

# CABINET

Thursday,  
20 December 2007  
10.00 a.m.

Conference Room 1,  
Council Offices,  
Spennymoor

# AGENDA and REPORTS



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**العربية (Arabic)**

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)**

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**Español (Spanish)**

Póngase en contacto con nosotros si desea recibir información en otro idioma o formato.

**اردو (Urdu)**

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

## AGENDA

**1. APOLOGIES**

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To notify the Chairman of any items that appear in the agenda in which you may have an interest.

**3. MINUTES**

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>TH</sup> December 2007. (Pages 1 - 6)

### KEY DECISION

#### SOCIAL REGENERATION AND PARTNERSHIPS AND HOUSING PORFOLIOS

**4. COALFIELD HOUSING MARKET RENEWAL**

Joint report of Director of Neighbourhood Services and Assistant Chief Executive. (Pages 7 - 16)

### OTHER DECISIONS

#### SOCIAL REGENERATION AND PARTNERSHIP AND LEARNING AND EMPLOYMENT PORTFOLIOS

**5. SPENNYMOOR AREA ACTION PLAN**

Report of Assistant Chief Executive. (Pages 17 - 20)

### HOUSING PORTFOLIO

**6. LARGE SCALE VOLUNTARY TRANSFER (LSVT) COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO THE SHADOW BOARD**

Report of Director of Housing. (Pages 21 - 24)

**7. SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH HOUSING ADVICE AND HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION STRATEGY 2007 - 2010**

Report of Director of Neighbourhood Services. (Pages 25 - 62)

### STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP PORTFOLIO

**8. SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL - TRANSITION PLAN**

Report of Chief Executive. (Pages 63 - 106)

**9. BUDGET FRAMEWORK - 2008/2009 TIMETABLE**

Report of Director of Resources. (Pages 107 - 110)

### MINUTES

**10. HEALTHY BOROUGH WITH STRONG COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> November 2007. (Pages 111 - 116)

## 11. AREA FORUMS

To consider the Minutes of the following:

(a) Area 4 Forum - 20th November 2007 (Pages 117 - 120)

(b) Area 5 Forum - 27th November 2007 (Pages 121 - 124)

**N.B. Whilst the following item does not contain any 'exempt' information, it should be noted that if members wish to raise any questions, it may be necessary to pass the appropriate resolution to exclude the press and public as the queries may involve the disclosure of exempt information.**

## 12. EMPLOYMENT ISSUES PANEL

Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2007. (Pages 125 - 126)

## 13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Lead Members are requested to inform the Chief Executive or the Cabinet Secretary of any items they might wish to raise under this heading by no later than 12 noon on the day preceding the meeting. This will enable the Officers in consultation with the Chairman to determine whether consideration of the matter by the Cabinet is appropriate.

B. Allen  
Chief Executive

Council Offices  
SPENNYMOOR  
12<sup>th</sup> December 2007

Councillor Mrs. A.M. Armstrong (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs. K. Conroy, V. Crosby, Mrs. B. Graham, A. Hodgson, Mrs. L. Hovvells, J.M. Khan, D.A. Newell and W. Waters

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### ACCESS TO INFORMATION

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