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**REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES 2006/07  
COUNTY DURHAM AND DARLINGTON FOUNDATION TRUST**

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**Responsible Cabinet Member - Councillor John Williams, Leader**

**Responsible Director - Paul Wildsmith, Director of Corporate Services**

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**Purpose of Report**

1. To consider the appointment of a Member to the Board of Governors of a future County Durham and Darlington Foundation Trust.

**Information and Analysis**

2. County Durham and Darlington Acute Hospitals NHS Trust has applied, and received approval from the Secretary of State, to become a Foundation Trust. The application is now being assessed by Monitor, the independent regulator for Foundation Trusts.
3. As part of the new governance arrangements, a Board of Governors is being established comprising of elected staff, public Governors and appointed representatives from key stakeholders. The governance arrangements, outlined in the Trust's integrated business plan included an appointed Governor from this Council. Department of Health guidance requires that the individual nominations be made by the organisations concerned.
4. The Governor elections will be completed and the results announced on 18th October, 2006, at which time the Trust will be announcing the full membership of the Board of Governors.

**Outcome of Consultation**

5. No formal consultation was undertaken on this report.

**Legal Implications**

6. This report has been considered by the Borough Solicitor for legal implications in accordance with the Council's approved procedures. There are no issues which the Borough Solicitor considers need to be brought to the specific attention of Members, other than those highlighted in the report.

**Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998**

7. The contents of this report have been considered in the context of the requirements placed on the Council by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, namely, the duty on the Council to exercise its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in

its area. It is not considered that the contents of this report have any such effect.

### **Council Policy Framework**

8. The issues contained within this report do not represent change to Council policy or the Council's policy framework.

### **Decision Deadline**

9. For the purpose of the call-in procedure this does not represent an urgent matter.

### **Recommendation**

10. That Councillor Thistlethwaite be nominated as this Council's representative on the County Durham and Darlington Foundation Trust.

### **Reasons**

11. To ensure that this Council is represented on the County Durham and Darlington Foundation Trust.

**Paul Wildsmith**  
**Director of Corporate Services**

### **Background Papers**

Letter from County Durham and Darlington Acute Hospitals NHS Trust.

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