

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
DISTRICT COUNCIL OF EASINGTON
HELD ON THURSDAY, 9 MARCH, 2006**

Present: Councillor Mrs J Maitland (Chair)

Councillors E Bell, S Bishop, B Burn,
P J Campbell, D Chaytor, A Collinson,
R Crute, R Davison, Mrs J Freak, J
Goodwin, J Haggan, A J Holmes, Mrs
E Huntington, B Joyce, Mrs S Mason,
D Myers, A Napier, Mrs M Nugent, G
Patterson, W R Peardon, G Pinkney,
B Quinn, D Raine, F Shaw, Mrs B A
Sloan, D J Taylor-Gooby, R Taylor, R J
Todd, C Walker and P G Ward

1 **THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF EASINGTON**
held on 9 February, 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each
Member, were confirmed.

2 **THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE DISTRICT
COUNCIL OF EASINGTON** held on 23 February, 2006, a copy of which had
been circulated to each Member, were submitted.

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

3 **INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL**

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Democratic Services and
Administration in relation to the Independent Remuneration Panel, a copy of
which had been circulated to each Member.

The purpose of the report was to consider an Independent Remuneration
Panel report in relation to the payment of allowances to Members, together
with a proposed amendment to the Members Allowances Scheme.

The Head of Democratic Services and Administration reported that the Panel
was first established in accordance with the provisions of the Local
Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Members Allowances)
(England) Regulations 2001 and was required to produce reports in relation to
the remuneration of Members.

The Panel met on 6 February, 2006 and were asked to consider and produce
a report in relation to the following issues:-

- (i) To consider the annual increase in the Basic Allowance and Special
Responsibility Allowances for 2006/2007;
- (ii) to review the allowances payable to the Chair and Vice Chair of the
Licensing Committee and the Chairs of the Licensing Sub-Committees;

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- (iii) to consider an amendment to the Members' Allowances Scheme.

A copy of the Panel's Report with recommendations was attached at Appendix 1.

RESOLVED that in accordance with the recommendations of the Panel:-

- (i) Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances be increased in line with the RPI Index for October (2.7%);
- (ii) in relation to Licensing Sub-Committees, only the Chair and Vice Chair of the Licensing Committee receive an SRA with effect from 1 April 2006 at the rates currently payable plus 2.7%;
- (iii) the Chair of the Licensing Committee (or Vice-Chair in the Chair's absence) be responsible for chairing Sub-Committee hearings;
- (iv) the Members Allowances Scheme be amended to include that "Members are encouraged to travel together or with an Officer where possible".

FURTHER RESOLVED that the volume of work required of the Licensing Sub-Committee Members be monitored throughout the year.

4 **RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

Consideration was given to the report of the Monitoring Officer which set out proposed amendments to the Constitution, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

The Monitoring Officer advised that the purpose of the report was to update the Council's Constitution to reflect changes already made, such as the introduction of the new Licensing Committee and to take the opportunity to make minor amendments in terms of clarity.

A summary of the major changes to the Constitution was set out in the report for Members consideration.

The Monitoring Officer made reference to an additional amendment in relation to the Standards Committee and exempt information.

RESOLVED that the amendments to the Constitution, be approved.

5 **SETTING THE OVERALL COUNCIL TAX FOR 2006-2007**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services on Council Tax levels for 2006-2007, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

In accordance with Section 30 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the Council as Billing Authority was required to set the overall Council Tax for 2006-2007 before 11 March 2006.

It was requested that in accordance with statutory provisions consideration be given by the District Council in relation to the Council Taxes to be levied in each part of the District Council area for the year 2006-2007.

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Following consideration of the report it was **RESOLVED** that:-

- (i) The revised revenue estimates for the year 2005/2006 and the revenue estimates for 2006/2007, be approved;
- (ii) it be noted that at its meeting on 9 March, 2006 the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2006/2007 in accordance with regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

- (a) **25,890.40** being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992, as its council tax base for the year;

- (b) *Part of the Council's Area*

Parish/Town of:-	£	p
Castle Eden	272.70	
Dalton le Dale	517.40	
Easington Colliery	1,371.60	
Easington Village	730.10	
Haswell	547.50	
Hawthorn	177.90	
Horden	2,241.10	
Hutton Henry	497.60	
Monk Hesleden	1,658.10	
Murton	1,857.30	
Peterlee	5,689.80	
Seaham	5,078.50	
Seaton with Slingley	409.60	
Shotton	1,166.20	
South Hetton	740.00	
Thornley	595.00	
Trimdon	365.90	
Wheatley Hill	887.40	
Wingate	1,037.90	

being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amounts of its council tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate;

- (iii) the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992:-

- (a) **£100,647,167** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (e) of the Act

- (b) **£80,680,100** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the

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items set out in Section 32(3)(a) to (c) of the Act

- (c) **£19,967,067** being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year
- (d) **£11,739,460** being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its general fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates, revenue support grant, (increased by the amount of the sums which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year from its collection fund to its general fund in accordance with Section 97(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988) (Council Tax Surplus)
- (e) **£317.79** being the amount at 3(c) above less the amount at 3(d) above, all divided by the amount at 2(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year
- (f) **£3,853,947** being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act
- (g) **£168.93** being the amount at 3(e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(f) above by the amount at 2(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates
- (h) *Part of the Council's Area*

Parish/Town of:-	£	p
Castle Eden	189.10	
Dalton le Dale	190.96	
Easington Colliery	410.62	
Easington Village	302.12	
Haswell	237.06	
Hawthorn	186.83	
Hornden	336.08	

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Hutton Henry	226.99
Monk Hesleden	304.63
Murton	314.65
Peterlee	362.77
Seaham	341.57
Seaton with Slingley	187.62
Shotton	247.82
South Hetton	243.25
Thornley	331.96
Trimdon	325.33
Wheatley Hill	287.43
Wingate	241.19

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(g) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount as 2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate

(i) *Part of the Council's Area*

Parish/Town of:-	Valuation Bands							
	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
Castle Eden	126.07	147.08	168.09	189.10	231.12	273.14	315.17	378.20
Dalton le Dale	127.31	148.52	169.74	190.96	233.40	275.83	318.27	381.92
Easington Colliery	273.75	319.37	365.00	410.62	501.87	593.12	684.37	821.24
Easington Village	201.41	234.98	268.55	302.12	369.26	436.40	503.53	604.24
Haswell	158.04	184.38	210.72	237.06	289.74	342.42	395.10	474.12
Hawthorn	124.55	145.31	166.07	186.83	228.35	269.87	311.38	373.66
Horden	224.05	261.40	298.74	336.08	410.76	485.45	560.13	672.16
Hutton Henry	151.33	176.55	201.77	226.99	277.43	327.87	378.32	453.98
Monk Hesleden	203.09	236.93	270.78	304.63	372.33	440.02	507.72	609.26
Murton	209.77	244.73	279.69	314.65	384.57	454.49	524.42	629.30
Peterlee	241.85	282.15	322.46	362.77	443.39	524.00	604.62	725.54
Seaham	227.71	265.67	303.62	341.57	417.47	493.38	569.28	683.14
Seaton with Slingley	125.08	145.93	166.77	187.62	229.31	271.01	312.70	375.24
Shotton	165.21	192.75	220.28	247.82	302.89	357.96	413.03	495.64
South Hetton	162.17	189.19	216.22	243.25	297.31	351.36	405.42	486.50
Thornley	221.31	258.19	295.08	331.96	405.73	479.50	553.27	663.92
Trimdon	216.89	253.03	289.18	325.33	397.63	469.92	542.22	650.66
Wheatley Hill	191.62	223.56	255.49	287.43	351.30	415.18	479.05	574.86
Wingate	160.79	187.59	214.39	241.19	294.79	348.39	401.98	482.38
All other parts of the Council's Area	112.62	131.39	150.16	168.93	206.47	244.01	281.55	337.86

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3(g) and 3(h) above by the number which, in the proportion

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set out in Section (5)1 of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands;

- (iv) it be noted that for the year 2006/2007 the major precepting authorities have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Precepting Authority	Valuation Bands							
	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
Durham County Council	664.94	752.43	859.92	967.41	1,182.39	1,397.37	1,612.35	1,934.82
County Durham and Darlington Fire Rescue Authority	51.36	59.92	68.48	77.04	94.16	111.28	128.40	154.08
Durham Police Authority	67.20	78.40	89.60	100.80	123.20	145.60	168.00	201.60

- (v) having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3(i) and 4 above, the Council, in accordance with Section (30)2 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of council tax for the year 2006/2007 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Part of the Council's Area

Parish/Town of:-	Valuation Bands							
	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
Castle Eden	889.57	1,037.83	1,186.09	1,334.35	1,630.87	1,927.39	2,223.92	2,668.70
Dalton le Dale	890.81	1,039.27	1,187.74	1,336.21	1,633.15	1,930.08	2,227.02	2,672.42
Easington Colliery	1,037.25	1,210.12	1,383.00	1,555.87	1,901.62	2,247.37	2,593.12	3,111.74
Easington Village	964.91	1,125.73	1,286.55	1,447.37	1,769.01	2,090.65	2,412.28	2,894.74
Haswell	921.54	1,075.13	1,228.72	1,382.31	1,689.49	1,996.67	2,303.85	2,764.62
Hawthorn	888.05	1,036.06	1,184.07	1,332.08	1,628.10	1,924.12	2,220.13	2,664.16
Horde	987.55	1,152.15	1,316.74	1,481.33	1,810.51	2,139.70	2,468.88	2,962.66
Hutton Henry	914.83	1,067.30	1,219.77	1,372.24	1,677.18	1,982.12	2,287.07	2,744.48
Monk Hesleden	966.59	1,127.68	1,288.78	1,449.88	1,772.08	2,094.27	2,416.47	2,899.76
Murton	973.27	1,135.48	1,297.69	1,459.90	1,784.32	2,108.74	2,433.17	2,919.80
Peterlee	1,005.35	1,172.90	1,340.46	1,508.02	1,843.14	2,178.25	2,513.37	3,016.04

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Seaham	991.21	1,156.42	1,321.62	1,486.82	1,817.22	2,147.63	2,478.03	2,973.64
Seaton with Slingley	888.58	1,036.68	1,184.77	1,332.87	1,629.06	1,925.26	2,221.45	2,665.74
Shotton	928.71	1,083.50	1,238.28	1,393.07	1,702.64	2,012.21	2,321.78	2,786.14
South Hetton	925.67	1,079.94	1,234.22	1,388.50	1,697.06	2,005.61	2,314.17	2,777.00
Thornley	984.81	1,148.94	1,313.08	1,477.21	1,805.48	2,133.75	2,462.02	2,954.42
Trimdon	980.39	1,143.78	1,307.18	1,470.58	1,797.38	2,124.17	2,450.97	2,941.16
Wheatley Hill	955.12	1,114.31	1,273.49	1,432.68	1,751.05	2,069.43	2,387.80	2,865.36
Wingate	924.29	1,078.34	1,232.39	1,386.44	1,694.54	2,002.64	2,310.73	2,772.88
All other parts of the Council's Area	876.12	1,022.14	1,168.16	1,314.18	1,606.22	1,898.26	2,190.30	2,628.36

6 TO SEAL DOCUMENTS

RESOLVED that the action taken in affixing the Common Seal to the following documents be endorsed:-

- 19068 Transfer of part of registered title(s) made between EDC (1) and Marie Charlton (2) relating to 66 Fern Crescent, Seaham
- 19069 Transfer of part of registered title(s) made between EDC (1) and Kevin William Keenan and Gail Keenan (2) relating to 79 Lancaster Hill, Peterlee
- 19070 Transfer of part of registered title(s) made between EDC (1) and Brian Stephenson and Hilary Lynne Stephenson (2) relating to 8 Leven Walk, Peterlee
- 19071 Transfer of part of registered title(s) made between EDC (1) and Michael Young and Paula Young (2) relating to 7 Cook Crescent, Murton
- 19072 Conveyance made between EDC (1) and Mr. P. Readman and Ms. McConnell (2) relating to No. 117 Ash Crescent, Seaham
- 19073 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Terry Brown and Lisa Bell (2) relating to No. 14 Braithwaite Road, Peterlee
- 19074 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Victoria Ann Nicholson (2) relating to No. 2 Eskdale Walk, Peterlee
- 19075 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Susan Lorraine Harris (2) relating to 8 Marine Crescent, Blackhall Colliery
- 19076 Transfer of Part of registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and David Anthony Pearce and Samantha Jayne Vout (2) relating to 25 Maritime Crescent, Horden
- 19077 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Emma Louise Wallace (2) relating to 3 Burton Close, Peterlee
- 19078 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Paul Sowerby and Paula Sowerby (2) relating to 7 Queensbury Road, Seaham
- 19079 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Colleen Collings (2) relating to 14 Fern Crescent, Seaham

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- 19080 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Barry Stuart Cornforth (2) relating to 25 Hopper Terrace, Shotton Colliery
- 19081 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Barry Cammock and Christine Cammock (2) relating to 1 Hawthorn Crescent, Horden
- 19082 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Jacqueline Denise Tunncliffe (2) relating to land adjacent to 21 Snaith Terrace, Wingate
- 19083 Transfer of part of registered title(s) made between EDC (1) and Arnold Croft (2) relating to 34 Hawthorn Cottages, South Hetton
- 19084 Transfer of part of registered title(s) made between EDC (1) and Katrina Herrington (2) relating to 47 Kings Road, Wingate
- 19085 Cancellation of entries relating to a registered charge relating to 42 Short Grove, Murton – Title No. DU81173
- 19086 Transfer of part of registered title(s) made between EDC (1) and Frank Paul and Victoria Margaret Paul (2) relating to Garage 1 Pentland Close, Peterlee
- 19087 Transfer of Whole of registered title(s) made between Norma Lane (1) and EDC (2) relating to 36 Moore Terrace, Shotton Colliery
- 19088 Transfer of Part of registered title(s) made between EDC (1) and Wendy Scholes (2) relating to 193 The Avenue, Seaham
- 19089 Transfer of Part of registered title(s) made between EDC (1) and Clair Louise Deakin and Shaun Daniel Deakin (2) relating to 69 Dene Villas, Horden
- 19090 Transfer of part of registered title(s) made between EDC (1) and Robert Harrison Charlton and Lilian Murray Charlton (2) relating to Garage Plot at 2 Grantham Avenue, Seaham
- 19091 Transfer of whole of registered title(s) made between Wendy Henning (1) and EDC (2) relating to 3 St Cuthbert's Road, Thornley
- 19092 Transfer of part of registered title(s) made between EDC (1) and Julie Greenwood and Trevor Greenwood (2) relating to 28 Heathway, Seaham
- 19093 Transfer of part of registered title(s) made between EDC (1) and Phillip Leslie Cooper (2) relating to exchange of land at Thornley (in duplicate)
- 19094 Cancellation of Entries relating to a registered charge relating to 17/18 Cook Crescent, Murton - Title No. DU273131 and DU263463

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- 19095 Transfer of whole of registered title(s) made between Five M Properties Ltd (1) and EDC (2) relating to 9 Alnwick Street, Easington
- 19096 Deed of Rectification made between EDC (1) and Charles Lancaster and Carol Ann Kirby (2) relating to 7 Beaumont Crescent, Horden
- 19097 Deed of Rectification made between EDC (1) and Margaret Walker (2) relating to 8 Beaumont Crescent, Horden
- 19098 Transfer of part of registered title(s) made between EDC (1) and Donna Marie Whitfield and Terry John Ronden Whitfield (2) relating to 69 Helford Road, Peterlee
- 19099 Transfer of part of registered title(s) made between EDC (1) and Kim Watson and Christine Watson (2) relating to 11 Ennerdale Close, Peterlee
- 19100 Transfer of part of registered title(s) made between EDC (1) and John Henry Dixon and Joan Dixon (2) relating to 169 Basingstoke Road, Peterlee
- 19101 Deed of Rectification made between EDC (1) and Linda Karen Ogden (2) relating to 135 Yoden Road, Peterlee
- 19102 Transfer of part of registered title(s) made between EDC (1) and Joanne Raynes and Robert Craven Raynes (2) relating to 27 Cook Grove, Horden
- 19103 Transfer of part of registered title(s) made between EDC (1) and James Wile Bell and James Kenneth Bell (2) relating to 32 Herton Close, Peterlee
- 19104 Cancellation of entries relating to a registered charge relating to 65 Gorehill Estate, Thornley
- 19105 Deed made between Tim Stower and Partners Ltd (1) and EDC (2) relating to the development at Whitehouse Park, Peterlee (in duplicate)
- 19106 Deed made between Martin Design Associates Ltd (1) and EDC (2) relating to the development at Whitehouse Park, Peterlee (in duplicate)
- 19107 Deed made between Architecture Design Management Ltd (1) and EDC (2) relating to the development at Whitehouse Park, Peterlee (in duplicate)
- 19108 Deed made between Grantside Ltd (1) and EDC (2) relating to the development at Whitehouse Park, Peterlee (in duplicate)