

MEMBERS' MONTHLY DIGEST

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A BRIEFING FOR CITY COUNCILLORS

For Executive and Key Decisions made by Cabinet please see the Forward Plan and the Record of Executive Decisions.

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Decisions made under Delegated Powers

| Chief Officer | Date | Decision | Contact Point |
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| Chief Executive | 18/09/09 | To authorise the Executive Director of City Services to exercise those powers delegated to him in the Constitution formerly held by the Director of Community and Cultural Services namely paragraphs 8.1 to 8.26 with effect from 21 st September 2009. | Dave Smith ☎ 5611112 |
| Chief Executive | 30/09/09 | With effect from 5 th October 2009:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To authorise the Deputy Chief Executive to exercise all the powers delegated to her under the Constitution.• To authorise the Executive Director of City Services to exercise those powers namely paragraphs 8.27 to 8.51 delegated to him under the Constitution currently held by the Director of | Dave Smith ☎ 5611112 |

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| | | Development and Regeneration. | |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To terminate all the delegated powers of the Director of Development and Regeneration. | |
| Executive Director of Health, Housing and Adult Services | 23/09/09 | Agreed to award the contract for the supply of straight and curved track stair lifts to 'Liftable' following the tender evaluation process. | Alan Caddick ☎ 5662690 |
| Executive Director of Health, Housing and Adult Services | 30/09/09 | Agreed to tender into a contract for the provision of a Domestic Energy Efficiency Programme. | Alan Caddick ☎ 5662690 |
| Director of Community and Cultural Services | 21/08/09 | Agreed to award the contract for the supply of Workforce Management (WFM) modules for the existing Verint Impact 360 suite, from the current supplier/maintainer of the suite, Vodafone-Central. | Mike Poulter ☎ 5617549 |
| Director of Community and Cultural Services | 27/08/09 | Considered a petition from St. Chad's Ward Members regarding an 'expression of interest' from Sunderland Freshwater Angling Club (Silksworth Lakes) requesting the installation of an island in the larger lake at Silksworth Sports Complex as a sanctuary for wildlife. Agreed to support the proposal to make an application for SIB funding to the West Area Committee subject to a new 'expression of interest' being received for the Sunderland Freshwater Angling Club. | Julie Gray ☎ 5617574 |

Director of
Community and
Cultural Services

27/08/09

Endorsed the proposal to upgrade swimming facilities at Washington Leisure Centre in conjunction with the Government's Free Swimming Initiative subject to a successful funding application from National Free Swimming Pot 4 and funding being made available in the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS)/

Julie Gray ☎
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Director of
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Cultural Services

07/09/09

Agreed to waive Procurement Procedure Rules in terms of the procurement of a specialist architect, Christopher Downs, due to his knowledge of church architecture in relation to the Wearmouth-Jarrow churches, St. Peter's and St. Paul's.

Jane Hall ☎
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Director of
Community and
Cultural Services

08/09/09

Agreed to appoint Robert Simpson Ltd from the Contractors Health and Safety Scheme (CHAS) Panel for Planning Co-ordinators to undertake services in connection with the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007 for the delivery of 14 Pathfinder Play Schemes.

Julie Gray ☎
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Director of
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Cultural Services

08/09/09

Agreed to extend the contract currently let to Howard Thompson Ltd from the Contractors Health and Safety Scheme (CHAS) Panel for Planning Co-ordinators, to undertake services in connection with the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007 for the delivery of the Adventure Centre at Silksworth Sports Complex.

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| Director of Community and Cultural Services | 10/09/09 | Procurement of Blackwall Home Composting Bin Supplier for the provision of Home Composting units and after sales service for residents within Sunderland requiring the service. | Peter High ☎ 5614501 |
| Director of Community and Cultural Services | 14/09/09 | Agreed to appoint Paul Jameson of Jameson Consultancy Ltd to undertake facilitation of an internal dialogue of service managers for identifying a new operating model for highways services. | Chris McCarthy ☎ 5617556 |
| Director of Community and Cultural Services | 17/09/09 | Agreed to waive Procurement Procedure Rules in terms of the procurement of a specialist consultancy, Genecon, to support Sunderland's bid to become host City for the 2018 FIFA World Cup. | Chris Alexander ☎ 5618420 |
| Executive Director of City Services | 25/09/09 | Agreed to appoint Brambledown for the Barnes Park Regeneration Project. | Norma Johnston ☎ 5611973 |
| Director of Development and Regeneration | 11/09/09 | Agreed to let Room B02 in The Place to Beverley Smith. | Nick Wood ☎ 5612631 |
| Director of Development and Regeneration | 11/09/09 | Agreed to let a room within Sunderland Aquatic Centre to Danielle McGlen and Lindsey Graham. | Nick Wood ☎ 5612631 |
| Director of Development and Regeneration | 11/09/09 | Agreed to the early surrender of 3 Larkfield Crescent by Rena Begum. Negotiated surrender owing to rent arrears after consultation with Director of Financial Resources Department. | Nick Wood ☎ 5612631 |
| Director of Development and Regeneration | 16/09/09 | Agreed to grant a licence to graze horses on land adjacent to Fatfield House, Vigo Lane, Rickleton. Application received from Mr. & Mrs. Hipkiss of Fatfield House, Vigo Lane, Fatfield. | Nick Wood ☎ 5612631 |

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| Director of Development and Regeneration | 16/09/09 | Agreed to wayleave for the installation of PVC duct and cables at Hetton Leisure Centre following a request received from British Telecommunications plc. | Nick Wood ☎ 5612631 |
| Director of Development and Regeneration | 16/09/09 | Agreed to let 28/29 Chiswick Square to Elite Family Specialists on a 3 year term. | Nick Wood ☎ 5612631 |
| Director of Development and Regeneration | 16/09/09 | Agreed to lease renewal of Unit 1, Rainton Bridge to Mr. G. Wilson for a term of 5 years. | Nick Wood ☎ 5612631 |
| Director of Development and Regeneration | 16/09/09 | Agreed to the sale of the Council's freehold interest in land to the rear of Daisy Hill Cottage, Springwell Village. Application received from Mr. M.F. Burke of Daisy Hill Cottage, Springwell Village. | Nick Wood ☎ 5612631 |
| Director of Development and Regeneration | 17/09/09 | Agreed to appoint Applied Information Group (AIG) as supplier of Sunderland digital print maps. | Colin Clark ☎ 5611507 |
| Director of Development and Regeneration | 17/09/09 | Approved the issue of a Part 2 Certificate for construction of highways at the Harraton Redevelopment Site 2, Washington. | Bob Donaldson ☎ 5611517 |
| Director of Development and Regeneration | 17/09/09 | Approved the issue of a Part 2 Certificate and Provisional Certificate for highway works at St. Peter's Wharf, Bonnersfield, Sunderland. | Bob Donaldson ☎ 5611517 |
| Director of Development and Regeneration | 17/09/09 | Issued a Notice under Section 220 of the Highways Act 1980, Housing Development at Chilton Moor Phase 3, Houghton-le-Spring. | Bob Donaldson ☎ 5611517 |

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| Director of Development and Regeneration | 17/09/09 | Agreed to adopt highway improvement works and approved the issue of a Certificate of Adoption in respect of highway works associated with the new Southwick School Development, Shakespeare Street, Southwick, Sunderland. | Bob Donaldson ☎ 5611517 |
| Director of Development and Regeneration | 17/09/09 | Approved the issue of a Part 2 Certificate for construction of highways at the Harraton Redevelopment Site 3, Washington. | Bob Donaldson ☎ 5611517 |
| Director of Development and Regeneration | 20/09/09 | Approved the proposed Local Safety Scheme on Castle Road. | Alec Gough ☎ 5611523 |
| Director of Development and Regeneration | 21/09/09 | Issued a Certificate of Adoption following completion of private street works on a section of Featherbed Lane, Ryhope, Sunderland. | Bob Donaldson ☎ 5611517 |
| Director of Development and Regeneration | 22/09/09 | Approved the alteration of highways and agreed to enter into a Section 38/278 Agreement for the adoption of highways at Racecourse Residential Estate Phase 1A, Houghton-le-Spring. | Bob Donaldson ☎ 5611517 |
| Director of Development and Regeneration | 22/09/09 | Approved the proposed stopping-up of an access road at 1-4 Westwood Gardens, Columbia, Washington. | Bob Donaldson ☎ 5611517 |
| Director of Development and Regeneration | 24/09/09 | Approved the appointment of Dendra Consulting Ltd to carry out an arboricultural survey for the Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor – Phase 2. | Keith Atkinson ☎ 5611562 |
| Director of Development and Regeneration | 25/09/09 | The Chief Solicitor to consider approval of the Local Authority Road Safety Officers Association (LARSOA) Service Level Agreement. | Hazel Walton ☎ 5611524 |

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| Director of Development and Regeneration | 25/09/09 | Accepted a quotation for the Topographical Survey of the Wearsheaf Gyratory and Stadium Way area of highway. | Bob Donaldson ☎ 5611517 |
| Director of Development and Regeneration | 25/09/09 | Selected a Contractor to undertake landscaping works to Usworth 6 th Form Centre and Red House Academy. | Steve Turner ☎ 5611246 |
| Director of Development and Regeneration | 25/09/09 | Agreed to let Room 305 in The Place to Design Hus Ltd for a term of 3 years. | Nick Wood ☎ 5612631 |
| Director of Development and Regeneration | 25/09/09 | Agreed to grant a licence to North East R/C Helicopter Club to use land at southern area playing fields, for flying a model aircraft. | Nick Wood ☎ 5612631 |
| Director of Development and Regeneration | 25/09/09 | Agreed to grant rights across Council owned land to access adjacent land at Bartram Street, Fulwell. Terms agreed on a commercial basis, generate windfall capital receipt. | Nick Wood ☎ 5612631 |
| Director of Development and Regeneration | 25/09/09 | Agreed to let catering concession at the Downhill Sports Complex for one year for mini soccer season. | Nick Wood ☎ 5612631 |
| Director of Development and Regeneration | 25/09/09 | Agreed to let catering concession at Ford Quarry to Christine Beckham for the mini soccer season. | Nick Wood ☎ 5612631 |
| Director of Development and Regeneration | 25/09/09 | Agreed to wayleave in favour of the City Council to site a bus shelter on land in the ownership of the University of Sunderland at Chester Road, Sunderland. Request from the Council's Head of Transport and Engineering. | Nick Wood ☎ 5612631 |
| Director of Development and Regeneration | 28/09/09 | Approved a procedure for the consideration of requests for the erection of boundary signs | Ian Pearson ☎ 5612445 |

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| Director of Development and Regeneration | 29/09/09 | After carefully considering the petition, it is recommended that the footpath link between Aylesford Mews, Greystoke and Westheath Avenue, Grangetown Road (St. Michael's Ward) is not promoted for closure, remains highway and therefore open to public use. | Bob Donaldson ☎ 5611517 |
| Director of Development and Regeneration | 29/09/09 | After detailed consideration, decided that a claim for a public right of way between and to the rear of 64-66 High Street, Easington Lane, can not be supported. | Tim Ducker ☎ 5612450 |
| Director of Development and Regeneration | 29/09/09 | After detailed consideration, decided that the claim for a public right of way across land between No. 6 and No. 8 Market Place, Houghton, can not be supported. | Tim Ducker ☎ 5612450 |
| Director of Development and Regeneration | 01/10/09 | Approved an increase in the budget for the provision of project management services for the Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor. | Keith Atkinson ☎ 5611562 |
| Director of Development and Regeneration | 01/10/09 | Accepted grant funding for LED display lighting at Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens. | Andrew Atkinson ☎ 5612728 |
| Director of Development and Regeneration | 02/10/09 | Approved the appointment of Barnes and Associates to carry out an arboricultural survey for the Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor – Phase 2. | Keith Atkinson ☎ 5611562 |
| Director of Development and Regeneration | 02/10/09 | Agreed to the sale of the Council's freehold reversionary interest in 84 John F. Kennedy Estate. Application by Mr. & Mrs. Green owners of 84 John F. Kennedy Estate. | Nick Wood ☎ 5612631 |

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| Director of Development and Regeneration | 02/10/09 | Agreed to lease land to the Empire Theatre for parking on a year to year lease. The Empire have been in occupation of the land for several years and there is a need to formalise the agreement. | Nick Wood ☎ 5612631 |
| Director of Development and Regeneration | 02/10/09 | Agreed to the surrender of garage sites 13 and 15 Railway Terrace, New Herrington and grant a new lease to Mr. Banks. | Nick Wood ☎ 5612631 |
| Director of Development and Regeneration | 06/10/09 | Agreed to accept Pallion Engineering's offer to dedicate land on Woodbine Terrace, Pallion for highway purposes in advance of requirements for the Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor. Agreed to accept Pallion Engineering's offer to dedicate 285m ² or thereabouts of land on Woodbine Terrace, Pallion for highway purposes in advance of requirements for the Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor. | Nick Wood ☎ 5612631 |
| Director of Financial Resources | 21/09/09 | Acceptance of quotation to produce three editions of Riskwatch (and write award submissions if required) to Alpha Communications. | Keith Beardmore ☎ 5611802 |
| Chief Solicitor | 21/09/09 | To increase the fee for a personal search of the Local Land Charges Register, from £11, the level at which it was set in 2003, to £22, with effect from 1 st January 2010. | Bob Rayner ☎ 5611003 |
| Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development | 04/09/09 | Approved the Director of Development and Regeneration's staffing proposal in relation to the post of Clerk within Design Services. | Peter Cowen ☎ 5611729 |
| Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development | 04/09/09 | Approved the Office of the Chief Executive's staffing proposal in relation to the post of PA. | Peter Cowen ☎ 5611729 |

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| Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development | 04/09/09 | Approved the Director of Development and Regeneration's staffing proposal to extend a fixed term post of Technician within the Landscape and Reclamation Team. | Peter Cowen ☎ 5611729 |
| Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development | 04/09/09 | Approved the Office of the Chief Executive's staffing proposal to establish a fixed term post of Communications Assistant for a University placement within the Corporate Communications Team. | Peter Cowen ☎ 5611729 |
| Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development | 11/09/09 | Approved the Director of Development and Regeneration's staffing proposal to create and extend posts within Property Services. | Peter Cowen ☎ 5611729 |
| Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development | 11/09/09 | Approved the Office of the Chief Executive's staffing proposal to establish the post of Investigation Officer within the Audit and Procurement Section. | Peter Cowen ☎ 5611729 |
| Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development | 11/09/09 | Approved the Development and Regeneration's staffing proposal to extend the post of Year Out Valuation Student. | Peter Cowen ☎ 5611729 |
| Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development | 02/10/09 | Approved the Executive Director of Children's Services' staffing proposal to establish a post of Project Development Officer within Standards. | Peter Cowen ☎ 5611729 |
| Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development | 02/10/09 | Approved the Director of Development and Regeneration's staffing proposal to create a post of Caretaker/Handyperson and delimit a vacant post of Senior Technician within Property Services. | Peter Cowen ☎ 5611729 |

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| Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development | 02/10/09 | Approved the Director of Children's Services' staffing proposal within the School Improvement Service Administration Team. | Peter Cowen ☎ 5611729 |
| Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development | 07/10/09 | Approved the proposal to redesignate the post of PA Co-ordinator from Development and Regeneration to PA to the Coroner within City Services. | Peter Cowen ☎ 5611729 |

Information Items and Reports Available for Inspection in Members' Services

| Chief Officer | Date | Report | Contact Point |
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| Director of Financial Resources | 31/08/09 | Performance and Information Report for the period 1 st April, 2009 to 31 st August, 2009. | Keith Beardmore ☎ 5611802 |