



Local Government Act 1972

I Hereby Give You Notice that an **Ordinary Meeting** of the **Durham County Council** will be held in the **Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham** on **Wednesday 9 December 2015 at 10.00 a.m.** to transact the following business:-

1. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 28 October 2015
(Pages 1 - 8)
2. To receive any declarations of interest from Members
3. Chairman's Announcements
4. Leader's Report
5. Questions from Area Action Partnerships
6. Questions from the Public
7. Petitions
8. Report from the Cabinet (Pages 9 - 26)
9. North East Combined Authority Devolution Deal: A poll for
County Durham - Report of Leader of the Council (Pages 27 -
34)
10. Mid-Year Report for the Period to 30 September 2015 on
Treasury Management Service - Report of Corporate Director,
Resources (Pages 35 - 46)
11. Audit Committee Progress Report for the period February 2015
to September 2015 - Report of Chairman of the Audit Committee
(Pages 47 - 56)
12. Motions on Notice

(Please see overpage)

Councillor J Brown to Move

Council believes:

- *The right to strike and protest are fundamental rights which should be respected in a free and democratic society;*
- *The Conservative government's bill will undermine constructive employment relations across County Durham and that harmonious industrial relations are achieved by meaningful engagement and not additional legal restrictions to trade union members;*
- *The government's Trade Union Bill is part of a disturbing trend to erode civil liberties and inhibit the right to speak out or protest against the government;*
- *The Conservative government's Trade Union Bill is a politically-motivated attack on trade unions and could have negative consequences for working people across Country and in society.*

Council resolves:

- *To write to the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills stating the council's opposition to their Trade Union Bill and to participate in any consultations;*
- *Support the Northern TUC and civil liberties groups in campaigning to defend the right to strike and oppose the Trade Union Bill;*
- *Continue to value the importance of meaningful workforce engagement and representation through trade unions in County Durham.*

Councillor Temple to Move

This council calls upon its cabinet and officers to withdraw the current proposals under the Review of classroom based staff, and instead engage with school governing bodies and subsequently trades unions to address the issues it seeks to resolve.

Councillor Wilkes to Move

Council recognises the importance County Durham residents place upon the heritage of our County and in particular of the immense sense of pride and honour the community has in the Durham Light Infantry.

Council further accepts the need for our World Heritage City to provide excellent public art facilities for both the public of County Durham and for the benefit of tourism.

Council notes the significant public concern about the announcement of the closure of the existing DLI Museum and Art Gallery site. Council further accepts that many residents believe there should be consultation on the proposals with the

general public, families of veterans, as well as more substantial consultation with all members of this Council.

Council therefore agrees to delay the closure plans to allow for a public consultation, and to allow for the consideration of all possible alternatives which may be put forward, including those which the Council may not have previously been aware of.

13. Questions from Members

And pursuant to the provisions of the above-named act, **I Hereby Summon You** to attend the said meeting

Dated this 1st day of December 2015

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colette Longbottom', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Colette Longbottom
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

To: All Members of the County Council