

**COUNCIL**  
6th June 2008.

**PRESENT** – The Mayor; Councillors Armstrong, Burton, Chapman, Copeland, Coultas, Dunstone, Francis, Freitag, Galletley, Harker, L. Haszeldine, Hughes, Jenkinson, Johnson, Lewis, Lister, D. A. Lyonette, J. M. Lyonette, Maddison, McEwan, Newell, Regan, Richmond, Roberts, Robson, A. J. Scott, Stenson, Swift, Vasey, Walker, and Williams. (32)

**APOLOGIES** – Councillors Baldwin, Barker, G. Cartwright, M. Cartwright, Davies, Dixon, Hartley, B. Jones, Mrs. D. Jones, Lee, Long, Nicholson, Nutt, Ruck, Mrs H. Scott, Swainston, Thistlethwaite, Wallis and York. (19)

**ABSENT** – Councillors S. Jones and Lawton. (2)

**20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

**21. COUNCIL REPORTS – (1) Local Area Agreement 2008-2011** – The Assistant Chief Executive submitted a report (previously circulated) requesting approval of thirty five indicators and three year targets for Darlington’s Local Area Agreement (LAA).

The submitted report explained the process undertaken to date, the indicators drawn from the national indicator set selected for inclusion in the LAA, including changes that had been made since the report submitted to Cabinet on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2008, and the process of setting and negotiation of targets.

**RESOLVED** – (a) That the Local Area Agreement, as appended at Appendix 2 of the submitted report, be approved.

(b) That authority to make revisions and minor amendments, as may be necessary throughout the 3-year Local Area Agreement, be delegated to Cabinet.

(c) That the functions in relation to the Local Area Agreement be designated to Cabinet.

**REASONS** – (a) To ensure effective delivery of the new vision for Darlington.

(b) To fulfil the Council’s statutory duties to adopt a Local Area Agreement.

(c) To comply with the latest Ministerial direction as to submission timetable.