

Council Agenda

6.00p.m., Thursday, 29th November 2012
Town Hall, Darlington

Members of the Public are welcome to attend this Meeting.

1. **Attendance at Meeting**
2. **Minutes** - To approve the Minutes of the meeting of this Council held on 27th September 2012.
3. **Declarations of Interest**
4. **Sealing**
5. **Announcements**
6. **Questions – To answer questions (where notice has been given) from:-**
 - (a) The Public;
 - (b) Members to Cabinet / Chairs.
7. **Presentation – Further Electoral Review** – Local Government Boundary Commission for England.
8. **Council Reports**
 - (a) Chief Executive's Appraisal – Director of Resources (report enclosed).
 - (b) Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles – Director of Place (report enclosed).
 - (c) Provision of Flood Risk Management Services – Director of Place (report enclosed).
 - (d) Councillor J. Lyonette – Director of Resources (report enclosed).

- (e) Public Health Transition – Member Training – Director of Resources (report enclosed).

9. Cabinet Reports

- (a) Overview Reports of Cabinet Member (enclosed):-

- (i) Adult Social Care and Housing Portfolio;
- (ii) Children and Young People Portfolio;
- (iii) Economy and Regeneration Portfolio;
- (iv) Efficiency and Resources Portfolio;
- (v) Health and Partnerships Portfolio;
- (vi) Leisure and Local Environment Portfolio;
- (vii) Transport Portfolio; and
- (viii) Leader's Overview.

- (b) Health and Well Being Strategy – Director of People (report enclosed).

10. Scrutiny Reports

To consider Scrutiny Overview Reports (enclosed):-

- (a) Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee;
- (b) Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee;
- (c) Efficiency and Resources Scrutiny Committee;
- (d) Health and Partnership Scrutiny Committee; and
- (e) Place Scrutiny Committee.

- 11. Notice of Motion** – (a) To consider a Motion to be moved by Councillor Knowles, and seconded Councillor Linda Hughes.

Legal Loan Sharking

- (a) That this Council:-

- (i) notes and welcomes the UK wide campaign to end 'legal loan sharking';
- (ii) believes that the lack of access to affordable credit is socially and economically damaging as unaffordable credit is causing a myriad of unwanted effects such as poorer diets, colder homes, rent, council tax and utility arrears, depression (which impacts on job seeking behaviour) and poor health;
- (iii) further notes that unaffordable credit is extracting wealth from our most deprived communities and ultimately this Town;
- (iv) recognises that in the current climate of low pay, future benefit cuts, the introduction of Universal Credit and the increasing cost of living are the drivers for people seeking out these legal loan sharks;

(v) believes it is the responsibility of all levels of government to try to ensure affordable credit for all, and therefore pledges to use best practice to promote financial literacy and affordable lending; this will help to ensure that wealth stays in the local economy;

(vi) pledges to reinforce our promotion of Darlington Credit Union, a community based organisation offering access to affordable credit and promoting saving;

(vii) calls on the Government to introduce caps on the total lending rates that can be charged for providing credit; and

(viii) calls on the Government to give local authorities the power to veto licences for high street credit agencies where they could have negative economic or social impacts on communities.

12. Membership Changes – To consider any membership changes to Committees, Subsidiary Bodies and Other Bodies.

**Paul Wildsmith
Director of Resources**

21st November 2012.

Membership

The Mayor; Councillors Carson, Cartwright, Copeland, Cossins, Coultas, Crudass, Curry, Dixon, Donoghue, Francis, Galletley, Grundy, Harker, Harman, Haszeldine, L. Haszeldine, C. L. B. Hughes, L. Hughes, Hutchinson, Johnson, B. Jones, Mrs. D. Jones, Kelley, Knowles, Landers, Lawton, Lee, Lewis, Lister, Long, D. A. Lyonette, J. M. Lyonette, Macnab, Maddison, McEwan, Newall, Nutt, Regan, E. A. Richmond, S. Richmond, A. J. Scott, Mrs. H. I. Scott, Stenson, Swainston, C. Taylor, J. Taylor, Thistlethwaite, J. Vasey, L. Vasey, Wallis, Wright and York.

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Darlington.**

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