

**ANNUAL COUNCIL**

21st May, 2009

**PRESENT** – The Mayor; Councillors Armstrong, Baldwin, Barker, Burton, Chapman, Copeland, Coultas, Curry, Davies, Dixon, Francis, Galletley, Harker, Hartley, L. Haszeldine, Jenkinson, Johnson, B. Jones, Mrs. D. Jones, Lawton, Lewis, Lister, Long, D. A. Lyonette, J. M. Lyonette, McEwan, Newall, Nutt, Regan, Richmond, Roberts, Robson, Ruck, A. J. Scott, Mrs. H. Scott, Stenson, Swift, Walker, Wallis, Williams and York. (42)

**APOLOGIES** – Councillors G. Cartwright, M. Cartwright, Dunstone, Freitag, Hughes, Lee, Maddison, Nicholson, Swainston, Thistlethwaite and Vasey. (11)

**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 2009/10.

**RESOLVED** - That Councillor James Austin Ruck be elected Mayor of the Borough of Darlington for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

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, during his term of Office, the Heart of Darlington Appeal, the North East Air Ambulance, and the Dog’s Trust;
- (v) announced that the Reverend Robert Williamson would be his Chaplain during his term of office; and
- (vi) announced that his Mayoress for the Mayoral Year would be his wife, Mrs. Margaret Ruck.

**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 Ian Haszeldine and his Mayoress, Councillor Lynne Haszeldine, 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 with a medallion and his Mayoress with a badge.

**4. DEPUTY MAYOR** - Consideration was given to the appointment of a Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

**RESOLVED** - That Councillor Thistlethwaite be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Darlington for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

**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 2009/10.

**RESOLVED** - That Councillor Williams be appointed Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

**7. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER** - Consideration was given to the appointment of a Deputy Leader for the Council for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

**RESOLVED** - That Councillor Dixon be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

**8. MEMBERSHIP OF CABINET, SCRUTINY COMMITTEES, STANDARDS COMMITTEE AND OTHER COMMITTEES/SUBSIDIARY BODIES 2009/10** - Submitted - A revised list (previously circulated) of the membership of the Cabinet and various Committees for the Municipal Year 2009/10 for approval.

**RESOLVED** – That the membership of the Cabinet, Scrutiny Committees, Standards Committee and other Committees and Subsidiary Bodies of the Council for the 2009/10 Municipal Year be as follows :-

**CABINET (9)** – Councillor Williams; Councillor Chapman, Councillor Copeland, Councillor Dixon, 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 B. 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 B. 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 Dunstone, Councillor Freitag, Councillor Hartley, Councillor L. Haszeldine, Councillor Johnson, 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)** – The Mayor; Councillor Armstrong, Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Hartley, Councillor Jenkinson, Councillor Lawton, Councillor Lewis, Councillor Long, Councillor Nicholson, Councillor Robson and Councillor Walker.

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (11)** – Councillor Armstrong, Councillor Burton, Councillor Curry, Councillor Davies, Councillor Francis, Councillor Galletley, Councillor Hughes, 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)** – The Mayor; Councillor Barker, Councillor L. Haszeldine, Councillor Jenkinson, Councillor B. Jones, Councillor Mrs. Jones, Councillor Lee, Councillor Lister, Councillor J. M. Lyonette, Councillor Maddison, Councillor Swift and Councillor York.

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

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

**HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE (12)** – Leader of the Council, Deputy Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member with Efficiency and Resources Portfolio, Cabinet Member with Children and Young People Portfolio, Cabinet Member with Sustainable Environment and Climate Change Portfolio, Chair of Resources Scrutiny Committee, Vice-Chair of Resources Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Coultas, Councillor Curry, Councillor Galletley, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Mrs. Scott and Councillor Swainston.

**HUMAN RESOURCES CHIEF OFFICERS APPOINTMENTS PANEL (8)** – Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member with Efficiency and Resources Portfolio, Chair of Resources Scrutiny Committee, Labour Member, Labour Member, Opposition Member, Opposition Member, and Liberal Democrat Member.

**HUMAN RESOURCES PANEL (SITTING AS AN APPOINTMENTS PANEL) (5)** – Cabinet Member with Efficiency and Resources Portfolio, Relevant Cabinet Member, Relevant Cabinet Member, Opposition Member, and Liberal Democrat Member.

**HUMAN RESOURCES PANEL (SITTING AS JCC AND APPEALS COMMITTEE) (5)** – Cabinet Member with Efficiency and Resources Portfolio, Chair of Resources Scrutiny Committee, Vice-Chair of Resources Scrutiny Committee, Opposition Member, and Liberal Democrat Member.

**APPRAISAL SUB-GROUP (5)** – Leader of the Council, Deputy Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member with Efficiency and Resources Portfolio, Chair of Resources Scrutiny Committee, and Leader of the Opposition.

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

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

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE (5)** - Councillor B. Jones, Councillor Lawton, Councillor Lewis, Councillor Maddison and Councillor Newall.

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

**RIGHTS OF WAY PANEL (3)** - Councillor L. Haszeldine, Councillor Lewis and Councillor Walker.

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

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

**DARLINGTON TRANSPORT FORUM (7)** – The Mayor; Cabinet Member with the Transport Portfolio, Cabinet Member with the Sustainable Environment and Climate Change Portfolio, Chair of the Economy and Environment Scrutiny Committee, Vice-Chair of the Economy and Environment Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Coultas and Councillor Hartley.

**TOWN CENTRE FORUM (9)** – The Mayor; Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member with the Communities and Engagement Portfolio, Cabinet Member with the Health and Leisure

Portfolio, Chair of the Economy and Environment Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Hartley, Councillor Coultas, Councillor Jenkinson and Councillor Lawton.

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

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

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

**REASON** – To appoint the Cabinet and Council Committees for the 2009/10 Municipal Year.

**9. PROGRAMME OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2009/10 MUNICIPAL YEAR** - Submitted – A programme of ordinary meetings of the Council for the 2009/10 Municipal Year.

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

**10. REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES FOR THE 2009/10 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 2009/10 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 2009/10:-

<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 (representing the five Tees Valley Authorities)	Councillor Mrs. Scott (representing the five Tees Valley Authorities)
(a) Leadership Board	Leader of the Council (Cabinet Member with Transport Portfolio as named substitute)	
(b) North East Planning Board	Leader of the Council (Cabinet Member with Transport Portfolio as named substitute)	
(c) Development Board	Leader of the Council (Cabinet Member with	

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	Transport Portfolio as named substitute)	
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>		
(a) Appeals Committee		Councillor B. Jones
(b) Human Resources Committee	Councillor Maddison (Member of Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Committee)	Councillor Mrs. Jones
(c) Standards Committee	Cabinet Member with Sustainable Environment and Climate Change Portfolio	
(d) Performance Committee	Cabinet Member with Sustainable Environment and Climate Change Portfolio	Councillor Mrs. Jones
(e) Audit and Finance Committee	Councillor Maddison (Member of Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Committee)	
(f) Local Government Association	Cabinet Member with Sustainable Environment and Climate Change Portfolio (Councillor Maddison - Member of Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Committee as named substitute)	
(g) Joint Consultative Committee	Cabinet Member with Sustainable Environment and Climate Change Portfolio	
Cruse Bereavement Care and Resource Centre	Councillor McEwan	
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

<b>Name of Body or Organisation</b>	<b>Labour Group Representation</b>	<b>Conservative Group and Liberal Democrat Group Representation</b>
Darlington Community Carnival Committee	Councillor Dixon	Councillor Ruck
eVOLution – Executive Committee (Darlington Council for Voluntary Service)	Councillor Long (observer)	
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	
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.

