

**ANNUAL COUNCIL**

15th May, 2008

**PRESENT** – The Mayor; Councillors Baldwin, Barker, G. Cartwright, M. Cartwright, Chapman, Copeland, Davies, Dixon, Dunstone, Francis, Galletley, Harker, Hartley, I. Haszeldine, L. Haszeldine, Hughes, Jenkinson, Johnson, B. Jones, Mrs. D. Jones, Lawton, Lee, Lewis, Lister, Long, D. A. Lyonette, J. M. Lyonette, Maddison, McEwan, Newall, Nicholson, Nutt, Regan, Richmond, Roberts, Robson, Ruck, A. J. Scott, Mrs. H. Scott, Stenson, Swainston, Thistlethwaite, Vasey, Walker, Wallis, Williams and York. (46)

**APOLOGIES** – Councillors Armstrong, Burton, Coultas, Freitag, S. Jones, Roberts and Thistlethwaite. (7)

**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS** - There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

**2. MAYOR** - Consideration was given to the election of a Mayor for the Municipal Year 2008/09.

**RESOLVED** - That Councillor Ian George Haszeldine be elected Mayor of the Borough of Darlington for the Municipal Year 2008/09.

Following her election, the Mayor, was invested with the Chain of Office and :-

- (i) made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office;
- (ii) signed the ‘Diamond Jubilee Record Book’;
- (iii) tendered his thanks to the Members of the Council for having elected her;
- (iv) announced his decision to support, during his term of Office, as many charitable causes in Darlington as possible during his Mayoral Year; and
- (v) announced that his Mayoress for the Mayoral Year would be Councillor Lynne Haszeldine.

**3. RETIRING MAYOR - VOTE OF THANKS** - A vote of thanks was proposed to the retiring Mayor and Escort.

**RESOLVED** - That the cordial thanks of the Council are due, and are hereby tendered, to Councillor Marian Swift and her Mayoress, Councillor Jenny Chapman, for the exemplary manner in which they have discharged the duties of the high office of Mayor and Escort of this Borough during the past Municipal Year.

In recognition of their services, the Mayor presented the retiring Mayor with a medallion and her Mayoress with a badge.

**4. DEPUTY MAYOR** - Consideration was given to the appointment of a Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2008/09.

**RESOLVED** - That Councillor Ruck be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Darlington for the Municipal Year 2008/09.

Following his appointment as Deputy Mayor, Councillor Ruck made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS** –There were no announcements made.

**6. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER** - Consideration was given to the appointment of a Leader for the Council for the Municipal Year 2008/09.

**RESOLVED** - That Councillor Williams be appointed Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2008/09.

**7. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER** - Consideration was given to the appointment of a Deputy Leader for the Council for the Municipal Year 2008/09.

**RESOLVED** - That Councillor Dixon be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2008/09.

**8. MEMBERSHIP OF CABINET, SCRUTINY COMMITTEES, STANDARDS COMMITTEE AND OTHER COMMITTEES/SUBSIDIARY BODIES 2008/09** - Submitted - A revised list (previously circulated) of the membership of the Cabinet and various Committees for the Municipal Year 2008/09 for approval.

**RESOLVED** – That the membership of the Cabinet, Scrutiny Committees, Standards Committee and other Committees and Subsidiary Bodies of the Council for the 2008/09 Municipal Year be as follows :-

**CABINET (9)** – Councillor Williams (Leader); Councillor Chapman, Councillor Copeland, Councillor Dixon (Deputy Leader), Councillor Harker, Councillor D. A. Lyonette, Councillor McEwan, Councillor A. J. Scott and Councillor Wallis.

**GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE (13)** – Councillor Dunstone, Councillor Hartley, Councillor Hughes, Councillor Mrs. Jones, Councillor Lawton, Councillor Lee, Councillor J. M. Lyonette, Councillor Newall, Councillor Nutt, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Stenson, Councillor Thistlethwaite and Councillor Vasey.

**LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMITTEE (13)** – Councillor Dunstone, Councillor Hartley, Councillor Hughes, Councillor Mrs. Jones, Councillor Lawton, Councillor Lee, Councillor J. M. Lyonette, Councillor Newall, Councillor Nutt, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Stenson, Councillor Thistlethwaite and Councillor Vasey.

**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE (3)** – Membership to be drawn from the membership of the Licensing Act 2003 Committee.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE (11)** – Councillor Baldwin, Councillor M. Cartwright, Councillor Freitag, Councillor Hartley, Councillor L. Haszeldine, Councillor Johnson, Councillor S. Jones, Councillor Lee, Councillor D. A. Lyonette, Councillor Regan, Councillor Robson, Councillor Stenson and Councillor Walker.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE (5)** - Membership to be drawn from the membership of the Planning Applications Committee.

**ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (11)** – Councillor Armstrong, Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Dunstone, Councillor Hartley, Councillor Jenkinson, Councillor Lewis, Councillor Long, Councillor Nicholson, Councillor Robson, Councillor Ruck and Councillor Walker.

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (11)** – Councillor Armstrong, Councillor Burton, Councillor Davies, Councillor Francis, Councillor Galletley, Councillor Hughes, Councillor Lawton, Councillor Lister, Councillor Long, Councillor Richmond and Councillor Thistlethwaite.

**VOTING CO-OPTED REPRESENTATIVES (5)** – Mr. M. Frank (Roman Catholic Church Representative), Canon Sheila Bamber (Church of England Representative), Mrs. V. Mitchell (Primary School Parent Governor Representative), Vacancy (Secondary School Parent Governor Representative) and Vacancy (Special School Parent Governor Representative).

**NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (12)** – Councillor Barker, Councillor L. Haszeldine, Councillor Jenkinson, Councillor B. Jones, Councillor Mrs. Jones, Councillor Lee, Councillor Lister, Councillor J. M. Lyonette, Councillor Maddison, Councillor Ruck, Councillor Swift and Councillor York.

**RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (11)** – The Mayor; Councillor Burton, Councillor Coultas, Councillor Francis, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Lewis, Councillor Maddison, Councillor Richmond, Councillor Swainston, Councillor Thistlethwaite and Councillor Walker.

**HEALTH AND WELL BEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (11)** – The Mayor; Councillor G. Cartwright, Councillor Davies, Councillor Freitag, Councillor Newall, Councillor Nutt, Councillor Regan, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Mrs. Scott, Councillor Swift and Councillor Vasey.

**HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE (12)** – The Mayor; Councillor Coultas, Councillor Dixon (Deputy Leader of the Council), Councillor Galletley, Councillor Harker, Councillor Johnson, Councillor McEwan (Cabinet Member with Children and Young People Portfolio), Councillor Mrs. Scott, Councillor Swainston, Councillor Wallis (Cabinet Member with the Sustainable Environment and Climate Change Portfolio), Councillor Walker (Vice-Chair of Resources Scrutiny Committee) and Councillor Williams (Leader of the Council).

**HUMAN RESOURCES CHIEF OFFICERS APPOINTMENTS PANEL (8)** – Membership to be drawn from the Human Resources Committee.

**HUMAN RESOURCES PANEL (SITTING AS AN APPOINTMENTS PANEL) (5)** – Membership to be drawn from the Human Resources Committee.

**HUMAN RESOURCES PANEL (SITTING AS JCC AND APPEALS COMMITTEE) (5)** – Membership to be drawn from the Human Resources Committee.

**APPRAISAL SUB-GROUP (5)** – Membership to be drawn from the Human Resources Committee.

**LA GOVERNORS APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (5)** – Councillor Armstrong, Councillor Hughes (Chair of Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee), Councillor Lawton, Councillor Long (Vice-Chair of Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee) and Councillor McEwan (Cabinet Member with the Children and Young People Portfolio).

**AUDIT COMMITTEE (3)** – Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Johnson and Councillor A. J. Scott.

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE (9)** - Councillor B. Jones, Councillor Lawton, Councillor Lewis, Councillor Maddison and Councillor Newall, Mr. M. Airey, Mr. M. Hill, Mr. F. Hayes, Parish Councillor Whitby.

**CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL (5)** – Councillors Armstrong, Hughes, L. Haszeldine, McEwan (Cabinet Member with the Children and Young People Portfolio), and Mrs. Scott.

**PUBLIC PROTECTION FORUM (8)** – Councillor Barker, Councillor Hartley (Vice-Chair of the General Licensing Committee), Councillor Mrs. Jones (Chair of the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Committee), Councillor Nicholson, Councillor Nutt (Chair of the General Licensing Committee), Councillor Swift and Councillor Wallis (Cabinet Member with the Sustainable Environment and Climate Change Portfolio).

**DARLINGTON ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM (9)** – Councillor G. Cartwright, Councillor Chapman (Cabinet Member with Communities and Engagement Portfolio), Councillor Dunstone (Vice-Chair of Economy and Environment Scrutiny Committee), Councillor Jenkinson, Councillor Maddison (Vice-Chair of the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Committee), Councillor Newall, Councillor Robson (Chair of the Economy and Environment Scrutiny Committee), Councillor Wallis (Cabinet Member with the Sustainable Environment and Climate Change Portfolio) and Councillor York.

**DARLINGTON PLANNING FORUM (6)** – Councillor Baldwin (Chair of the Planning Applications Committee), Councillor Freitag, Councillor Johnson, Councillor D. A. Lyonette (Cabinet Member with the Transport Portfolio), Councillor Robson (Chair of the Economy and Environment Scrutiny Committee) and Councillor Williams (Cabinet Member with the Economy Portfolio).

**DARLINGTON TRANSPORT FORUM (7)** – Councillor Coultas, Councillor Dunstone (Vice-Chair of Economy and Environment Scrutiny Committee), Councillor Long, Councillor D. A. Lyonette (Cabinet Member with the Transport Portfolio), Councillor Robson (Chair of the Economy and Environment Scrutiny Committee), Councillor Ruck and

Councillor Wallis (Cabinet Member with the Sustainable Environment and Climate Change Portfolio)

**TOWN CENTRE FORUM (9)** – Councillor Chapman (Cabinet Member with the Communities and Engagement Portfolio), Councillor Coultas, Councillor Hartley (Central Ward Member), Councillor Lawton, Councillor Long, Councillor Robson (Chair of the Economy and Environment Scrutiny Committee), Councillor Ruck, Councillor A. J. Scott (Cabinet Member with the Health and Leisure Portfolio), and Councillor Williams (Leader of the Council).

**TOWN CENTRE BOARD (3)** – Councillor D. A. Lyonette (Cabinet Member with the Transport Portfolio), Councillor Mrs. Scott and Councillor Williams (Leader of the Council).

**MONITORING AND CO-ORDINATION GROUP (5)** – Chairs of the 5 Scrutiny Committees.

**TEES VALLEY JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (3)** – Councillor Newall (Vice-Chair of the Health and Well Being Scrutiny Committee), Councillor Mrs. Scott (Member of the Health and Well Being Scrutiny Committee) and Councillor Swift (Chair of the Health and Well Being Scrutiny Committee).

**REASON** – To appoint the Cabinet and Council Committees for the 2008/09 Municipal Year.

**9. PROGRAMME OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2008/09 MUNICIPAL YEAR** - Submitted – A programme of ordinary meetings of the Council for the 2008/09 Municipal Year.

**RESOLVED** - That the programme of ordinary meetings be approved.

**10. REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES FOR THE 2008/09 MUNICIPAL YEAR** - The Director of Corporate Services submitted a report (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to this Council’s representation on other bodies for the 2008/09 Municipal Year, the appointment for which were the responsibility of Full Council.

**RESOLVED** - That the following, be appointed (or nominated) to represent this Council on the bodies specified for the Municipal Year 2008/09:-

<b>Name of Body or Organisation</b>	<b>Labour Group Representation</b>	<b>Conservative Group and Liberal Democrat Group Representation</b>
Association of Councillors		
(a) General Management Committee	Councillor Dixon	
(b) Northern Branch Committee	Councillor Dixon	
Association of North East Councils	Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member with Transport Portfolio and Councillor Haszeldine	Councillor Mrs. Scott (representing the five

<b>Name of Body or Organisation</b>	<b>Labour Group Representation</b>	<b>Conservative Group and Liberal Democrat Group Representation</b>
	(representing the five Tees Valley Authorities)	Tees Valley Authorities)
Association of North East Council's - Executive Committee	Cabinet Member with Economy Portfolio	
Combined Fire Authority	Cabinet Member with Sustainable Environment and Climate Portfolio and Member of Neighbour Services Scrutiny Committee (Councillor Maddison) (Councillors Jenkinson and Newall as respective named substitutes from the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Committee)	Councillors Mrs. Jones and B. Jones (Councillors Lee and York as respective named substitutes from the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Committee)
<b>Combined Fire Authority :-</b>		
Appeals Committee	Councillor Maddison (Member of Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Committee)	
Human Resources Committee	Councillor Maddison (Member of Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Committee)	
Standards Committee	Cabinet Member with Sustainable Environment and Climate Change Portfolio	
Performance Committee	Cabinet Member with Consumer and Environmental Services Portfolio	
Audit and Finance Committee	Councillor Maddison (Member of Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Committee)	
Local Government Association	Cabinet Member with Sustainable Environment and Climate Change Portfolio (Councillor Maddison - Member of Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Committee as named substitute)	
	Joint Consultative Committee	Cabinet Member with Sustainable Environment and Climate Change Portfolio
Cruse Bereavement Care and Resource Centre	Councillor McEwan	

<b>Name of Body or Organisation</b>	<b>Labour Group Representation</b>	<b>Conservative Group and Liberal Democrat Group Representation</b>
Darlington and District Town Twinning Association Management Committee	Councillors Hartley and Nutt	
Darlington and Durham Racial Equality Council	Councillor Hughes	Councillor Richmond
Darlington Citizen's Advice Bureau	Councillor Newall	Councillor Armstrong
Darlington Community Carnival Committee	Councillor Dixon	Councillor Ruck
Darlington Council for Voluntary Service – Executive Committee	Councillors Long and Mrs. Swift	Councillor Davies
Darlington Hospital (Radio Skerne) - Management Team	Councillor Jenkinson	
Darlington Young Men's Christian Association - Local Management Board	Councillors Hartley (Central Ward Member) and Regan	
Durham Police Authority	Deputy Leader of the Council	
Durham Rural Community Council		Councillor Swainston
Local Government Association	Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council	Leader of the Opposition
Local Government Association - Urban Commission	Councillor Hartley	
North East Assembly	Leader of the Council and Councillor Hughes	Leader of the Opposition (appointed by NEA as minority group representative)
North East Community Forests	Councillor D. A. Lyonette	
North East Fire and Rescue Regional Management Board	Cabinet Member with Sustainable Environment and Climate Change Portfolio (Councillor Maddison – Member of Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Committee as named substitute) (Council's representatives)	

Name of Body or Organisation	Labour Group Representation	Conservative Group and Liberal Democrat Group Representation
	on the Combined Fire Authority)	
Police Community Consultation Group	Councillors Burton, Copeland and Nutt	Councillor Stenson
Poor Moor Charity	Councillor McEwan	
Sadberge Village Hall Association – Management Committee		Councillor B. Jones (Sadberge and Whessoe Ward Member)
Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)	Cabinet Member with Children and Young People Portfolio and Chair of Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Davies
Willow Road Community Centre – Management Committee	Councillor Mrs. Swift (Pierremont Ward Member)	

**REASON** – The recommendation is supported to comply with the nominations received from the Political Groups.