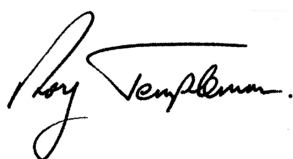


20 September 2007

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the Council Meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Newcastle Road, Chester-le-Street, Co Durham, DH3 3UT on Thursday, 27th September, 2007 at 6.00 pm

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roy Templeman', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

R TEMPLEMAN

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

1. Apologies for Absence
2. To Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting Held 26 July 2007 (Pages 1 - 10)
3. Public Speaking
4. To receive declarations of interest from Members
5. Report of the Audit Committee held 15 June 2007 (Pages 11 - 14)
6. Report of the Audit Committee Held 22 June 2007 (Pages 15 - 16)
7. Report of the Audit Committee Held 5 July 2007 (Pages 17 - 18)
8. Report from the Leader of the Council

9. Reports from Portfolio Holders
 - a) Resources and Value for Money
 - b) Regeneration and Strategic Planning
 - c) Community Engagement
 - d) Neighbourhood Services
 - e) Health and Well-being

10. Questions to Leader and Executive Members

11. Local Government Reorganisation Proposals - Judicial Review and Consultation Response (Pages 19 - 24)
Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

12. Appointment to Vacancies for Independent Members on the Standards Committee (Pages 25 - 30)
Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

13. Scheme of Members Allowances and Recommendations from the Independent Remuneration Panel (Pages 31 - 38)
Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

14. Allocation of Functions and Responsibilities and Consequential Delegation of Council Powers Under the Smokefree Legislation to Officers (Pages 39 - 42)
Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

15. The North East Assembly and the Association of North East Councils: Pension Provision (Pages 43 - 46)
Joint Report of the Director of Resources and Head of Legal and Democratic Services

16. Holiday Arrangements - Christmas and New Year (Pages 47 - 50)
Report of the Head of Organisational Development

17. European Charter for Equality of Women and Men in Local Life (Pages 51 - 60)
Report of the Performance and Improvement Manager

18. Park View Trust Agreement (Pages 61 - 66)
Report of the Director of Development Services
19. Treasury Management 2006/2007 (Pages 67 - 76)
Report of the Accountancy Manager
20. Statement of Accounts 2006/2007 (Pages 77 - 164)
Report of the Accountancy Manager
21. Annual Governance Report
22. Local Development Framework -Issues and Options (Pages 165 - 172)
Consultation
Report of the Head of Regeneration
23. Rate Relief Policy (Pages 173 - 188)
Report of the Head of Revenues and Benefits
24. Correspondence
25. Conferences
26. Common Seal
27. Exclusion of Public and Press. To Resolve:
‘That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1072, the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.’
28. Service Restructure (Pages 189 - 208)
Report of the Head of Planning and Environmental Health