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**DEATH IN SERVICE – THERESA EATON**

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**Responsible Cabinet Member – Councillor Cyndi Hughes**  
**Children and Young People Portfolio**

**Responsible Director – Suzanne Joyner**  
**Director of Children and Adults Services**

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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To inform Members of the recent Death in Service on Monday 20 June 2016 of Theresa Eaton. Theresa was employed as a Specialist Family Support Worker and was a valued member of the Family Interventions team within Children's Services. Theresa also completed shifts as a Residential Child Care worker in Darlington Children's Homes.

**Information and Analysis**

2. It is with great sadness that I have to inform Members of Theresa Eaton's death on 20 June 2016. Theresa was 36 years old and joined the Council in March 2005. Theresa was a well-respected member of the team and will be greatly missed.
3. A letter has been sent to Theresa's family conveying the Council's sympathy and Human Resources in conjunction with the Head of Service will ensure they receive appropriate advice and support.

**Recommendation**

4. It is recommended that the Cabinet note :-
  - (a) with great sadness the recent death in service of Theresa Eaton, a respected employee of the Council; and
  - (b) the actions of the Council in conveying the sympathy to Theresa's family and the support offered from Human Resources and the Head of Service.

## **Reasons**

5. The recommendations are supported to make Members aware of the recent death in service.

**Suzanne Joyner**  
**Director of Children and Adults Services**