

# AREA 1 FORUM

Monday,

18 June 2007

6.30 p.m.

Community Centre,  
Kirk Merrington

## AGENDA and REPORTS



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إذا أردت المعلومات بلغة أخرى أو بطريقة أخرى، نرجو أن تطلب ذلك منا.

**বাংলা (Bengali)**

যদি আপনি এই ডকুমেন্ট অন্য ভাষায় বা ফরমেটে চান, তাহলে দয়া করে আমাদেরকে বলুন।

**(中文 (繁體字)) (Cantonese)**

如欲索取以另一語文印製或另一格式製作的資料，請與我們聯絡。

**हिन्दी (Hindi)**

यदि आपको सूचना किसी अन्य भाषा या अन्य रूप में चाहिये तो कृपया हमसे कहे

**polski (Polish)**

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**ਪੰਜਾਬੀ (Punjabi)**

ਜੇ ਇਹ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਕਿਸੇ ਹੋਰ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿਚ ਜਾਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਹੋਰ ਰੂਪ ਵਿਚ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ, ਤਾਂ ਇਹ ਸਾਥੋਂ ਮੰਗ ਲਓ।

**Español (Spanish)**

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**اردو (Urdu)**

اگر آپ کو معلومات کسی دیگر زبان یا دیگر شکل میں درکار ہوں تو برائے مہربانی ہم سے پوچھیے۔

## AGENDA

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**1. APOLOGIES**

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To notify the Chairman if you have an interest in the following items.

**3. MINUTES**

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2007.  
(Pages 3 - 6)

**4. COUNTY DURHAM PCT**

A representative of the PCT will attend the meeting to give an update on local health matters.

**5. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, SPENNYMOOR TOWN CENTRE**

Arrangements have been made for appropriate officers to attend to discuss the issues raised at the last meeting. (Minute No. AF(1)39/06 refers)

**6. POLICE REPORT**

A representative of Spennymoor Police will attend the meeting to give a report on crime statistics and initiatives in the area.

**7. QUESTIONS**

The Chairman will take questions from the floor.

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2007 at 6.30 p.m. at Byers Green Village Hall

**9. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT**

To consider any other business which, with the consent of the Chairman, may be submitted. Representatives are respectfully requested to give the Chief Executive notice of items to be raised under this heading no later than 12 noon on the Friday preceding the meeting in order that consultation may take place with the Chairman who will determine whether the item will be accepted.

Brian Allen  
Chief Executive

Council Offices  
SPENNYMOOR  
8<sup>th</sup> June 2007

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Councillor C. Nelson (Vice-Chairman) and

Councillors Mrs. A. M. Armstrong, Mrs. B. Graham, A. Gray, J. M. Khan  
Mrs. E. Maddison, B.M. Ord, K. Thompson, W. Waters and Mrs. E. Wood

### **Spennymoor Town Council**

Councillors Miss. S.J. Armstrong and J. Graham

### **Durham County Council**

Councillors E. Foster and N.C. Foster

### **Tudhoe Grange Comprehensive School Council**

### **Spennymoor Comprehensive School Council**

### **UK Youth Parliament**

Ian Geldard

### **Spennymoor Police**

Inspector A. Green

### **County Durham Primary Care Trust**

### **Tudhoe Community Centre**

J. Smith

### **New Life Community Church**

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Mr. A. Williams

# Item 3

## SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 1 FORUM

Middlestone Moor  
Community Centre

Monday,  
2 April 2007

Time: 6.30 p.m.

**Present:** Councillor J.M. Khan (Chairman) – Sedgefield Borough Council and

- Councillor Mrs. B. Graham – Sedgefield Borough Council
- Councillor A. Gray – Sedgefield Borough Council
- Councillor M.T.B. Jones – Sedgefield Borough Council
- Councillor B.M. Ord – Sedgefield Borough Council
- Councillor A. Smith – Sedgefield Borough Council
- Councillor Mrs. C. Sproat – Sedgefield Borough Council
- Councillor K. Thompson – Sedgefield Borough Council
- A. Inglis – County Durham PCT
- Inspector A. Green – Durham Constabulary
- Councillor Miss S.L. Armstrong – Spennymoor Town Council
- Councillor Mrs. E. Maddison – Spennymoor Ward – Spennymoor Town Council
- A. Lamb – Greenway Residents Association
- D. Gordon – Spennymoor Resident

**Apologies:** Councillor Mrs. A.M. Armstrong - Sedgefield Borough Council  
Councillor G.W. Scott – Sedgefield Borough Council  
Councillor W. Waters – Sedgefield Borough Council  
Councillor N. Foster – Durham County Council

**AF(1)33/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
No declarations of interest were received.

**AF(1)34/06 MINUTES**  
The Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2007 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**AF(1)35/06 POLICE REPORT (LOCAL ISSUES AND ROAD SAFETY)**  
Inspector Adrian Green was present at the meeting and gave details of crime figures for the area.

The reported crime figures for February, 2007 were as follows :-

<b><u>Type of Crime :</u></b>	<b><u>February, 2007 :</u></b>
Total Crime	78
Violent Crime	8
Robbery	1
Dwellinghouse Burglary	1
Vehicle Crime	18
Drugs related incidents	2
Anti-social Behaviour Incidents	114

It was noted that the detection rate for February was 21.5%.

With regard to road safety there had been two incidents culminating in minor injuries.

Discussion was held in relation to the policy for dealing with illegal immigrants and it was queried what priority the force would give to detection of illegal immigrants.

Reference was also made to the reduction in staff within the force and the impact. It was explained that there would be no new recruits until the summer. This could have an impact on PCSOs etc.

**AF(1)36/06**

**COUNTY DURHAM PRIMARY CARE TRUST**

Alan Inglis, Durham Primary Care Trust, gave a presentation in relation to an update on the reconfigured PCT.

He explained that several directors had now been appointed with the post of Director of Nursing and Therapies still to be appointed.

Recruitment stage was now looking at Assistant Director levels of appointment and all posts were expected to be filled by the end of May.

The consultation period for the proposed structures ended on 22<sup>nd</sup> March and once all comments had been considered the rest of the structures would be released and posts filled.

The structure would be based on a provider/commissioner split with the PCT commissioning appropriate services for the benefit of the communities of Durham and Darlington whilst Darlington would manage the provision of services.

The key message of the PCT vision were :-

- The importance of communicating shared values
- Being clear and accountable with regard to the uses of funding received
- The need for strong partnerships to be established with the need to challenge partners to ensure best evidence-based healthcare for the population.

With regard to performance, the PCT was not yet in a position to report performance on a County basis. However, the financial recovery plans had been successful with budgets for 2006/07 expected to balance.

During discussion of the item, reference was made to the PCT's intention in relation to the provision of minor operations etc., being carried out at surgeries. It was explained that an estate review was being undertaken. A review of Sedgefield Community Hospital was also being undertaken, looking at the extension to the working day etc., to provide such services as drop-in clinics, diagnostic facilities etc.



Information was requested on funding which had been agreed for such services in Spennymoor and progress on the feasibility study, which had begun before re-organisation of the PCT for the next meeting.

**AF(1)37/06 SMOKE FREE LEGISLATION**

It was explained that unfortunately no-one from the Council's Environmental Services Section was available to give a presentation on smoke free legislation for this meeting, however, a copy of a fact sheet was circulated (for copy see file of Minutes) and if any members of the Forum had any queries they could contact Vicky Jackson-Hopps at the Borough Council.

**AF(1)38/06 NAMING OF DEVELOPMENT - REDEVELOPMENT OF AGED MINERS HOMES, MIDDLESTONE MOOR, SPENNYMOOR**

Consideration was given to a report of the Building Control Manager (for copy see file of Minutes) relating to street naming and numbering in the above development.

After due consideration the Forum agreed the following :-

*AGREED : That the development be named "Bell Burn".*

**AF(1)39/06 QUESTIONS**

During discussion of this item reference was made to the cleanliness of the Town Centre and other areas of Spennymoor and concerns were expressed at the amount of dog fouling and litter which were prevalent. It was suggested that Environmental Health department at Sedgefield Borough Council be requested to attend a future meeting of the Area Forum to discuss policy on dealing with cleansing, dog fouling etc., and in particular, enforcement.

**AF(1)40/06 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting was scheduled to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2007.

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