
DEATH IN SERVICE: CHRIS MARSH

**Responsible Cabinet Member(s) - Councillor Don Bristow,
Resource Management Portfolio
Councillor Nick Wallis, Highways and Transport Portfolio**

Responsible Director(s) – John Buxton, Director of Development and Environment

Purpose of Report

1. To inform Members of the Death in Service of Chris Marsh on Saturday 26 February 2005. Chris worked as a Car Park Warden within the Public Protection Division of the Development and Environment Department.

Information and Analysis

2. It is with great sadness that I have to inform Members of Chris Marsh's sudden death following the recent diagnosis of a serious illness. Chris was 45 years' old, married with one young son and had over 21 years' service with the Council.
3. In the absence of the Director of Development and Environment at the time of Chris' death, Keith Atkinson, Assistant Director Public Protection has written to Chris' wife, Hazel, conveying the Council's sympathy. Paul Wildsmith, Acting Chief Executive, has also written to Chris' wife to pass on the Council's condolences.
4. Staff in Human Resource Management Division are liaising with Durham Pensions on behalf of Chris's dependants to make the necessary arrangements to ensure appropriate payment of benefits.

Recommendation

5. It is recommended that the Cabinet note:
 - (a) with sadness, the recent death of Chris Marsh; and
 - (b) the actions of the Council in conveying sympathy to Chris' wife and the support offered from Human Resource Management Division.

**John Buxton
Director of Development and Environment**