

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) Launch of smoke free legislation on 1 July 2007. This legislation will be promoted and enforced by the Council and will ensure protection of non-smokers from the risks of passive smoking in enclosed spaces.
 - (b) Launch of the Food Hygiene Publication scheme on 1 July 2007. This provides information to the public on the hygiene performance of food premises. It will empower our residents to make informed choices about where they eat or buy food.
 - (c) Relocation of the open market to West Row, Tubwell Row and Horsemarket and use of the Council's gazebo style stalls to present an attractive high quality market. A new Thursday market has also been launched and is growing.

2. I have attended the following meetings in respect of my Consumer and Environmental Services Portfolio:
 - (a) Chaired the Smoke Free Darlington Group on 24th May, 2007.
 - (b) Waste Management Project Board on 29th May, 2007
 - (c) Visited the Registrar's Department in the Dolphin Centre on 30th May, 2007.
 - (d) Visited the Environmental Dome, Local Motion Display and Recycling Display held in the Market Square on 4th June, 2007.
 - (e) Cabinet and CMT training event held on 5th June, 2007.
 - (f) County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Authority meeting held on 12th June, 2007.
 - (g) North East Fire and Rescue Regional Management Board meeting held on 15th June, 2007.
 - (h) Training Session on Community Strategy and Local Strategic Partnership on 19th June, 2007.
 - (i) Training day with County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Authority on 19th June, 2007.
 - (j) Introductory meeting with Groundwork Wests Durham and Darlington on 25th June, 2007.
 - (k) Chaired the Darlington Environmental Forum held on 25th June, 2007.
 - (l) Accompanied Alan Milburn MP on a visit around Darlington Market 25th June, 2007.
 - (m) Audit meeting of County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Authority on 28th June, 2007.
 - (n) Visited some of the Street Scene staff in recognition of its first anniversary 28th June, 2007.
 - (o) Presented certificates in connection with the Tees Valley Hygiene Award on 29th June, 2007.
 - (p) Pedestrian Heart Launch on 30th June, 2007.

- (q) Waste Management Project Board meeting on 3rd July, 2007.
- (r) Climate Change training day on 5th July, 2007.
- (s) Northumbria Regional Flood Defence Committee Meeting 6th July, 2007.
- (t) Visited the cemeteries and crematorium on 10th July, 2007
- (u) Chaired the Public Protection Forum held on 12th July 2007.
- (v) Door-Stop Crime Conference 17th July, 2007.
- (w) Citizenship Ceremony 18th July, 2007.
- (x) Groundwork West Durham and Darlington Steering Group 19th July, 2007.
- (y) Briefing meetings with various Directors and Assistant Directors

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