## COUNCIL MEETING – 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2013 ITEM 13 – MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME

## The following question has been submitted by Councillor Walmsley for response by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport:-

"Darlington and Hartlepool no longer subsidise bus companies whilst Middlesbrough is consulting on more cuts. Stockton meanwhile will be presenting evidence based findings to Cabinet in June. If privatisation and cuts in public services is so wonderful, why do poor performing bus and train companies need (or deserve) public subsidy?"