

# CABINET

Thursday,  
9 October 2008  
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)**

Jeżeli chcieliby Państwo uzyskać informacje w innym języku lub w innym formacie, prosimy dać nam znać.

**ਪੰਜਾਬੀ (Punjabi)**

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

**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 25<sup>th</sup> September 2008. (Pages 1 - 4)

### KEY DECISION

#### HOUSING AND SOCIAL REGENERATION AND PARTNERSHIP PORTFOLIOS

**4. EMPTY HOMES STRATEGY**

Joint report of Director of Neighbourhood Services and Director of Resources. (Pages 5 - 26)

### OTHER DECISIONS

#### SOCIAL REGENERATION AND PARTNERSHIP PORTFOLIO

**5. LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME**

**(a) UPDATE ON CURRENT POSITION**

Report of Assistant Chief Executive, (Pages 27 - 30)

**(b) LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - BISHOP MIDDLEHAM VILLAGE HALL**

Report of Assistant Chief Executive. (Pages 31 - 34)

**(c) LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - SHILDON PEOPLE'S CENTRE**

Report of Assistant Chief Executive. (Pages 35 - 38)

**(d) LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - DEAN BANK AND FERRYHILL LITERARY INSTITUTE - GALA ROOM REDEVELOPMENT**

Report of Assistant Chief Executive. (Pages 39 - 42)

### KEY DECISION

**(e) LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - ST. OSWALDS PARK REFURBISHMENT, NEWTON AYCLIFFE**

Report of Assistant Chief Executive. (Pages 43 - 46)

### MINUTES

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

To consider the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2008. (Pages 47 - 50)

**7. AREA FORUMS**

- (a) Area 2 Forum - 9th September 2008 (Pages 51 - 54)
- (b) Area 4 Forum - 23rd September 2008 (Pages 55 - 58)

**EXEMPT INFORMATION**

The following item is not for publication by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 A of the Local Government Act 1972. As such it is envisaged that an appropriate resolution will be passed at the meeting to exclude the press and public.

**SOCIAL REGENERATION AND PARTNERSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**8. PROPOSED PURCHASE OF 9 HIGH STREET, WEST CORNFORTH**

Report of Assistant Chief Executive and Director of Resources. (Pages 59 - 64)

**9. 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  
1<sup>st</sup> October 2008

Councillor Mrs. A.M. Armstrong (Chairman)

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

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