

ANNUAL COUNCIL

16th May 2013

PRESENT – The Mayor; Councillors Carson, Cartwright, Copeland, Cossins, Coultas, Crudass, Crumbie, Curry, Donoghue, Francis, Galletley, Grundy, Harker, Harman, I. Haszeldine, C. L. B. Hughes, L. Hughes, Hutchinson, Johnson, B. Jones, Mrs. D. Jones, Kelley, Knowles, Landers, Lawton, Lee, Lewis, Lister, Long, D. A. Lyonette, Macnab, McEwan, Newall, Nutt, Regan, E. A. Richmond, S. Richmond, A. J. Scott, Mrs. H. Scott, Stenson, Swainston, C. Taylor, J. Taylor, Thistlethwaite, J. Vasey, L. Vasey, Wallis and York. (49)

APOLOGIES – Councillors Dixon, L. Haszeldine, J. M. Lyonette and Wright. (4)

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - 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 2013/14.

RESOLVED - That Councillor Charles Johnson be elected Mayor of the Borough of Darlington for the Municipal Year 2013/14.

Following his election, the Mayor, made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and :-

- (i) signed the 'Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee Record Book';
- (ii) was invested with the Chain of Office;
- (iii) tendered his thanks to the Members of the Council for having elected him;
- (iv) announced his decision to support many charitable causes in Darlington during his term of Office;
- (v) announced that his Mayoress for the Mayoral Year would be his wife, Mrs. Carol Johnson; and
- (vi) received the congratulations of the Lord Lieutenant, Mrs. Sue Snowdon.

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

RESOLVED - That the cordial thanks of the Council are due, and are hereby tendered, to Councillor Paul Baldwin and his Mayoress, Mrs. Kim Baldwin, for the exemplary manner in which they have discharged the duties of the high office of Mayor and Mayoress of this Borough during the past Municipal Year.

In recognition of their services, the Mayor presented the retiring Mayor and Mayoress with medallions.

4. DEPUTY MAYOR - Consideration was given to the appointment of a Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2013/14.

RESOLVED - That Councillor Lee be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Darlington for the Municipal Year 2013/14.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS – There were no announcements made.

6. PROGRAMME OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2013/14 MUNICIPAL YEAR - Submitted – A programme of Ordinary Meetings of the Council for the 2013/14 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED - That the programme of ordinary meetings be approved.

7. APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES 2013/14 - The Director of Resources submitted a report (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to the membership of the Cabinet and various Committees for the Municipal Year 2013/14, for approval.

RESOLVED – (a) That the appointment of Members to the Various Committees, as detailed in the Appendix to the submitted report, be approved.

(b) That the membership of the Health and Well Being Board be extended to include the Chair of the Health and Partnership Scrutiny Committee.

(c) That the appointment of the Chairs and Vice Chairs to the Scrutiny Committees, General Licensing Committee, Licensing Act 2003 Committee, Planning Applications Committee and Audit Committee, as detailed in the Appendix to the submitted report, be approved.

(d) That the appointment of Cabinet Members and their respective Portfolios, as detailed in the Appendix to the submitted report, be noted.

REASON – To comply with the nominations received.

8. REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES 2012/13 - The Director of Resources submitted a report (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to this Council's representation on other bodies for the 2013/14 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 2013/14:-

Name of Body or Organisation	Labour Group Representation	Conservative Group/ Liberal Democrat Representation
Association of Councillors		
(a) General Management Committee	Councillor Dixon	-
(b) Northern Branch Committee	Councillor Dixon	-
Association of North East Councils	Councillor Dixon (Leader of the Council), Councillor D A Lyonette (Cabinet Member with Transport Portfolio) and Councillor McEwan (Cabinet Member with Economy and Regeneration Portfolio)	Councillor Mrs Scott (Leader of the Opposition)
(a) Leaders' and Elected Mayors' Group	Councillor Dixon (Leader of the Council) and Councillor Harker (Deputy Leader as named substitute)	-
(b) Director	Councillor Dixon (Leader of the Council)	-
Combined Fire Authority	Councillor Wallis (Cabinet Member with Leisure and Local Environment Portfolio) and Councillors Thistlethwaite and S Richmond (Chair and Vice Chair respectively of the Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee) (Councillors Newall, L Hughes and Regan as respective named substitutes)	Councillor Lewis (Councillor B Jones as named substitute)
Combined Fire Authority :-		
(a) Appeals Committee	-	Councillor Lewis
(b) Human Resources Committee	Councillor S Richmond (Vice-Chair of Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee)	Councillor Lewis

Name of Body or Organisation	Labour Group Representation	Conservative Group/ Liberal Democrat Representation
(c) Standards Committee	Councillor Wallis (Cabinet Member with Leisure and Local Environment Portfolio)	-
(d) Performance Committee	Councillor Wallis (Cabinet Member with Leisure and Local Environment Portfolio)	Councillor Lewis
(e) Audit and Finance Committee	Councillor Thistlethwaite (Chair of Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee)	-
(f) Local Government Association	Councillor Wallis (Cabinet Member with Leisure and Local Environment Portfolio) (Councillor S Richmond (Vice-Chair of Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee as named substitute))	-
(g) Joint Consultative Committee	Councillor Wallis (Cabinet Member with Leisure and Local Environment Portfolio)	-
Cruse Bereavement Care (Tees Valley)	Councillor Lister	-
Darlington and District Town Twinning Association Management Committee	Councillors Landers and Nutt	-
Darlington Community Carnival Committee	Councillor Dixon	Councillor Curry
Darlington Hospital (Radio Skerne) - Management Team	Councillor Wright	-
Darlington Young Men's Christian Association - Local Management Board	Councillors J Taylor and Wright (Central Ward Members)	-
eVOLution – Executive Committee	Councillors A J Scott (Observer)	-

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Local Government Association	Councillor Dixon (Leader of the Council) and Councillor Harker (Deputy Leader of the Council)	Councillor Mrs Scott (Leader of the Opposition)
Local Government Association - Rural Commission	Vacancy	-
Local Government Association – Urban Commission	Vacancy	-
Police Community Consultation Group	Councillors Copeland, I Haszeldine 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)	Councillor C L B Hughes (Cabinet Member with Children and Young People Portfolio) and Councillor Lister (Chair of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee)	Councillor Galletley
Willow Road Community Centre – Management Committee	Councillor L Hughes (Pierremont Ward Member)	-

REASON – To comply with the nominations received from the Political Groups.