

## **Notice of Motion to Council – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2007**

At its meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2007 the Police Joint Committee appointed nine council members to the Police Authority in line with the requirements of the Police Act 1996 (As amended by the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001) and the subsequent guidance given by the LGA and APA dated May 2002.

Only one member was appointed from Stockton, three from Hartlepool and Middlesbrough and two from Redcar and Cleveland. The Joint Committee also decided to make these appointments for a period of four years regardless that Stockton Members had no remit to make such a decision.

There is clearly a flaw in the legislation and the advice given by the LGA and APA, which allows other authorities to determine the representation of an individual Council, and to appoint three independent Members without any consideration being given to proportional representation based on population.

For the smallest authority in Tees Valley to have three representatives and the largest only one can not be justified in any terms and I therefore seek support for the following Motion ;-

“That Stockton Borough Council makes representation to the Home Secretary that consideration is given to amending the existing legislative provisions to ensure that Council representation is determined by individual authorities based on political balance, within that authority, and that the numbers as a whole are representative of the population of each authority.” and

“That similar representation is made to the LGA and APA for their advice to be amended to prevent the imbalance of representation on the Police Authority, created by the current imprecise method of calculation of political balance.”