

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....9th October 2008

1. Title of Item/Report

Civic Chains

2. Record of the Decision

The Council had received a letter from the Chairman of Thornaby Town Council, formally requesting that the former Thornaby Borough Chains be given to Thornaby Town Council.

Following receipt of the request the matter was considered by the Members' Advisory Panel (MAP). The Panel was asked to consider the request and the related wider implications for the Civic Chains currently held by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council

Further to the meetings of MAP held on 28th August and 24th September 2008, where there was a preference expressed to transfer the former Thornaby Borough chains to Thornaby Town Council, the report detailed the necessary arrangements to fulfil this transfer.

RECOMMENDED to Council that:-

1. The former Thornaby Borough chains be transferred to Thornaby Town Council;
2. The Director of Law & Democracy be given delegated authority, in consultation with the Chairman, to take all action deemed necessary to secure the transfer of the Chains including appropriate insurance and security arrangements;
3. An offer to transfer the chains that originally belonged to Billingham Urban District Council be made to Billingham Town Council; and that
4. The preferred replacement chains for the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress be the Stockton Rural District Chains subject to a condition report confirming that the Chains are suitable for the purpose.

3. Reasons for the Decision

Transfer the Chains to Thornaby Town Council and Billingham Town Council to reflect the strong feeling of local heritage.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Mrs McCoy declared a personal, prejudicial interest in respect of this item as she was a member of Billingham Town Council and she left the meeting room during consideration of the matter.

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not Applicable

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Not later than Midnight on Friday, 17th October 2008

Proper Officer  
13 October 2008