
DEATH IN SERVICE

Responsible Cabinet Member - Councillor Stephen Harker
Efficiency and Resources Portfolio

Responsible Director - Murray Rose, Director of People

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform Members of the recent death in service of Chris Bainbridge, Management Information Officer based in the Performance and Improvement Team, Services for People.

Information and Analysis

2. Chris was 45 and died unexpectedly on Sunday 11 March 2012. He was holidaying with his wife in the Lake District at the time and his wife, Jane, (a former Darlington Borough Council employee) is seriously ill in hospital at the time of writing this report. Chris had worked for the Council for just under 27 years.
3. I have written to Chris' parents conveying the Council's sympathy and hope to write to Jane in due course to convey the Council's condolences and offer our support.
4. Human Resources are liaising with Pensions in Durham and Chris' family (as appropriate) to ensure appropriate payment of benefits.

Recommendation

5. It is recommended that Council note :-
 - (a) With great sadness the recent unexpected death of Chris Bainbridge, a valued and respected employee of the Council for almost 27 years, and
 - (b) The actions of the Council in conveying sympathy to Chris' family and the support offered from Human Resource Services.

Reasons

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

Murray Rose
Director of People

Background Papers

No Background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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