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Council Members are asked to consider the under mentioned Motions:-

(i) Notice of Motion – Combined Authority

Recognising the importance of a combined authority to the future of a city deal and consequent development of the Vaux site, this council urges Durham, Northumberland and Tyne and Wear local authorities to agree to speak with one voice by including representatives of all major political parties and business leaders in any proposed combined authority.

Councillor R. Oliver
Councillor P. Wood
Councillor G.E. Howe
Councillor R. Francis
Councillor J.S. Wiper

(ii) Notice of Motion – Transforming Rehabilitation – Probation Services not for sale

This Council notes the Coalition Government plans to privatise the majority of probation services including handing community supervision of 200,000 serious and violent offenders over to private companies.

This Council believes that:

- Fragmenting offender management will increase the risk of harm to the public
- Cooperative partnership arrangements for managing the most active offenders will flounder leading to a substantial risk of an increase in crime in the city
- There has not been adequate scrutiny of the proposed plans
- Payment by Results of probation services is an unproven model which at best has a massive potential for unforeseen negative consequences
- Criminal Justice is not for profit

Therefore this Council resolves to oppose the privatisation of probation services.

Councillor P. Watson
Councillor M. Speding
Councillor P. Smith
Councillor H. Trueman
Councillor J. Blackburn