

# 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*

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Contact Point</b>	<b>Chief Officer</b>
All Wards				
Coalfield				
Houghton	14.10.11	Agreed to grant Lear a licence for alterations to undertake pre-agreed works at Unit 11 Mercantile Road. The proposed alterations are required by the tenant in order to make the property operational.	Nick Wood ( 561 2631	Deputy Chief Executive
Houghton	24.10.11	Agreed to a lease of the Wellness Centre from South of Tyne Primary Care Trust at Houghton Sports Complex on a term of 50 years. Agreement for the lease was agreed by Cabinet on 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2010 with lease terms to be finalised by the Head of Land and Property.	Nick Wood ( 561 2631	Deputy Chief Executive

## Sunderland East

Hendon	05.10.11	Approved the alterations to the existing highways/ construction of new highway. Authorised the entering into of an agreement under Section 278 of the Highways Act 1980 and the subsequent adoption of highway improvement works required to serve a new office development on land to the west of Whitehouse Road (site of the former Wear View Social Club).	James Newell ( 561 1607	Executive Director City Services
Hendon	14.10.11	Agreed to let 2 St. Ignatius Close and 9 St. Ignatius Close to Augustina Pemu. Property vacant and to let. Mrs. Pemu won the tender.	Nick Wood ( 561 2631	Deputy Chief Executive
Hendon	14.10.11	Agreed to let Unit 35 Stanfield Business Centre, Addison Street, Hendon, Sunderland SR2 8SZ in line with Council policy to Mrs. Linda and Miss Leah Dixon of 53 Ambleside Avenue, Seaham, Co. Durham. SR7 0HY trading as Badger Cards. Unit is currently vacant.	Nick Wood ( 561 2631	Deputy Chief Executive
Millfield	29.09.11	Agreed to temporarily site children's fairground rides in High Street West from 17 November to 31 December 2011 subject to satisfactory consultation.	James Newell ( 561 1607	Executive Director City Services
	05.10.11	Agreed to grant a licence under Section 177 of the Highways Act 1980 to construct a canopy over the highway at The Bridges, High Street West, Sunderland.	David Laux ( 561 7526	Executive Director City Services

Millfield	24.10.11	Agreed to enter into a sewer diversion agreement with Northumbrian Water for sewers at West Street. Sewer diversion works are required to accommodate building works for the new Primark Development.	Nick Wood ( 561 2631)	Deputy Chief Executive
Millfield	24.10.11	Agreed to issue consent for alterations for the Bridges Shopping Centre to accommodate a new Primark Store. Consent not to be unreasonably withheld.	Nick Wood ( 561 2631)	Deputy Chief Executive
Millfield	24.10.11	Agreed to the transfer of 0.73 hectares or thereabouts of land at University Park, Chester Road, Sunderland. Request received from University of Sunderland.	Nick Wood ( 561 2631)	Deputy Chief Executive
Millfield	01.11.11	Agreed not to uphold objections to the making of a Traffic Regulation Order for the proposed Hospital Area Parking Management Scheme and to authorise the Head of Law and Governance to seal the Order.	James Newell ( 561 1607)	Executive Director City Services
St Michaels	10.10.11	Agreed the procurement of Big TV to provide equipment to be used at the Sunderland Illuminations Switch On on 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2011.	Zoe Channing ( 561 8459)	Executive Director City Services
St Michaels	19.10.11	<a href="#"><u>Appointed Consultant Graham E. Snowdon at an estimated cost of £700.00 to advise on the justification for enforcement action to be commenced regarding development at 1 Longridge</u></a>	Mike Mattok ( 561 1552)	Deputy Chief Executive

		<p><a href="#">Square, Sunderland. SR2 9HJ.</a> The occupants of 1 Longridge Square consulted the Council as Local Planning Authority as to whether a proposed extension to their property was permitted development.</p>		
<b>Sunderland North</b>				
St Peter's	07.10.11	Surrender lease of 1 Williamson Terrace, Monkwearmouth. The occupying department (Children's Services) has said the property is surplus to their requirements and no longer has a need for it.	Nick Wood ( 561 2631	Deputy Chief Executive
St Peter's	16.09.11	<a href="#">Agreed the appointment of a consultant to inspect the groundwater in St. Peter's Church grounds.</a> Approved the procurement of a consultant to undertake initial groundwater inspection of St. Peter's Church grounds at a cost of £400 which can be met from the St. Peter's public realm budget.	Claire Jones ( 561 2439	Deputy Chief Executive
Southwick	11.10.11	<a href="#">Appointed consultants to assist in the examination of the retail impact of a retail food store at the Jennings Site on Riverside Road, Southwick.</a> Appointed Roger Tym & Partners at the fee of £11,834.53 plus VAT and to assist the Council in rebutting an objection to the Sainsbury application at Riverside Road from a prospective developer of the Holmeside Triangle and a "health check" update on City Centre retailing.	Mike Mattok ( 561 1552	Deputy Chief Executive

## Sunderland West

Barnes	14.10.11	Agreed to lease renewal at 179/181 Durham Road. Statutory right to renew.	Nick Wood ( 561 2631)	Deputy Chief Executive
Barnes and Pallion	01.11.11	Agreed not to uphold objections to the making of a Traffic Regulation Order for the proposed Hospital Area Parking Management Scheme and to authorise the Head of Law and Governance to seal the Order.	James Newell ( 561 1607)	Executive Director City Services

## Washington

All Washington	14.10.11	Approved bus link improvement schemes in Washington subject to a positive response to the publication of proposals. The schemes involve replacing the existing Traffic Regulation Order that prohibits motor vehicles except buses with a similar Traffic Regulation Order that creates a route for buses and pedal cycles only. New signs and modifications to the exiting Traffic Regulation Order will enhance conspicuity and enforcement. The effect of the works is to increase the visual impact of the bus link and promote self enforcement. The estimated costs for the nine bus link schemes is £25.000 to be funded from the Public Transport element of the Local Transport Plan Grant 2011/12.	Adam Clelland ( 561 5032)	Executive Director City Services
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All Washington	14.10.11	Approved 20 mph School Safety Zone and Bus Link Removal Scheme, Knoulberry Road and Knoulberry, Blackfell, Washington subject to positive response to the publication of proposals. The scheme is estimated to cost £16.000 to be funded from the Washington Road Safety Measures SIP Budget.	Adam Celland ( 561 5032)	Executive Director City Services
Washington Central	07.10.11	Agreed to a lease renewal of Unit 1 and Unit 2 Biddick Village Centre to create one new lease. Lease renewal due.	Nick Wood ( 561 2631)	Deputy Chief Executive
Washington South	05.10.11	Approved a bus link removal scheme, Dunlin Drive, Ayton, Washington subject to a positive response to the publication of the proposals.	James Newell ( 561 1607)	Executive Director City Services
Washington West	07.10.11	Agreed to the sale of the Council's Freehold Reversionary Interest in 8 Shield Close, Hawthorne Park, Washington. NE37 1LQ. Request received from leaseholders, James Flanagan and Sylvia Louise Hanratty.	Nick Wood ( 561 2631)	Deputy Chief Executive
Washington West	24.10.11	Agreed to the sale of the Council's freehold interest in 30 Craggyknowe, Blackfell. Request received from the leaseholder, Ms. Anne Cairns.	Nick Wood ( 561 2631)	Deputy Chief Executive
<b>Wards Not Affected</b>				
	28.09.11	<a href="#">Appointment of Voice Products to supply and install specialist electronic equipment to support</a>	Alan Elstob ( 561 1252)	Deputy Chief Executive

	<p><a href="#">Coroner's Courtroom procedures</a>. Exception to the Procurement Procedure Rules by involving rule 5.4(d). The works are valued at £24,424.</p>		
29.09.11	<p>Agreed to hire three gritting vehicles from Admec and Go Plant for the winter maintenance period 2011/2012.</p>	<p>Les Clark ( 561 4501)</p>	<p>Executive Director City Services</p>
29.09.11	<p>Awarded a contract to Civica for the supply of a Transport Management System and possible additional software modules including four years annual licensing and support.</p>	<p>Ian Bell ( 561 4531)</p>	<p>Executive Director City Services</p>
30.09.11	<p>Agreed to award a contract to Optevia Limited and Microsoft (via the preferred reseller) Optevia's Partner in relation to delivering the Service Delivery Management System.</p>	<p>Liz St Louis ( 561 4902)</p>	<p>Executive Director City Services</p>
11.10.11	<p>To commission a playwright to write an original script to be performed by the Remix Drama Group.</p>	<p>Zoe Channing ( 561 8459)</p>	<p>Executive Director City Services</p>
13.10.11	<p>Agreed to accept a tender from Sherwood Commercials for the replacement of three specialist gritting vehicles.</p>	<p>Les Clark ( 561 4501)</p>	<p>Executive Director City Services</p>
13.10.11	<p>Agreed to accept tenders for the replacement of 17 specialist cleansing vehicles for 3 years as follows: Small and Medium Sweepers Hako, Large Sweepers – Londonderry Garage.</p>	<p>Les Clark ( 561 4501)</p>	<p>Executive Director City Services</p>

14.10.11	Approved the variation of the current control of free off-street parking places order and the creation of a new electric vehicle recharging parking bays in order to facilitate the installation of 12 electric vehicle recharging points at various locations within the city boundary. Subject to satisfactory consultations, the Head of Law and Governance is authorised to take all necessary action with respect to the above.	Earl Belshaw ( 561 1575	Executive Director City Services
15.10.11	Approved a variation to the contract with Jacobs for highway design for the SSTC.	David Abdy ( 561 1612	Executive Director City Services
21.10.11	<a href="#"><u>Pay an invoice from LABC Northern relating to the LABC Northern Regional event that took place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at the Hilton Hotel Newcastle-Gateshead for the amount of £14,706.95 for which Sunderland City Council were acting as Treasurer.</u></a> All money has been collected and has been held in a holding account waiting to be paid.	Pat Buckle ( 561 2571	Deputy Chief Executive
21.10.11	Agreed a financial claim from the Landlord of an industrial unit, previously leased to the Council in respect of undertaking dilapidation works at the end of the lease term. <a href="#"><u>Agreed a financial claim in the sum of £186,000 from the Landlord of 23 Bentall Business Park (W2-2B Bentall Business Park), which had been leased to</u></a>	Brian Hollis ( 561 2677	Deputy Chief Executive

	<p><a href="#"><u>the Council, and in respect of undertaking dilapidation works at the end of the lease term.</u></a></p>		
21.10.11	<p>Agreed to commission Sealane Inshore Ltd. (SI) to carry out urgent work to fill a highly unstable void in the north wall of the Old North Pier.</p>	<p>David Laux ( 561 7526</p>	<p>Executive Director City Services</p>
23.10.11	<p>Approved alterations to existing highways/ construction of new highway. Authorised entering into an agreement under section 278 of the Highways Act 1980 and the subsequent adoption of highway improvement works required to serve a new retail development on land to the west of Westerhope Road, Washington (former public car park at the North of Barmston Medical Centre).</p>	<p>James Newell ( 561 1607</p>	<p>Executive Director City Services</p>
26.10.11	<p>Agreed to appoint a Photography Leader for Remix – Arts Centre Washington’s weekly youth arts project.</p>	<p>Chris Alexander ( 561 8420</p>	<p>Executive Director City Services</p>