

**Notes of the Joint Meeting of the Elected Mayors Listening Event and
Community Conversation
St Mary's Ward
23 March 2015**

Present: Elected Mayor Norma Redfearn, Cllr Lesley Spillard, Cllr John Harrison, Cllr Bruce Pickard, Cllr Ray Glindon, Cllr Frank Lott, Cllr Eddie Darke, Cllr Ian Grayson, Cllr John Stirling, Cllr Ed Hodson, Cllr Pam McIntyre, Stephen Corkin, Laura Hay, Bev Oakley, and 37 Residents. Partners: Age UK, Care & Connect, Northumbria Police, Warmzone,

Apologies: Cllr Carole Burdis , Cllr Judith Wallace.

Introduction

Cllr Lesley Spillard welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Following housekeeping information for attendees the Cabinet Members and Ward Councillors introduced themselves and provided background information in relation to their various roles.

The Elected Mayor welcomed everyone the meeting and explained how residents could contact her office or the Cabinet Members.

The Elected Mayor responded to a number of questions which had been presented to her advance of the meeting. The Elected Mayor then provided an opportunity for those in attendance to ask a range of questions which were discussed and responded to by the Elected Mayor and Cabinet Members. The issues included:

- Traffic Signals
- Dog fouling
- Tourism
- Land issues
- Highways
- Police
- Parking
- Young peoples involvement in democracy
- Shelters on prom
- Planting of bulbs

Following discussion about the issues raised the Elected Mayor and Cabinet agreed to take to look at some of the issues further and provide responses directly to the residents concerned.

Cabinet Member Cllr Lesley Spillard closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.