
OVERVIEW OF CONSUMER AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

1. Since the last meeting of Council, the following are the main areas of work undertaken under my Consumer and Environmental Services Portfolio:
 - (a) **Second Transit Site at Honeypot Lane Caravan Site** – Following the submission of a bid to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) in February 2005, for a 100% grant to build a second transit site at Honeypot Lane Caravan Site, we were notified by letter on 26th July, 2005, that we were successful in that bid and that the £468,000 requested would be paid immediately. Cabinet approved the scheme for the second transit site and agreed the release of the funding to allow the scheme to proceed.
 - (b) **Darlington Declaration on Climate Change** – The Darlington Local Strategic Partnership has set up a Climate Change Sub-Group to develop a Climate Change Strategy for Darlington. As a pre-cursor to developing the strategy the Sub-Group has proposed that the partners commit to a declaration ‘The Darlington Declaration on Climate Change’. This declaration was supported and endorsed by Cabinet at its meeting held on 30th August, 2005.
 - (c) **Market Regulations** – Cabinet approved revised Market Regulations at its meeting held on 30th August, 2005. The main changes to the Regulations included a new section on persons manoeuvring vehicles and drivers qualifications and insurance, a ban on the sale of certain goods including replica guns, a new control on age restricted sales, a new control on the behaviour of trades and their employees and the introduction of new regulations to cover continental markets, farmers markets and car boot sales.
2. I have attended the following meetings in respect of my Consumer and Environmental Services Portfolio:
 - (a) PPCP scrutiny meeting, 16th August
 - (b) Community Partnership Steering Group Meeting, 30th August
 - (c) Briefing meeting with Ada Burns
 - (d) Briefing meetings with Directors and Assistant Directors

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