

**COUNCIL 09 MARCH 2011**

**1 Local Transport – Nipper Bus Service**

- 1.1 A trial service has been operated by WATbus on Tuesday and Friday each week since October with financial support from the Town Council and Northumberland County Council.
- 1.2 By the end of February the Nipper Service had carried 1,249 passengers averaging 34 per day and has been well received by the members of the scheme.
- 1.3 The NCC Transport Manager has confirmed funding for the service to operate for the year from April and the contribution required from the Town Council is £2,431. This is within the budget set for next year although some costs will be incurred in printing passes and application forms.

**RECOMMENDED that the Town Council approve the expenditure and administration of the Nipper scheme for 2011/12.**