

MEMBERS' MONTHLY DIGEST

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A BRIEFING FOR CITY COUNCILLORS

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Decisions made under Delegated Powers

Ward	Date	Decision	Contact Point	Chief Officer
All Wards	12.01.12	Agreed to award contracts for the Health Champion Training Courses as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Level 1: Tobacco Brief Intervention Training (non accredited) NECA (North East Council on Addictions)- Level 2: Understanding Health Improvement (accredited) – Health Works Newcastle- Level 2: Brief Intervention Alcohol Training (accredited and non-accredited) – NECA Promoting Emotional Health and Resilience Training (non-accredited) – Washington MIND.	Julie D Gray (561 7574	Executive Director City Services

20.01.12	Approved variation of contract terms relating to the responsibility for providing on site care and support within three Extra Care Schemes, Beckwith Mews, Woodridge Gardens, Bramble Hollow owned and managed by Housing 21.	Graham King (566 2690	Director of Health Housing and Adult Services
20.01.12	Approved to furnish and fit out apartments 1, 3 and 4 Cherry Tree Gardens which are in the ownership of Sunderland City Council for the purposes of providing accommodation for Reablement Services.	Graham King (566 2690	Director of Health Housing and Adult Services
24.01.12	To appoint short-term external support services in preparation for the forthcoming Safeguarding Announced Inspection, following feedback from the Unannounced Safeguarding Inspection (October 2011) and the Local Government information Unit (LGiU) Peer Review (December 2011).	Keith Moore (561 1355	Executive Director of Children's Services
27.01.12	Awarded the reactive repair and annual servicing contract for electrical, refrigeration and combination catering equipment in School Meals consortium to Upnorth Group for a period of 2 years commencing 1 April 2012 – 31 March 2014.	Julie Gray (561 7574	Executive Director City Services

27.01.12	<p>Awarded the contract for the supply of 20 specialist grass cutting and horticultural machines to the following suppliers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brian Robinson (Pedestrian Controlled Mowers and Compact Utility Tractor) - Carrs Billington (Twin Axle Braked Goods Trailer, Free Standing Wood Chipper, Tracked Free Standing Wood Chipper and Tractor Rear Mounted Rotary Mower) - Greenlay (Ride on Front Mounted Mower, Mid Mounted Compact Tractor, Wheeled Loader Backhoe) <p>Rickerby (3 Unit Self Propelled Hydraulic Cylinder Mower).</p>	Les Clark (561 4501)	Executive Director City Services
02.02.12	<p>Approved to include an option to extend clause to the First Tier (Casework) Welfare Rights Service Specification to be procured.</p>	Neil Revely (566 1880)	Director of Health Housing and Adult Services
06.02.12	<p>Approved award of contract to Service 2000 Ltd for repair of appliances in HHAS led establishments.</p>	Neil Revely (566 1880)	Director of Health Housing and Adult Services
09.02.12	<p>Agreed to appoint Big TV as a specialist provider of large screens for a number of events taking place in 2012.</p>	Chris Alexander (561 8420)	Executive Director City Services

Coalfield

Copt Hill Houghton	15.02.12	Approved the resurfacing of carriageway and upgrade of signage at the A690 Durham Road – Houghton Cut.	James Newell (561 7526	Executive Director City Services
Copt Hill	23.01.12	Approved the recommendation of the Planning and Highways Committee not to uphold objection to the making of a Traffic Regulation Order for the proposed waiting restriction on ('Old') Durham Road, Houghton-le-Spring.	James Newell (561 1607	Executive Director City Services
Copt Hill	30.01.12	Granted 12 month rent free period at 27-29 Queensway, Houghton. Granted 12 month rent free period on new letting at 27-29 Queensway, Sunderland.	Sarah Wayman (561 2699	Deputy Chief Executive
Copt Hill	03.02.12	Agreed to lease renewal of 25 Queensway to Mr. Williams for a term of 5 years. Statutory right to renew lease under Landlord and Tenant Act 1954.	Nick Wood (561 2631	Deputy Chief Executive
Hetton	23.01.12	Agreed to annual Grazing Licence in respect of 1.45h of land at Lyons Avenue, Hetton-le-Hole. Following request received from Amanda Gibson and George Brown.	Nick Wood (561 2631	Deputy Chief Executive
Houghton	11.01.12	Appointed consultants to advise on proposed blasting at Houghton Quarry to ensure that the works are necessary to make the quarry wall safe. W.A. Fairhurst & Partners were appointed in July 2011 to assist the Council in	Mike Mattok (561 1552	Deputy Chief Executive

		deciding whether a request to Biffa to allow them to use explosives to blast at Houghton Quarry is the best or most appropriate method of making the quarry safe.		
Houghton	23.01.12	Approved the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders on North Row (North West Back), Fairbairn Drive and the unnamed road linking North Row (North West Back) and Fairbairn Drive, Newbottle, Sunderland.	James Newell (561 1607	Executive Director City Services
Houghton	03.02.12	Agreed to transfer to Christopher George Barrass and Julie Ann Foster, 93m ² or thereabouts of land to the rear of School House, Houghton Road, Newbottle, Houghton-le-Spring. Following request received.	Nick Wood (561 2631	Deputy Chief Executive
Houghton	10.02.12	To rescind the original delegated decision (number 454) which approved the proposal to progress the making permanent the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) prohibiting waiting at any time; introduction of One Way traffic on Fairbairn Drive/North Row (North West Back)/ un-named road linking Fairbairn Drive and North Row (North West Back) – Newbottle.	James Newell (561 1607	Executive Director City Services
Shiney Row	02.02.12	Issued a Final Certificate of Adoption confirming the satisfactory completion of highway works associated with Phase 1 of a residential development on the site of the former Flighters Public House Kitchener Terrace.	James Newell (561 1607	Executive Director City Services

Shiney Row	03.02.12	Agreed to lease renewal of 36 Avondale Avenue to Mrs. Robinson for a term of 5 years. Statutory right to renew lease under Landlord and Tenant Act 1954.	Nick Wood (561 2631	Deputy Chief Executive
Sunderland East				
Doxford Hendon Ryhope St Michaels	19.01.12	Approved the recommendation of the Planning and Highways Committee on 20 September 2011 not to uphold objections to the making of a Traffic Regulation Order prohibiting Stopping on School Keep Clear Markings between the times 8am – 5pm Monday to Friday outside various schools in South Sunderland.	James Newell (561 1607	Executive Director City Services
Doxford	23.01.12	Agreed to grant a long lease to Durham Diocesan Board of Education the open space and playing field area at Benedict Biscop Primary School, Moorside Drive, Sunderland. To regularize ownership of all within the boundary of the school in accordance with legislation Schools Framework Act 1998.	Nick Wood (561 2631	Deputy Chief Executive
Doxford	26.01.12	Agreed to transfer freehold of Benedict Biscop Nursery School to Durham Diocesan Board of Education. In accordance with the Statutory Provisions of the School Framework Act 1998.	Nick Wood (561 2631	Deputy Chief Executive

Doxford	26.01.12	Agreed to the granting of a long lease to Benedict Biscop Academy of the open space and playing field area at Benedict Biscop Primary School, Moorside. In accordance with the Statutory Provisions of the Academies Act 2010.	Nick Wood (561 2631	Deputy Chief Executive
Doxford	03.02.12	Agreed to the assignment of sub-lease at 7 Camberwell Way from Business Design (Europe) Ltd to Business and Decision Ltd. Lease states that the consent of the Council, as landlord, cannot be unreasonably withheld.	Nick Wood (561 2631	Deputy Chief Executive
Doxford	06.02.12	Awarded contract for the installation of lighting and controls at Mill Hill Primary School to Low Energy Lighting Solutions. The work will reduce the electricity consumption at the school by approx. £4,130 per annum The cost of the works £ 19,484.95 and is funded by the Council's Salix Energy Management Fund.	Andrew Atkinson (561 2728	Deputy Chief Executive
Hendon	06.01.12	Agreed to let Unit 16 St. Thomas Street Office Centre, (4 St. Thomas Street Office Centre, Sunderland, SR1 1NW) in line with Council policy to John Wilkes, Cuthbert House, City Road, All Saints, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE1 2ET trading as Contact Centre Professional Ltd. Unit is currently vacant, this will be an additional office for a company already trading on site.	Nick Wood (561 2631	Deputy Chief Executive

Hendon	23.01.12	Agreed to let Suite 15 St. Thomas Street Office Centre, (4 St. Thomas Street Office Centre, Sunderland, SR1 1NW) in line with Council policy to Sarah Bradfield and Lance Oxley, 112 Sorley Street, Sunderland, SR4 7UY trading as S & L Costumes. Aim to employ up to 6 new staff members by the end of the second year trading, this is a second office for the company in St. Thomas Street Office Centre. Unit is currently vacant.	Nick Wood (561 2631)	Deputy Chief Executive
Hendon	03.02.12	Agreed to let Unit 14 Fish Quay to Paul Johnson. Satisfactory application for vacant unit.	Nick Wood (561 2631)	Deputy Chief Executive
Hendon	03.02.12	Agreed to let Unit 11B Stanfield Business Centre, Addison Street, Sunderland, SR2 8SZ in line with Council policy to Michael Rice, 79 Souter View, Whitburn, Sunderland trading as Renew. Unit is currently vacant.	Nick Wood (561 2631)	Deputy Chief Executive
Hendon	09.02.12	Appointed a consultant (Capita Symonds) to initially, (at no cost) complete an application to the Environment Agency (EA) seeking approval for funding for Hendon Burn Culvert Flood Risk Assessment study and, subject to receipt of EA approval and funding, undertake the study at an estimated cost of circa £21k.	David Laux (561 7525)	Executive Director City Services

Hendon	10.02.12	Agreed to new letting of Cabin 24 Fish Quay to Mr. Gordon Gair. Application for lease renewal.	Nick Wood (561 2631)	Deputy Chief Executive
Millfield	03.02.12	Agreed to renew SAFC Foundation's lease to the Former Ice Rink and associated rooms at Crowtree Leisure Centre. The lease is due to expire.	Nick Wood (561 2631)	Deputy Chief Executive
Millfield	06.02.12	Approved the introduction of 2 No designated parking bays for medical staff only in the Central car park.	Earl Belshaw (561 1575)	Executive Director City Services
Millfield	09.02.12	Appointed a consultant (Capita Symonds) to initially, (at no cost) complete an application to the Environment Agency (EA) seeking approval for funding for Deptford Culvert Flood Risk Assessment study and, subject to receipt of EA approval and funding, undertake the study at an estimated cost of circa £24k.	David Laux (561 7525)	Executive Director City Services
Millfield	16.01.12	Considered a petition from residents requesting the replacement of the closed Crowtree Leisure Centre sauna with an accessible facility. Petition declined as there is no Council funding available to provide this facility.	Julie Gray (561 1514)	Executive Director City Services

St Michaels	08.12.11	To approve the direct appointment of Northern Power Grid , without competition, to carry out electrical connections and disconnections at all Sunderland City Council premises and highway furniture installations.	Alan Elstob (561 1252)	Deputy Chief Executive
St Michaels	16.01.12	Procurement of bespoke flowerpot planters as part of the City Centre Tree Programme . Release 50% payment for 5 No. Streetlife Flowerpot Planters with anti-graffiti coating as part of the street scene improvements and from the City Centre Tree Programme budget.	Phil Dorian (561 8781)	Deputy Chief Executive
St Michaels	10.02.12	Agreed to a licence to the Council from the Homes and Communities Agency to attach art images to hoardings at Park Lane, Sunderland. Instructions received from City Services, Responsive Services – Street Scene Section.	Nick Wood (561 2631)	Deputy Chief Executive
St Michaels	10.02.12	Approved a number of pedestrian improvement schemes funded through the Tyne and Wear Integrated Transport Authority (TWITA) and agreed by an external partner Sustrans. Work to be carried out at the following locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A183 Chester Road - Queen Alexandra Road - B1291 Dene Road, Fulwell - Radlett Road, Hylton Castle. 	James Nwell (561 1607)	Executive Director City Services

Sunderland North

Fulwell Redhill	10.02.12	Approved a number of pedestrian improvement schemes funded through the Tyne and Wear Integrated Transport Authority (TWITA) and agreed by an external partner Sustrans. Work to be carried out at the following locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A183 Chester Road- Queen Alexandra Road- B1291 Dene Road, Fulwell- Radlett Road, Hylton Castle.	James Nwell (561 1607	Executive Director City Services
Castle	27.01.12	Agreed to award the tender for the demolition of the existing football/cricket changing pavilion and to construct a new football/cricket changing pavilion at the Billy Hardy Sports Complex, subject to successful funding applications for Sport England and Coalfield Regeneration Trust, to Brims Construction Ltd.	Julie Gray (561 7574	Executive Director City Services
Castle	03.02.12	Agreed to lease renewal of 51/53 Blackwood Road, Town End Farm to Sunderland North Community Business Centre for a term of 5 years. Statutory right to renew lease under Landlord and Tenant Act 1954.	Nick Wood (561 2631	Deputy Chief Executive

Castle	03.02.12	Agreed to lease renewal of 37 Blackwood Road, Town End Farm to Mrs. Bartoszowski for a term of 5 years. Statutory right to renew lease under Landlord and Tenant Act 1954.	Nick Wood (561 2631	Deputy Chief Executive
Fulwell	06.01.12	Agreed the use of a supplier to provide additional bespoke seating as part of the Seaburn public realm improvements. Approved the use of the supplier Logic to provide additional bespoke seating as part of the Seaburn public realm improvement scheme. The cost of the seating including delivery is £27,505 which can be met from the Economic Masterplan Development Fund.	Claire Jones (561 2439	Deputy Chief Executive
Fulwell	16.01.12	Awarded contract for the installation of lighting and controls at Fulwell Community Resource Centre to Low Energy Lighting Solutions. The cost of the works is £33,856 and is funded by the Council's Salix energy management fund.	Andrew Atkinson (561 2728	Deputy Chief Executive
Fulwell	23.01.12	Agreed to circus event at Seaburn Fun Fair site, between 10 th February and 19 th February 2012 setting up from 29 th January. Request received from Circus Vegas.	Nick Wood (561 2631	Deputy Chief Executive
Redhill	03.02.12	Agreed to lease renewal of 6-7 Woolwich Close for a term of 5 years to Mr. Lee. Statutory right to renew lease under Landlord and Tenant Act 1954.	Nick Wood (561 2631	Deputy Chief Executive

Redhill	10.02.12	Agreed to let West Lodge, Rosyth Road, Redhouse to Mr. Derek Thompson (former caretaker). Executive Director of City Services has no objections. Property will remain occupied and be less susceptible to vandalism. Income for Council.	Nick Wood (561 2631)	Deputy Chief Executive
Southwick	23.01.12	Agreed to let Unit 10 Southwick Business Centre, Riverside Road, in line with Council policy to Trevor Donkin, 61 Beadnell Drive, East Shore Village, trading as Northern Remedials. Unit is currently vacant.	Nick Wood (561 2631)	Deputy Chief Executive
Southwick	30.01.12	<u>Appointed a specialist surveying company to carry out a dimensional survey of the Aquatic Centre roof.</u> Appointed Charcon Mapline, to carry out an urgent survey of the Aquatic Centre roof in order to monitoring the deflection of the roof structure.	Brian Hollis (561 2677)	Deputy Chief Executive
Southwick	03.02.12	Agreed to let Unit 2 Southwick Business Centre, Riverside Road in line with Council policy to David Philip Bell, 76 Waskerley Road, Barmston, Washington trading as House to Elvis. Unit is currently vacant.	Nick Wood (561 2631)	Deputy Chief Executive

St Peters	07.02.12	Awarded contract for the installation of a new heating and hot water system at Fulwell Community Resource Centre to City Services. The cost of the works is £129,774.72 and is funded by the Council's Salix Energy management Fund.	Andrew Atkinson (561 2728)	Deputy Chief Executive
Sunderland West				
All	19.01.12	Approved the recommendation of the Planning and Highways Committee on 20 September 2011 not to uphold objections to the making of a Traffic Regulation Order prohibiting Stopping on School Keep Clear Markings between the times 8am – 5pm Monday to Friday outside various schools in South Sunderland.	James Newell (561 1607)	Executive Director City Services
Barnes Pallion	10.02.12	Approved a number of pedestrian improvement schemes funded through the Tyne and Wear Integrated Transport Authority (TWITA) and agreed by an external partner Sustrans. Work to be carried out at the following locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A183 Chester Road - Queen Alexandra Road - B1291 Dene Road, Fulwell - Radlett Road, Hylton Castle. 	James Newell (561 1607)	Executive Director City Services

Barnes	20.01.12	Issued a Final Certificate of Adoption confirming the satisfactory completion of works associated with the new Lidl store at the junction of Durham Road and Springwell Road, Sunderland.	James Newell (561 1607	Executive Director City Services
Barnes	20.01.12	Approved the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order to prohibit waiting and to shorten the length of the existing parking bay on Durham Road, Sunderland subject to statutory legal processes.	James Newell (561 1607	Executive Director City Services
Barnes	10.02.12	Approved not to uphold the formal objections received to the Traffic Calming and associated 20 MPH Speed Limit Zone in certain streets around Barnes Junior and Infant School and progress the introduction of the scheme.	James Newell (561 1607	Executive Director City Services
St Anne's	03.02.12	Agreed to let Unit 25 Southwick Business Centre, Portsmouth Road, Pennywell, Sunderland in line with Council policy to Mr. D. Knox 31 Farnham Terrace, High Barnes, Sunderland, SR4 7SB. Trading as E-Questrian. Unit is currently vacant.	Nick Wood (561 2631	Deputy Chief Executive
St Anne's	10.02.12	Agreed to let Unit 18 Southwick Business Centre, Riverside Road in line with Council policy to Peter Curtis of 92 Coniston Avenue trading as N.E. Sport Community Interest Company. Unit is currently vacant.	Nick Wood (561 2631	Deputy Chief Executive

Washington

Washington East	12.01.12	Approved the construction of new highway and authorised the entering into of an agreement under Section 38 of the Highways Act 1980 and the subsequent adoption of highways. The works comprise the construction of a new mixed residential and commercial development on land to the South of Pattinson Road, to be accessed from the existing Pattinson Road/ Barmston Road roundabout (subject to improvement under separate Section 278 agreement).	James Newell (561 1607)	Executive Director City Services
Washington Central	10.02.12	Approved the improvement of the road alignment, resurfacing of carriageway and upgrading of drainage at the A195 Northumberland Way, A182 Washington Highway southern on-slip.	James Newell (561 1607)	Executive Director City Services
Washington North	03.02.12	Agreed to rent review at Garage 7g Glendale Avenue, Concord. As required by Tenancy Agreement.	Nick Wood (561 2631)	Deputy Chief Executive
Washington North	03.02.12	Agreed to rent review at Garage 6g Glendale Avenue, Concord. As required by Tenancy Agreement.	Nick Wood (561 2631)	Deputy Chief Executive
Washington North	03.02.12	Agreed to rent review at Garage 5g Glendale Avenue, Concord. As required by Tenancy Agreement.	Nick Wood (561 2631)	Deputy Chief Executive

Washington West	20.01.12	Approved alterations to existing highways/ construction of new highway. Authorised the entering into of an agreement under Sections 38 and 278 of the Highways Act 1980 and the subsequent adoption of highways required as part of a new residential development (Springwell Mews) on land bounded by Springwell Road and Windsor Road, Springwell Village.	James Newell (561 1607	Executive Director City Services
Washington West	03.02.12	Agreed to Wayleave Agreement to Northern Gas Networks to lay gas apparatus in land at Rushyrigg, Blackfell. To provide gas supply to 150 Rushyrigg, Blackfell.	Nick Wood (561 2631	Deputy Chief Executive
Washington West	03.02.12	Approved a 20 mph School Safety Zone and Bus Link Removal Scheme at Knoulberry Road and Knoulberry, Blackfell, Washington.	James Newell (561 1607	Executive Director City Services
Wards Not Affected				
	07.12.11	Agree to seek approval to increase Court Costs for applications for Liability Orders for unpaid Council Tax and Business Rates.		Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services
	04.01.12	To agree a variation to the contract for banking services for a period of 3 months from 01/01/2012 until 31/3/2012.	Denis Napier (561 1841	Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services

06.01.12	Approval is required to award a contract to the Royal Bank of Scotland (the Council's current contractor) for the provision of banking services to the Council for a period of 60 months, to commence from 1 st April 2012, with options to extend for a further 2 x 12 months.	Sonia Tognarelli (561 1805	Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services
13.01.12	Agreed to extend the current contractual arrangements with Acuity Programme Management, who are currently providing specialist project and programme management for the SSTC New Wear Crossing, from January 2012 – April 2012.	Stephen Pickering (561 7572	Executive Director City Services
18.01.12	Agreed to waive Procurement Procedure Rules in terms of the appointment of a specialist provider, Cenex, to undertake a study to provide fleet carbon reduction services.	Les Clark (561 4501	Executive Director City Services
25.01.12	Agreed to employ Axon under the SAP Framework Agreement to provide consultancy services to enable the Council to support academies and external organisations in SAP.	Sonia Tognarelli (561 1805	Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services
02.02.12	To award a print services contract for the production of Council Tax Booklets, Direct Debit Forms and Information Flyers to the supplier DSI.	Fiona Brown (561 1811	Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services

14.02.12 Approved the appointment of Halcrow to assist with the network design for the Bus Strategy Delivery Project.

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