

**AGENDA
CABINET
8th June, 2004**

A meeting of Cabinet will be held in Committee Room No. 1 at the Town Hall, Darlington on Tuesday, 8th June, 2004 commencing at 5.00 p.m. at which the items below are to be discussed.

PART I

1. Attendance at Meeting :-
 - (a) Present;
 - (b) Apologies for Absence; and
 - (c) Absent.
2. Declarations of Interests.
3. To confirm the Minutes of the Meetings held on :-
 - (a) 27th April, 2004 (Minutes enclosed); and
 - (b) 20th May, 2004 (Minutes enclosed).
4. External Audit Service Plan 2003/04 :-
 - (a) Presentation – Mr. Mark Nicholson, PriceWaterhouseCoopers.
 - (b) Report - Director of Corporate Services (report enclosed).
5. Matters Referred to Cabinet - **There are no matters referred back for reconsideration to this Meeting.**
6. Issues Arising from Scrutiny Committee :-
 - (a) Use of Medium Density Fibreboard (MDF) in Schools – Task and Finish Review Group – Final Report - Director of Education (report enclosed).
 - (b) Special Educational Needs Assessment of the Very Young - Task and Finish Review Group – Final Report - Director of Education (report enclosed).

- (c) Educational Attainment of 'Looked After' Children - Task and Finish Review Group – Final Report - Director of Education (report enclosed).
- (d) Consultation Methods – Task and Finish Review Group - Director of Corporate Services (report enclosed).
- (e) Sickness Absence – Task and Finish Review Group - Director of Corporate Services (report enclosed).

7. Key Decisions :-

- (a) Admission of Pupils to Primary and Secondary Education in Darlington for the Academic Year 2005/06 - Director of Education (report enclosed).
- (b) Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 – Pupil Attendance Related Provision - Director of Education (report enclosed).
- (c) School Holiday and Term Dates 2005/06 - Director of Education (report enclosed).
- (d) Town Centre Parking - Director of Development and Environment (report enclosed).
- (e) Darlington Economic Regeneration Strategy - Director of Development and Environment (report enclosed).
- (f) Consultancy Support - Director of Development and Environment (report enclosed).

8. Future of Sadberge Primary School – Variation to Previously Announced Closure Date - Director of Education (report enclosed).

9. Proposals to Close Eastbourne Nursery School and Change the Character of Dodmire Infant School - Director of Education (report enclosed).

10. Adult Learning Inspection - Director of Education (report enclosed).

11. 14 to 19 Education in Darlington - Director of Education (report enclosed).

12. Representation on Other Bodies 2004/05 – Director of Corporate Services (report enclosed).

13. Review of Outcome of Complaints Made to Ombudsman - Director of Corporate Services (report enclosed).

14. Annual Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Inspectors Report – Director of Corporate Services (report enclosed).

15. Private Sector Funding - Director of Community Services (report enclosed).

16. Council Capital Programme – Release of Funds - Director of Community Services (report enclosed).

17. Community Leisure Chest – Director of Community Services (report enclosed).

18. Single Regeneration Budget 2004/05 - Director of Development and Environment (report enclosed).
19. Financial Assistance 2004/05 - Director of Corporate Services (report enclosed).
20. Discretionary Rate Relief 2004/05 – Director of Corporate Services (report enclosed).
21. Audit Services’ Annual Report 2003/04 - Director of Corporate Services (report enclosed).
22. Propoposed Write-Off of Irrecoverable Non-Domestic Rates and Council Tax - Director of Corporate Services (report enclosed).
23. Membership Changes - To Consider any Membership Changes to Other Bodies to which Cabinet Appoints.
24. **SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM(S)** (if any) which in the opinion of the Chair of this Committee are of an urgent nature and can be discussed at this meeting.
25. Questions.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

26. To consider the exclusion of the Public and Press :-

RECOMMENDED - That, pursuant to Sections 100A(4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the ensuing items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in exclusion paragraphs 7, 8 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

PART III NOT FOR PUBLICATION

27. Key Decision – Middleton St. George School – Director of Development and Environment and Director of Education (report enclosed) (Exclusion Paragraph Nos. 7 and 9).
28. Commercial Street - Director of Development and Environment (report enclosed) (Exclusion Paragraph Nos. 7 and 9).
29. Schedule of Transactions - Director of Development and Environment (report and schedule enclosed) (Exclusion Paragraph Nos. 7, 8 and 9).
30. **SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM(S)** (if any) which in the opinion of the Chair of this Committee are of an urgent nature and can be discussed at this meeting.
31. Questions.

Paul Wildsmith
Director of Corporate Services

28th May, 2004

Membership

Councillors Bristow, Dixon, Harker, Lister, McEwan, D.A. Lyonette, L. Vasey, Wallis and Williams.

**Town Hall,
Darlington.**

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