

Council

A meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, 28th November, 2007.

Present: The Worshipful the Mayor (Cllr Bill Noble), Cllr Hilary Aggio, Cllr Mrs Lynne Apedaile, Cllr Paul Baker, Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Mrs Jennie Beaumont, Cllr Phillip Broughton, Cllr Mrs Ann Cains, Cllr Dick Cains, Cllr Aidan Cockerill, Cllr David Coleman, Cllr Robert Cook, Cllr Alex Cunningham, Cllr Ian Dalgarno, Cllr Ken Dixon, Cllr Jackie Earl, Cllr Mick Eddy, Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr John Fletcher, Cllr Mrs Suzanne Fletcher, Cllr John Gardner, Cllr Robert Gibson, Cllr David Harrington, Cllr Miss Barbara Inman, Cllr Mohammed Javed, Cllr Paul Kirton, Cllr Terry Laing, Cllr Andrew Larkin, Cllr Colin Leckonby, Cllr Alan Lewis, Cllr Ken Lupton, Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy, Cllr Lee Narroway, Cllr Mrs Kath Nelson, Cllr Steve Nelson, Cllr Mrs Liz Nesbitt, Cllr Mrs Jean O'Donnell, Cllr Ross Patterson, Cllr Maurice Perry, Cllr Mrs Maureen Rigg, Cllr Roy Rix, Cllr Fred Salt, Cllr Andrew Sherris, Cllr Michael Smith, Cllr Steve Walmsley, Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley, Cllr Mrs Mary Womphrey, Cllr William Woodhead and Cllr Barry Woodhouse.

Officers: Mr G Garlick (CE); Mrs A Baxter (CESC); Mr D E Bond, Mr P K Bell (LD); Mr N Schneider (DNS); Ms J Danks (R).

Also in attendance: Mr F Hayes (Chairman of the Standards Committee), Mr M L Vickers (Public Questioner), Two Members of the Public.

Apologies: Cllr Eileen Craggs, Cllr Maurice Frankland, Cllr Tina Large, Cllr Julia Roberts, Cllr Michael Stoker, Cllr Allison Trainer and Cllr Michael Womphrey.

C Stockton Town Centre - Christmas Lights

144/07

The Worshipful the Mayor thanked Sue Burgess (Town Centre Manager), Mike Scott and Steve Sudron (Care For Your Area) for the recent event on Stockton High Street which included the switching on of the Christmas lights.

C Councillor Maurice Frankland

145/07

The Worshipful the Mayor reported that Councillor Frankland had recently been in hospital. Members wished Councillor Frankland a speedy recovery.

C Declarations of Interest

146/07

Councillor Gibson declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 9 - minute of Cabinet (CAB 76/07) held on 25th October 2007 due to being on the Management Board at Newtown Resource Centre.

C Minutes

147/07

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th October 2007 (Minutes C 101/07 - C 143/07) were signed by the worshipful the Mayor as a correct record.

C Public Question Time

148/07

The following question had been submitted by Mr Marcus Lennon Vickers for response by the Cabinet Member for Corporate and Social Inclusion:-

"Would the Council consider building a memorial statue to Harold Macmillan in Stockton on Tees?"

The Cabinet Member for Corporate and Social Inclusion responded with:-

"Harold Macmillan was born in London and educated at Eton & Oxford, he

married into the aristocracy, becoming Conservative MP for Stockton 1924-29 and 1931-1945. When elected in 1924, Stockton was already suffering from recession, and Macmillan became aware of 'the great gulf' between conditions for the unemployed in Stockton, and the wealth his own family enjoyed. He was British Prime Minister 1957-1963, he resigned through ill-health. Macmillan became 1st Earl of Stockton in 1984 and died 1986.

The Museum Service holds a bust of Macmillan.

There may be sites in future regeneration schemes that could, with appropriate design consideration, accommodate figurative memorials. However, there are currently no resources available for commemorative sculptural works. A life-size figurative bronze piece, with plinth, by an established sculptor, would probably cost the region of £80,000 - £100,000.

If resources did become available, it should also be noted that there are figures of national significance that have arguably stronger connections with Stockton, George Stephenson, Thomas Sheraton, and John Walker most notable amongst them."

The following question was submitted by Mr Graeme Robertson for response by the Leader of the Council:-

"Having previously asked Councillor Lupton to cite evidence to demonstrate that a significant reduction in road traffic would arise if the Tees Valley Metro system scheme (to which the Council has decided in principle to make a significant financial contribution) were implemented, he has failed to respond with any reference to a survey or report that contained specific data indicating the likelihood of such an outcome being achieved.

Can I therefore ask if he will give an undertaking to instruct that a survey* is published with an accompanying information article giving details of the Tees Valley Metro scheme in Stockton News, Viewpoint, Libraries and the Council website, asking residents of the Borough to indicate their current use of district rail facilities, their views on the suitability of the proposal and whether or not implementation the currently proposed scheme will lead to them seeking to make any additional district rail journeys over and above any that they currently make – if not why not?

* I would offer to supply a design template for such a survey?"

As Graeme Robertson was not in attendance at the meeting it was agreed a written response would be sent to him.

C Members' Question Time

149/07

The following question was submitted by Councillor Fletcher for response by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport:-

"Is the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport aware of a statement in a Conservative leaflet recently circulated in Eaglescliffe that following the planning application for The Grange, Urray Nook Road, having been allowed on appeal "This means that the Council will have to pay the developer's costs"?"

"Can the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport please state by whom the liability to pay the developer's costs was imposed on the Council, whether the amount has been agreed and, if so, in what sum?"

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport responded with:-

"Yes I am aware of it. It was in a leaflet circulated to all properties in the Stockton South Constituency and complains about decisions of the Council being overridden at appeal and a Conservative Government would not do this and would ban development of gardens.

With regards the appeal at the Grange, this was refused by the committee contrary to officers recommendation, and was then subsequently allowed by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). The appeal was conducted by written representatives and no claim for costs has been made. If costs had been awarded, it is the Planning Authority who have to pay.

Further information on costs is available on the PINS website."

The following question was submitted by Councillor Walmsley for response by the Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Health:-

"Articles in the Guardian and Daily Mail newspapers reported that three-quarters of councils in England are forced to ration social services to exclude tens of thousands of vulnerable people from help with the basic tasks of daily living - according to a survey by the charity Mencap. Is SBC one of those councils?"

The Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Health responded with:-

"The Council provides Adult Care Services under a national eligibility criteria called Fair Access to Care. This sets out how councils should carry out assessments and reviews and support individuals through these processes.

There are national guidelines around the eligibility criteria for assessing individuals needs and risks. There are four need areas:

- * Autonomy and freedom to make choices
- * Health and safety including freedom from harm abuse and neglect
- * The ability to manage personal and other daily routines
- * Involvement in family and wider community life

There are four bands that describe how serious the risk is to independence and well being:

- * Critical
- * Severe
- * Moderate
- * Low

The Council decides which bands of care they will provide for, taking into account the resources locally allocated to social care.

Stockton Borough Council has decided that needs in all levels will be eligible except low and equipment is provided at all levels. This would include help with basic tasks of daily living as outlined in the Mencap survey.

The Council is required to regularly review its approach to the eligibility criteria. It has maintained its banding at Moderate and above, as it has made a decision that the impact upon service users in supporting their independence and that the associated benefits to the well being of the individual is significant. This is in line with Vision for Adults where Independence, Well Being and Choice is a key area of focus for services.

Within the region only Sunderland Council offers services in all four categories and only Darlington Council and Stockton Council offer services in three categories.

This is in our vision for providing what people have told us they want and that is to be treated well and safely in their own homes.

Providing services at the Moderate level helps prevent a lot of people from deteriorating into the Severe and Critical levels.

We will continue to look at the way we can use resources and the way in which we can deliver services to help people live healthy, happy secure lives."

Councillor Walmsley asked the following supplementary question:-

"Is the possible closure of Parkview to do with money and nothing to do with review?"

The Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Health responded with:-

"We are required by Government to review which categories we provide. Authorities around us are not providing for moderate band."

The following question was submitted by Councillor Harrington for response by the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People:-

"Could the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People please define the type of sponsor or sponsors Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council would be looking to work with as an outcome of the BSF Programme?"

The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People responded with:-

"Defining the type of sponsor or sponsors that Stockton Council would be looking to work with needs to be set into the context of the BSF programme. Sponsors are a requirement for the development of Academies.

Meetings that have been held with the Office of the Schools Commissioners (OSC) have strongly indicated that OSC will expect to see Academies included in our Strategy for Change (SfC) submission under the BSF programme. It is unlikely that our SfC will be approved without the inclusion of Academies.

During the early development of Academies government encouraged private sector sponsors to engage with Local Authorities. The expectation being that a sponsor would contribute £2m into the project.

It became increasingly difficult for local authorities to obtain private sector sponsors and over the past two years the view being taken by government has been towards sponsorship from the public sector. Examples being Colleges, Universities and Local Strategic Partnerships. In some cases Faith groups have proposed and sponsored Academies.

Stockton Council have not yet sought out sponsors. The rules around BSF are changing constantly but in the event of Stockton Borough seeking sponsors, the likelihood is that we would be looking for Colleges and Universities to be co-sponsors to support our projects."

The following question was submitted by Councillor Eddy for response by the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People:-

"Councillor Cunningham in the light of an unsatisfactory answer to my question at the last full Council meeting can I be reassured that I can obtain the official minutes of the meetings which decided upon the options for B.S.F for our Borough which have been published and very nearly circulated?"

The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People responded with:-

"A series of workshops were held with the Secondary School Heads and College Principals which explored options. These were not minuted verbatim. We also discussed options with colleagues from the Dioceses in two meetings , and then considered the options at the BSF Project Board. This was set out in the Cabinet report of September 27th, which agreed the process of consultation and the options. The minutes of that Cabinet meeting are in the public arena and were received by this Council."

Councillor Eddy asked the following supplementary question:-

"At a meeting at St Patrick's School I was told by John Hegarty that the minutes of the meetings which decided upon the options for B.S.F for our Borough were available, but were they in fact done behind closed doors?"

Councillor Cunningham responded with:-

"The proposals were discussed with Head Teachers, considered at the BSF Board and presented to Members at seminars. The only group that was not represented at the seminars was the Thornaby Independent Association."

The following question was submitted by Councillor Dixon for response by the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People:-

"It is the view of myself and others that the BSF consultation is flawed and misleading. It states that no school can be built in Ingleby Barwick, yet it contradicts itself by stating that any option will be considered. I am aware that

BSF funding can not be used for land acquisition.

I therefore request in the cause of a fair and impartial solution to the possibility of a school being built in Ingleby Barwick that a Working Party or Select Group be set up to scope what land is available in Ingleby Barwick and the feasibility of obtaining any land to build a new school, which would comply with BSF guidelines?"

The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People responded with:-

"I refer to the Future Learning booklet, page 11 which states " We are looking for ways of either creating another school in Ingleby Barwick or helping All Saints to expand"

So it doesn't say that no school can be built on Ingleby Barwick - but - that at the moment we have not identified a way of doing so within BSF guidance.

The booklet also says " we will consider any new options that may come out of the consultation"

We will do that.

We are now collating all the feedback and suggested options from what has been an extensive public consultation. We will report on the analysis of the feedback to Cabinet. We will then carry out a comprehensive investigation and development of options.

The process has already been agreed in reports to Cabinet and endorsed by Council, and I can reassure Cllr Dixon this will be a comprehensive piece of work in full knowledge of the issues without the need for any further specific working parties."

Councillor Dixon asked the following supplementary question:-

"On the official Building Schools for the Future website under the frequently asked questions, point 18 states:-

"What assistance will be available to find solutions to planning and land acquisition barriers?"

Local authorities will be best placed to deal with these issues and the BSF programme and exemplar designs will give them more opportunity to tackle it strategically, planning over time for future developments. Central government will work with LEAs where significant barriers arise."

Therefore will you not consider setting up a Working Panel or Select Group to investigate the possibility of acquiring land in Ingleby Barwick."

The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People responded with:-

"No".

C **Adult Services & Health Select Committee Minutes**
150/07

Moved by Councillor Mrs Cains, seconded by Councillor Gardner and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Adult Services and Health Select Committee held on 17th September 2007 (Minutes ASH 20/07 - ASH 23/07) be confirmed.

C **Adult Services & Health Select Committee Minutes**
151/07

Moved by Councillor Mrs Cains, seconded by Councillor Gardner and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Adult Services and Health Select Committee held on 1st October 2007 (Minutes ASH 24/07 - ASH 28/07) be confirmed.

C **Arts Leisure & Culture Select Committee Minutes**
152/07

Moved by Councillor Mrs O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Sherris and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Adult Services and Health Select Committee held on 1st October 2007 (Minutes ALC 12/07 - ALC 15/07) be confirmed.

C **Cabinet Minutes**
153/07

Moved by Councillor Lupton, seconded by Councillor Mrs Beaumont and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Cabinet held on 25th October 2007 (Minutes CAB 70/07 - CAB 86/07) be received or confirmed as appropriate.

C **Cabinet Minutes**
154/07

Moved by Councillor Lupton, seconded by Councillor Mrs Beaumont and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Cabinet held on 22nd November 2007 (Minutes CAB 87/07 - CAB 99/07) be received or confirmed as appropriate.

C **Children & Young People Select Committee Minutes**
155/07

Moved by Councillor Harrington, seconded by Councillor Eddy and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Children and Young People Select Committee held on 5th September 2007 (Minutes CYP 17/07 - CYP 20/07) be confirmed.

C **Children & Young People Select Committee Minutes**
156/07

Moved by Councillor Harrington, seconded by Councillor Eddy and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Children and Young People Select Committee held on 10th October 2007 (Minutes CYP 21/07 - CYP 24/07) be confirmed.

C **Corporate & Social Inclusion Select Committee Minutes**
157/07

Moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Mrs Cains and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Corporate and Social Inclusion Select Committee held on 2nd October 2007 (Minutes CSI 11/07 - CSI 14/07) be confirmed.

C **Education Support Panel Minutes**

158/07

Moved by Councillor Perry, seconded by Councillor Eddy and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Education Support Panel held on 22nd October 2007 (Minutes ESP 3/07 - ESP 6/07) be received.

C Employee Appeals Panel Minutes

159/07

Moved by Councillor Mrs Nelson, seconded by Councillor Salt and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Employee Appeals Panel held on 19th October 2007 (Minutes EAP 7/07 - EAP 9/07) be received.

C Employee Appeals Panel Minutes

160/07

Moved by Councillor Rix, seconded by Councillor Kirton and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Employee Appeals Panel held on 1st November 2007 (Minutes EAP 10/07 - EAP 12/07) be received.

C Environment Select Committee Minutes

161/07

Moved by Councillor Mrs Rigg, seconded by Councillor Smith and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Environment Select Committee held on 24th September 2007 (Minutes ENV 11/07 - ENV 15/07) be confirmed.

C Environment Select Committee Minutes

162/07

Moved by Councillor Mrs Rigg, seconded by Councillor Smith and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Environment Select Committee held on 15th October 2007 (Minutes ENV 16/07 - ENV 18/07) be confirmed.

C Environment Select Committee Minutes

163/07

Moved by Councillor Mrs Rigg, seconded by Councillor Smith and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Environment Select Committee held on 29th October 2007 (Minutes ENV 19/07 - ENV 22/07) be confirmed.

C Executive Scrutiny Committee Minutes

164/07

Moved by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor Narroway and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Executive Scrutiny Committee held on 16th October 2007 (Minutes EXC 31/07 - EXC 38/07) be received.

C Licensing Committee Minutes

165/07

Moved by Councillor Woodhead, seconded by Councillor Mrs Nelson and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing Committee held on 9th October 2007 (Minutes L 28/07 - L 31/07) be received.

C Licensing Committee Minutes

166/07

Moved by Councillor Woodhead, seconded by Councillor Mrs Nelson and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing Committee held on 23rd October 2007 (Minutes L 32/07 - L 38/07) be received.

C Licensing Sub Committee Minutes

167/07

Moved by Councillor Woodhead, seconded by Councillor Mrs Nelson and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee held on 27th September 2007 (Minutes LSC 14/07 - LSC 16/07) be received.

C Licensing Sub Committee Minutes

168/07

Moved by Councillor Woodhead, seconded by Councillor Mrs Nelson and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee held on 11th October 2007 (Minutes LSC 17/07 - LSC 19/07) be received.

C Planning Committee Minutes

169/07

Moved by Councillor Rix, seconded by Councillor Patterson and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 25th September 2007 (Minutes P 66/07 - P 67/07) be received.

C Planning Committee Minutes

170/07

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Beall and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 10th October 2007 (Minutes P 68/07 - P 78/07) be received.

C Planning Committee Minutes

171/07

Moved by Councillor Rix, seconded by Councillor Patterson and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 31st October 2007 (Minutes P 79/07 - P 90/07) be received.

C Standards Committee Minutes

172/07

Moved by Mr F W Hayes, seconded by Councillor Sherris and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Standards Committee held on 11th October 2007 (Minutes S 61/07 - S 67/07) be received.

C Standards Committee Minutes

173/07

Moved by Mr F W Hayes, seconded by Councillor Sherris and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Standards Committee held on 18th October 2007 (Minutes S 51/07 - P 60/07) be received.

C To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Cleveland Fire Authority held on 27th July 2007

174/07

The minutes of the meeting of the Cleveland Fire Authority held on 27th July 2007 were noted.

C To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Markets Forum held on 19th September 2007

175/07

The minutes of the meeting of the Markets Forum held on 19th September 2007 Minutes were noted.

C **To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Safer Stockton Partnership**
176/07 **held on 25th September 2007**

The minutes of the meeting of the Safer Stockton Partnership held on 25th September 2007 were noted.

C **Stockton Home Safety Association Minutes**
177/07

The minutes of the Stockton Home Safety Association held on 10th July 2007 were noted.

C **Changes to Memberships**
178/07

At its Annual Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd May 2007 the Council approved appointments to its Committees, Panels and Joint/Outside Bodies for the Municipal year 2007/2008. Councillor Narroway had subsequently resigned from Housing and Community Safety Select Committee, Licensing Committee, River Tees Port Health Authority and Councillor Harrington had resigned from Eastern Area Partnership Board. Therefore vacancies existed on the above Memberships. Following consultation with the relevant Group Leaders the following nominations had been received, which required approval by the Council viz:-

Housing and Community Safety Select Committee

Nomination Councillor Large

Licensing Committee

Nomination Councillor Walmsley

River Tees Port Health Authority

Nomination Councillor Walmsley

Eastern Area Partnership Board

Nomination Councillor Eddy

RESOLVED that the above nominations be approved.

C **Forward Plan and Leaders Report**
179/07

The Leader gave his Report and outlined details of items in the Forward Plan.

The Leader's Report outlined that the Housing Market Renewal: Tees Valley Living recently submitted its Business Plan to the DCLG for Housing Market Renewal resources for 2008-11. The bid had two options:

- £46m from DCLG and the Regional Housing Board over 3 years, leveraging in

£22.7m of private investment to deliver 382 new homes, 394 demolished houses and 168 relocation packages

- OR £59m from the same sources to lever in £26.6m of private investment and deliver 545 new homes, demolition of 562 homes and 185 relocation packages.

Complimenting this, a bid for the Housing Growth Point Initiative would bring forward sites for development by accelerating private sector investment in older housing areas, delivering 2,000 new homes a year. Preliminary indications were that DCLG were very supportive of the Stockton Council bid.

The Joint Strategy Unit with One NorthEast were to commission a report to make the business case for a Public Service Obligation Order to safeguard flights from Durham Tees Valley Airport to Heathrow.

National Skills Academy for the Process Industries (NSAPI): Now approved by the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills, this would be based at the University of Teesside. As the only national skills academy in the North East, this would deliver leading edge training to world class standards in centres of innovation to meet each sectors' needs.

The £40m bus network improvement project final business case would be submitted to Department for Transport in early December. The work on the Metro scheme was proceeding well and preliminary conclusions would be available at the end of January. The A19/A174/A66 Strategic Road Network Study should be completed in December 2007 for consultation.

The Tees Valley, including Stockton, was one of four areas across the country named by the Government to trial arrangements for the new Comprehensive Area Assessments during 2008. These would replace the current Comprehensive Performance Assessments in 2009.

The DCLG had announced the Tees Valley as one of 13 to pilot a Multi Area Agreement. The Tees Valley and Manchester were widely acknowledged as being significantly further forward in preparing for these than anywhere else in country. A draft MAA framework was nearly complete, along with the draft delivery plan for the regeneration element of the programme and the final business case for the bus network improvements.

A presentation to members on the Green-Blue Heart proposals for the Stockton-Middlesbrough Initiative, held in conjunction with Middlesbrough Council, was very well attended.

Cabinet agreed the Sub-Regional Joint Waste Strategy for consultation last week. The Implementation Plan for Stockton, which would follow this, would be guided and informed by the work of the Environment Select Committee.

In Stockton, a bid had been submitted to English Heritage for resources to undertake a Partnership scheme with businesses in the older part of the Town Centre to carry out improvements to buildings. If successful, this would start in April 2008 and run until 2011, involving around £500,000 of improvements to buildings.

At Thornaby Town Centre, demolition had commenced on the development project, which would see 10,500sq.m. of new retail floorspace and enhanced community and leisure facilities by Summer 2009.

Billingham Town Centre, discussions continued with the new owners regarding the development timetable and general concept. Overall the investment for regeneration and redevelopment in the centre could total around £45 million.

And on the housing front, residents were due to move into the first of the new houses in the Parkfield regeneration in December, at Nursery Gardens on the site of the former Alliance Street and Hind Street.

The Leader also commended to members as useful reading the Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report considered at the last Cabinet meeting. It gave some very interesting statistical evidence on the provision of services and comments on the Environment, Economy, Development, Open Spaces and Transport with some Key Findings and Actions.

The Leader also drew Members attention to a number of items in the Forward Plan:-

December Cabinet would consider reports on:-

Adult Social Care Services; To receive the findings and recommendations of the annual assessment of Adult Social Care Services by CSCI for 2006-7.

Review of Home care Services

Review of Park View Care Home

Children's Services – Annual Performance Assessment for 2006/7

Amended Scheme of Delegation for Planning Applications.

Thornaby Town Centre Redevelopment.

January Cabinet would consider reports on:-

The Outcome of Consultation on Building Schools for the Future.

Billingham Forum Update.

C Motion - North East Ambulance Trust

180/07

Council agreed that Procedure Rule 12.1 be suspended.

The following motion was then moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Coleman:-

"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."

The motion was carried.