

ANNUAL COUNCIL

17th May 2012

PRESENT – The Mayor; Councillors Baldwin, Carson, Cartwright, Copeland, Cossins, Coultas, Curry, Dixon, Donoghue, Francis, Harker, Harman, Haszeldine, L. Haszeldine, C. L. B. Hughes, L. Hughes, Hutchinson, Johnson, B. Jones, Mrs. D. Jones, Kelley, Landers, Lee, Lewis, Long, D. A. Lyonette, J. M. Lyonette, Macnab, McEwan, Newall, Nutt, Regan, S. Richmond, A. J. Scott, Mrs. H. Scott, Stenson, Swainston, C. Taylor, J. Taylor, Thistlethwaite, J. Vasey, Wright and York. (44)

APOLOGIES – Councillors Crudass, Galletley, Grundy, Knowles, Lawton, Lister, Maddison, E. A. Richmond and Wallis. (9)

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 2012/13.

RESOLVED - That Councillor Paul Baldwin be elected Mayor of the Borough of Darlington for the Municipal Year 2012/13.

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, St. Teresa’s Hospice and the Great North Air Ambulance; and
- (v) announced that his Mayoress for the Mayoral Year would be his wife, Mrs. Kim Baldwin.

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

RESOLVED - That the cordial thanks of the Council are due, and are hereby tendered, to Councillor Lee Vasey and her Mayor’s Escort, Councillor John Vasey, for the exemplary manner in which they have discharged the duties of the high office of Mayor and Mayor’s Escort of this Borough during the past Municipal Year.

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

4. DEPUTY MAYOR - Consideration was given to the appointment of a Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2012/13.

RESOLVED - That Councillor Johnson be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Darlington for the Municipal Year 2012/13.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS – There were no announcements made.

6. PROGRAMME OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2012/13 MUNICIPAL YEAR - Submitted – A programme of Ordinary Meetings of the Council for the 2012/13 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED - That the programme of ordinary meetings be approved.

7. APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES 2012/13 - 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 2012/13, 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 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.

(c) 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 2012/13 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 2012/13:-

| Name of Body or Organisation | Labour Group Representation | Conservative Group/ Liberal Democrat Representation |
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| Association of Councillors | | |
| (a) General Management Committee | Councillor Dixon | - |
| (b) Northern Branch Committee | Councillor Dixon | - |
| Association of North East | Councillor Dixon (Leader of the Council), | Councillor Mrs. Scott |

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| Councils | Councillor D. A. Lyonette (Cabinet Member with Transport Portfolio) and Councillor McEwan (Cabinet Member with Economy and Regeneration Portfolio) | (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 Maddison (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 Mrs. H. Scott named substitute) |
| Combined Fire Authority :- | | |
| (a) Appeals Committee | - | Councillor Lewis |
| (b) Human Resources Committee | Councillor Maddison (Vice-Chair of Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee) | Councillor Lewis |
| (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 Maddison (Vice-Chair of Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee) | - |
| (f) Local Government Association | Councillor Wallis (Cabinet Member with Leisure and Local Environment Portfolio) (Councillor Maddison (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 | - |

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| Darlington Citizen's Advice Bureau | Councillor Newall | Councillor Macnab |
| 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) | - |
| Durham Police Authority | Councillor Dixon (Leader of the Council) | - |
| eVOLution – Executive Committee (formerly Darlington Council for Voluntary Service) | Councillors Long (Observer) | - |
| Local Government Association | Councillor Dixon (Leader of the Council) and Councillor Harker (Deputy Leader of the Council) | Councillor Mrs. H. 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 Whesoe 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.