

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **THURSDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2012** at 7.15 p.m.

**PRESENT**                    **Councillor Mrs. M. Dalton (Chairman) and**  
Councillors W.M. Blenkinsopp, Mrs. D. Bowman, T.R. Bowman, Mrs. B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, W. Curtis, P. Ducker, R.S. Fleming, G.C. Gray, I. Gray, Mrs. J. Gray, B. Haigh, Mrs. S. Haigh, B. Hall, K. Henderson, Mrs. K. Hopper, M. Iveson, Mrs. A. Palmer, Mrs. V.M. Raw, A. Warburton.

**IN ATTENDANCE** Mr. S. Timmis (Head of Planning, Durham County Council)  
Mr. G. Scott (Durham County Council)  
Mr. G. Hunton (Merchant Place Developments)

**OFFICIALS**                Mr A. Bailey (Town Clerk)  
Mrs. C. Walton (Corporate and Policy Officer)  
Miss C. Ryder (Senior Admin. Officer)

99.    **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

100. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors V. Crosby, G.R. Gray, Mrs. I. Hewitson, T. Hogan, Mrs. S.J. Iveson and W. Iveson.

101. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

102. **LOCALISM ACT – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS**

Mr. S. Timmiss from Durham County Council had prepared a presentation setting out information on the Localism Act and the production of a Neighbourhood Plan for Newton Aycliffe.

He set out the topics which the plan would encompass and how Durham County Council would be there to help and advise this Council on the production of the Plan.

**RESOLVED** – that Mr. Timmiss be thanked for his excellent presentation and explanation of the Localism Act and of the production of a Neighbourhood Plan.

103. **HITACHI PROJECT**

Mr. G. Hunton from Merchant Place Developments was in attendance to give a presentation to update members on the current position in respect of the Hitachi train development.

After his informative presentation members were given the opportunity to ask questions. At the close of the Extra-ordinary meeting Mr. Hunton offered members of the public some time to meet him ask their own questions.

**RESOLVED** – that Mr. Hunton be thanked for his attendance at the meeting and for his excellent presentation and update on the Hitachi Train development.

**CHAIRMAN.**