

ANNUAL COUNCIL

20th May, 2004

PRESENT – The Mayor; Councillors Armstrong, Bristow, Mrs. Brown, Burt, Copeland, Dixon, Flowers, Francis, Harker, Mrs. Hart, Hartley, Haszeldine, Holmes, Hughes, Hutchinson, Johnson, B. Jones, Mrs. Jones, S.J. Jones, Lister, Long, D.A. Lyonette, J. Lyonette, Maddison, Maybrey, McEwan, Newall, Reynolds, Richmond, F.S. Robson, S. Robson, Ruck, A.J. Scott, Mrs Scott, Stamford-Bewlay, Stenson, Mrs. Swift, Thistlethwaite, J.C. Vasey, L. Vasey, Vasey-Smith, G.B. Walker, Mrs. Walker, Wallis, Williams and Wilson. (47)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE - Alderman Skinner.

APOLOGIES - Councillors Baldwin, Foster, Heaney, Lee, Nutt and Roberts (6)

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 2004/05.

RESOLVED - That Councillor Roderick Francis be elected Mayor of the Borough of Darlington for the Municipal Year 2004/05.

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

- (i) made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of the said Office required by Law;
- (ii) signed the ‘Diamond Jubilee Record Book’;
- (iii) tendered his thanks to the Members of the Council for having elected him;
- (iv) announced that Father Kelly would be his Chaplain during his term of office; and
- (v) announced his decision to support during his term of Office, amongst other charities, Darlington and District Alzheimer’s Society and Darlington Diabetes UK Voluntary Group.

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 Ron Lewis and his Mayoress, Mrs Margaret Lewis, 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 2004/05.

RESOLVED - That Councillor Stella Robson be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Darlington for the Municipal Year 2004/05.

Following her appointment as Deputy Mayor, Councillor S. Robson made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of the said office as required by Law.

5. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER - Consideration was given to the appointment of a Leader for the Council for the Municipal Year 2004/05.

RESOLVED - That Councillor Williams be appointed Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2004/05.

6. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER - Consideration was given to the appointment of a Deputy Leader for the Council for the Municipal Year 2004/05.

RESOLVED - That Councillor Dixon be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2004/05.

7. MEMBERSHIP OF CABINET, SCRUTINY COMMITTEES, STANDARDS COMMITTEE AND OTHER COMMITTEES AND SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2003/04 - Submitted - A revised list (previously circulated) of the Membership of the Cabinet and various Committees for the Municipal Year 2004/05 for approval.

RESOLVED – That the membership of the Cabinet, Scrutiny Committees, Standards Committee and other Committees and Subsidiary Bodies of the Council for the 2004/05 Municipal Year be as follows :-

CABINET (9) - Councillor Williams (Leader); Councillors Bristow, Dixon (Deputy Leader), Harker, Lister, D.A. Lyonette, McEwan, L. Vasey and Wallis.

LICENSING COMMITTEE (11) - Councillors Flowers, Foster, Hartley, B. Jones, Maybrey, Nutt, A.J. Scott, Thistlethwaite, J.C. Vasey, Mrs. Walker and Wilson.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE (11) - Councillors Mrs. Brown, Holmes, Hughes, Hutchinson, Johnson, S.J. Jones, Lee, D.A. Lyonette, Reynolds F.S. Robson and Williams.

ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (11) - Councillors Armstrong, Hartley, Mrs. Hart, Heaney, S.J. Jones, Lewis, Long, S. Robson, Ruck, Mrs. Scott and J.C. Vasey.

LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (11) – The Mayor; Councillors Armstrong, Burtt, Copeland, Mrs. Hart, Hughes, Richmond, S. Robson, A.J. Scott, Stamford-Bewlay and Vasey-Smith.

VOTING CO-OPTED REPRESENTATIVES (5) - Father J. Caden (Roman Catholic Church Representative), Reverend C. Wardale (Church of England Representative), Vacancy (Primary School Parent Governor Representative), Vacancy (Secondary School Parent Governor Representative) and Vacancy (Special School Parent Governor Representative).

PUBLIC PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (11) – Councillors Foster, Holmes, Mrs. Jones, Long, Maddison, Maybrey, Newall, Reynolds, Stenson, Mrs. Swift and Thistlethwaite.

RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (11) – The Mayor; Councillors Burt, Haszeldine, Hutchinson, Johnson, Lewis, Richmond, F.S. Robson, Thistlethwaite, G.B. Walker and Wilson.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (12) - Councillors Copeland, Flowers, Haszeldine, Johnson, Nutt, Reynolds, Richmond, Roberts, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Swift and G.B. Walker and Mrs Walker.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE (5) - Councillors B. Jones and J.C. Vasey and Mr. M. Airey, Mr. J. McGuckin and Mr. J.R. Parker.

HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE (16) – Cabinet Member with Housing Portfolio, Cabinet Member with Resource Management Portfolio, Cabinet Member with Social Services Portfolio, Cabinet Member with Community Protection Portfolio, Chair of Resources Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet Member with Education Portfolio; Cabinet Member with Leisure Services Portfolio; Cabinet Member with Regeneration and Planning Portfolio; Cabinet Member with Highways and Transport Portfolio; Councillor Williams (Leader), Vice-Chair of Resources Scrutiny Committee, and Councillors Burt, Johnson, Lewis, Richmond and Mrs. Walker.

HUMAN RESOURCES CHIEF OFFICERS APPOINTMENTS PANEL (9) – Cabinet Member with Resource Management Portfolio; Chair of Resources Scrutiny Committee; Councillor Williams (Leader); three Relevant Cabinet Members, and Councillors Johnson, Richmond and Mrs. Walker.

HUMAN RESOURCE PANEL (5) – Cabinet Member with Resource Management Portfolio, Chair of Resources Scrutiny Committee, Vice-Chair of Resources Scrutiny Committee, and Councillors Johnson and Mrs. Walker.

TENDERING PANEL (3) – Cabinet Member with Resource Management Portfolio, Councillor Dixon (Deputy Leader) and Councillor Richmond.

RIGHTS OF WAY PANEL (3) – Chair of Environment Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Lewis (Member of Environment Scrutiny Committee) and Councillor Hart (Member of Environment Scrutiny Committee).

CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE (3) – Councillors Bristow, J.C. Vasey and Mrs. Scott.

LEA GOVERNORS APPOINTMENTS PANEL (5) – Cabinet Member with Education Portfolio; Chair of Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee, Vice-Chair of Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee; and Councillors Burt and Mrs. Walker.

PUBLIC PROTECTION FORUM (8) – Chair of Public Protection and Community Partnerships Scrutiny Committee, Vice-Chair of Public Protection and Community Partnerships Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet Member with Community Protection Portfolio, Chair of Licensing Committee, Vice-Chair of Licensing Committee, and Councillors Foster, Holmes and Mrs. Walker.

DARLINGTON ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM (9) – Chair of Environment Scrutiny Committee, Vice-Chair of Environment Scrutiny Committee, Vice-Chair of Public Protection and Community Partnerships Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet Member with Community Protection Portfolio, Cabinet Member with Regeneration and Planning Portfolio, and Councillors Hartley, S.J. Jones, Lewis and Newall.

DARLINGTON TRANSPORT FORUM (7) – Cabinet Member with Community Protection Portfolio, Chair of Environment Scrutiny Committee, Vice-Chair of Environment Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet Member with Highways and Transport Portfolio, and Councillors Hartley, S.J. Jones and Lewis.

EDUCATION SERVICE REVIEW FORUM (3) – Cabinet Member with Education Portfolio, Chair of Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee and Councillor Burt.

TOWN CENTRE FORUM (9) – Cabinet Member with Highways and Transport Portfolio, Chair of Environment Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet Member with Regeneration and Planning Portfolio, and Councillors Mrs. Brown, Hartley, Long, Richmond, Mrs. S. Walker and Williams (Leader).

SOCIAL SERVICES CONSULTATION FORUM (5) – Cabinet Member with Social Services Portfolio, Chair of Social Affairs and Health Scrutiny Committee, Vice-Chair of Public Protection and Community Partnerships, Councillors Mrs. Scott and Mrs. S. Walker.

REPRESENTATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE (5) – Councillors Copeland, Flowers, Roberts, Mrs. Swift and Mrs. Walker.

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (3) – Cabinet Member with Education Portfolio, Chair of Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee and Councillor Burt.

SCHOOLS ORGANISATION COMMITTEE (11) – Cabinet Member with Education Portfolio, Chair of Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee and Councillor Burt and ?

APPRAISAL SUB-GROUP (5) – Leader and Deputy Leader, Cabinet Member with Resource Management Portfolio, Chair of Resources Scrutiny Committee, and the Leader of Opposition (Councillor Richmond).

MONITORING AND CO-ORDINATION SUB-GROUP (5) – Chair of Environment Scrutiny Committee, Chair of Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee, Chair of Resources

Scrutiny Committee, Chair of Public Protection and Community Partnerships Scrutiny Committee and Chair of Social Affairs and Health Scrutiny Committee.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES MEMBERS SCOPING GROUP (6) – Councillors Armstrong, Mrs. Jones, Lister, Long, S. Robson and Mrs. Swift.

TEES VALLEY HEALTH SCRUTINY JOINT COMMITTEE (3) – Chair of Social Affairs and Health Scrutiny Committee, Vice-Chair of Social Affairs and Health Scrutiny Committee and Councillor Mrs. Scott.

TOWN CENTRE BOARD (3) – Cabinet Member with Regeneration and Planning Portfolio, Leader (Councillor Williams) and Councillor Mrs. Brown.

CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL (3) – Cabinet Member with Education Portfolio, Cabinet Member with Social Services Portfolio and Councillor Mrs. Scott.

8. CONSTITUTION OF COUNCIL – AMENDMENTS – The Director of Corporate Services submitted a report (previously circulated) detailing a number of amendments to this Council’s Constitution, the majority of which had been previously approved by Council. A copy of the revised Constitution incorporating the Scheme of Delegation was also previously circulated.

RESOLVED - That the changes, as detailed in the submitted report, be approved and the revised Constitution, incorporating the Scheme of Delegation, as appended to the submitted report, be approved.

REASON – To approve the Constitution for the Council.

9. PROGRAMME OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2004/05 MUNICIPAL YEAR - Submitted – For Approval - A programme of ordinary meetings of the Council for the 2004/05 Municipal Year for approval.

RESOLVED - That the programme of ordinary meetings be approved.

10. REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES FOR THE 2004/05 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 2004/05 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 2004/05 :-

Name of Body or Organisation	Labour Group Representation	Conservative Group and Liberal Democrat Representation
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Association of Councillors

Name of Body or Organisation	Labour Group Representation	Conservative Group and Liberal Democrat Representation
(a) General Management Committee	Councillor Dixon	
(b) Northern Branch Committee	Councillor Dixon	
Association of North East Councils	Cabinet Member with Regeneration and Planning Portfolio, Leader of the Council and Councillor Lister	
Association of North East Council's Executive Committee	Cabinet Member with Regeneration and Planning Portfolio	
Christmas Charities of Buck and Others	Councillors Francis and Maddison	Councillors Roberts and Stenson
Combined Fire Authority	Cabinet Member with Community Protection Portfolio, Vice-Chair of Public Protection and Community Partnerships Scrutiny Committee and Member of Public Protection and Community Partnerships Scrutiny Committee (Councillor Holmes) (Councillors Long, Maddison and Newall as respective named substitutes from the Public Protection and Community Partnerships Scrutiny Committee)	Mrs. Brown (Councillor Foster as named substitute from the Public Protection and Community Partnerships Scrutiny Committee)
Combined Fire Authority :-		
Appeals Committee	Vice-Chair of Public Protection and Community Partnerships Scrutiny Committee	
Appointments Panel	No Labour vacancy	Councillor Mrs. Brown
Best Value Working Group	Vice-Chair of Public Protection and Community Partnerships Scrutiny Committee	
Budget Panel	Cabinet Member with Community Protection Portfolio	
Fire and Rescue Joint Consultative Forum	Vice-Chair of Public Protection and Community Partnerships Scrutiny Committee	

Name of Body or Organisation	Labour Group Representation	Conservative Group and Liberal Democrat Representation
Local Government Association	Cabinet Member with Community Protection Portfolio (Vice-Chair of Public Protection and Community Partnerships Scrutiny Committee as named substitute)	
Standards Committee	Cabinet Member with Community Protection Portfolio	
Cruse Bereavement Care and Resource Centre	Councillor Flowers	
Darlington and District Town Twinning Association Management Committee	Councillors Hartley and Wilson	
Darlington and Durham Racial Equality Council	Councillor Hughes	Councillor Stamford-Bewlay
Darlington Citizens Advice Bureau	Councillor Newall	Councillor Armstrong
Darlington Community Carnival Committee	Councillor Holmes	Councillor Ruck
Darlington Council for Voluntary Service – Executive Committee	Councillors Maddison and Mrs. Swift	Councillor Armstrong
Darlington Hospital (Radio Skerne) - Management Team	Councillor Hutchinson	
Darlington Young Men’s Christian Association - Local Management Board	Councillors Hartley (Central Ward Member) and Hutchinson	
Durham Police Authority	Deputy Leader	
Durham Rural Community Council	Councillor Flowers	
Local Government Association	Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council	Leader of Opposition

Name of Body or Organisation	Labour Group Representation	Conservative Group and Liberal Democrat Representation
Local Government Association – Urban Commission	Councillor Flowers	
Local Government Information Unit - Management Committee	Leader of the Council	
North East Assembly	Leader of the Council and Councillor L. Vasey	Leader of the opposition (appointed by NEA as a minority representative)
North East Assembly - Executive Committee	Councillor Williams	
Police Community Consultation Group	Councillors Copeland, Flowers and Nutt	Councillor Stenson
Poor Moor Charity	Councillor McEwan	
Sadberge Village Hall Management Committee	Councillor McEwan	Councillor B. Jones (Sadberge and Whessoe Ward Member)
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.