

### **Item 36 - Motion to Council – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2007**

This Council is concerned at proposals by the North East Ambulance Trust to relocate its Teesside control room to South Tyneside. Taken with the existing Newcastle HQ, this would mean 2 ambulance control facilities in the Tyneside area and no ambulance control facility across the Tees Valley.

This Council believes this poses unacceptable risks to residents in this area and local industry and commerce, in terms of quality of response, given the remoteness of Tyneside based ambulance controllers.

This Council notes concerns expressed by members of all local authorities via the Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Committee, also by the Cleveland Police Authority, by members of the Cleveland Joint Emergency Planning Committee - and by Teesside MPs.

This Council therefore opposes the proposed relocation and will work with other authorities and interested parties to ensure an ambulance control facility is retained and based locally, to serve the Tees Valley area.