assistant Chief Executive had been approached and she was aware that the Committee would be looking for information on the implications of the Local Government White Paper and its linkages between the LSP and the County Durham Local Area Agreement.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

4. THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE held on 20th November, 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were submitted.

Item 9 - Urban and Rural Renaissance Schemes in Deaf Hill and Thornley (AOB)

The Chair commented that timely and appropriate consultation was part of effective partnership working and shared the concerns of the Executive if this was not happening.

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

5. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

There were no members of the public present.