

## ANNUAL COUNCIL

18th May, 2006

**PRESENT** – The Mayor; Councillors Armstrong, Baldwin, Bristow, Mrs. Brown, Copeland, Dixon, Foster, Flowers, Francis, Galletley, Harker, Mrs. Hart, Hartley, Haszeldine, Heaney, Holmes, Hughes, Johnson, B. Jones, Mrs. Jones, S.J. Jones, Lee, Lewis, Lister, Long, J. Lyonette, Maddison, Maybrey, McEwan, Newall, Reynolds, Richmond, Roberts, F.S. Robson, Ruck, A.J. Scott, Mrs Scott, Stenson, Swainston, Mrs. Swift, Thistlethwaite, J.C. Vasey, L. Vasey, Vasey-Smith, G.B. Walker, Wallis, Williams and Wilson. (49)

**APOLOGIES** – Councillors Hutchinson, Lawton, Nutt and D.A. Lyonette (4)

**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 2006/07.

**RESOLVED** - That Councillor Eleanor Lister be elected Mayor of the Borough of Darlington for the Municipal Year 2006/07.

Following her 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 her thanks to the Members of the Council for having elected her;
- (iv) announced her decision to support during her term of Office, amongst other charities, the Royal National Lifeboat Institute and the Down Syndrome Educational Trust.
- (v) announced that her Escort for the Mayoral Year would be Mr. Henry Young.

**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 Stella Robson and her Escort, Councillor Frank Robson, 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 Escort with a badge.

**4. DEPUTY MAYOR** - Consideration was given to the appointment of a Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2006/07.

**RESOLVED** - That Councillor Marian Swift be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Darlington for the Municipal Year 2006/07.

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

**6. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER** - Consideration was given to the appointment of a Leader for the Council for the Municipal Year 2006/07.

**RESOLVED** - That Councillor Williams be appointed Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2006/07.

**7. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER** - Consideration was given to the appointment of a Deputy Leader for the Council for the Municipal Year 2006/07.

**RESOLVED** - That Councillor Dixon be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2006/07.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – The Mayor announced that the Reverend Christopher Wardale would be her Chaplain for her Mayoral Year.

**9. MEMBERSHIP OF CABINET, SCRUTINY COMMITTEES, STANDARDS COMMITTEE AND OTHER COMMITTEES/SUBSIDIARY BODIES 2006/07** - Submitted - A revised list (previously circulated) of the Membership of the Cabinet and various Committees for the Municipal Year 2006/07 for approval.

**RESOLVED** – That the membership of the Cabinet, Scrutiny Committees, Standards Committee and other Committees and Subsidiary Bodies of the Council for the 2006/07 Municipal Year be as follows :-

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

**GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE (13)** - Councillors Flowers, Foster, Hartley, Heaney, Lawton, Maybrey, Newall, Nutt, Roberts, A.J. Scott, Stenson, J.C. Vasey, and Wilson.

**LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMITTEE (13)** - Councillors Flowers, Foster, Hartley, Heaney, Lawton, Maybrey, Newall, Nutt, Roberts, A.J. Scott, Stenson, J.C. Vasey, and Wilson.

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

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE (11)** – Councillors Baldwin, Mrs. Brown, Hughes, Hutchinson, Johnson, S.J. Jones, Lee, D.A. Lyonette, F.S. Robson, Walker and Wallis.

**ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (11)** – Councillors Armstrong, Galletley, Mrs. Hart, Hartley, Heaney, Lawton, Lewis, Long, S. Robson, Ruck, and J.C. Vasey.

**LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (11)** – Councillors Armstrong, Copeland, Francis, Galletley, Mrs. Hart, Hughes, Long, Richmond, A. J. Scott, and Vasey-Smith.

**VOTING CO-OPTED REPRESENTATIVES (5)** - Vacancy (Roman Catholic Church Representative), Reverend C. Wardale (Church of England Representative), Mr. D. Chambers (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)** – The Mayor, Councillors Holmes, B. Jones, Mrs. Jones, Lee, J. Lyonette, Maddison, Newall, Dr. Reynolds, Ruck and Mrs. Swift.

**RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (11)** – Councillors Francis, Haszeldine, Hutchinson, Johnson, Lewis, Maddison, Richmond, F.S. Robson, Swainston, Walker and Wilson.

**SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (12)** - Councillors Copeland, Flowers, Haszeldine, Holmes, Johnson, S.J. Jones, Nutt, Dr. Reynolds, Richmond, Roberts, Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Swift.

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE (5)** - Councillors B. Jones and A.J. Scott and Mr. M. Airey, Mr. J.R. Parker and Parish Councillor York.

**HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE (16)** – Councillor Bristow (Cabinet Member with Resource Management Portfolio); Councillor Dixon (Cabinet Member with Community and Public Protection Portfolio); Councillor Harker (Cabinet Member with Consumer and Environmental Services Portfolio); Councillor D.A. Lyonette (Cabinet Member with Regeneration and Planning Portfolio); Councillor McEwan (Cabinet Member with Children’s Services Portfolio); Councillor L. Vasey (Cabinet Member with Leisure Services Portfolio); Councillor Wallis (Cabinet Member with Highways and Transport Portfolio); Councillor Thistlethwaite (Cabinet Member with Adult Services Portfolio); Councillor Williams (Leader); Chair of Resources Scrutiny Committee; Vice-Chair of Resources Scrutiny Committee; and four Conservative Members and one Liberal Democrat Member.

**HUMAN RESOURCES CHIEF OFFICERS APPOINTMENTS PANEL (9)** – Councillor Bristow (Cabinet Member with Resource Management Portfolio); Chair of Resources Scrutiny Committee; Councillor Williams (Leader); three Relevant Cabinet Members; two Conservative Members and one Liberal Democrat Member.

**HUMAN RESOURCES PANEL (SITTING AS AN APPOINTMENTS PANEL) (5)** – Councillor Bristow (Cabinet Member with Resource Management Portfolio); two relevant Cabinet Members; one Conservative Member and one Liberal Democrat Member.

**HUMAN RESOURCES PANEL (SITTING AS JCC AND APPEALS COMMITTEE) (5)** - Councillor Bristow (Cabinet Member with Resource Management Portfolio); Chair of Resources Scrutiny Committee; Vice-Chair of Resources Scrutiny Committee; Councillor Johnson and Councillor S.J. Jones.

**TENDERING PANEL (3)** – Councillor Bristow (Cabinet Member with Resource Management Portfolio); Deputy Leader and Councillor Richmond.

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

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

**LEA GOVERNORS APPOINTMENTS PANEL (5)** – Councillor Armstrong; Chair of Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee; Councillor Lawton; Councillor McEwan (Cabinet Member with Children’s Services Portfolio); and Vice-Chair of Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE (3)** – Councillors Baldwin, Harker and Johnson.

**PUBLIC PROTECTION FORUM (8)** – Councillor Harker (Cabinet Member with Consumer and Environmental Services Portfolio (Chair)); Chair of Licensing Committee; Councillor Holmes (Member of Public Protection and Community Partnerships Scrutiny Committee); Chair of Public Protection and Community Partnerships Scrutiny Committee; Councillor Lawton; Vice-Chair of Community Partnerships Scrutiny Committee; Councillor Ruck; and Vice-Chair of Licensing Committee.

**DARLINGTON ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM (9)** – Councillor Harker (Cabinet Member with Consumer and Environmental Services Portfolio (Chair)); Councillor Hartley (Member of Environment Scrutiny Committee); Councillor Lawton; Councillor Lewis; Vice-Chair of Public Protection and Community Partnerships Scrutiny Committee; Councillor D.A. Lyonette (Cabinet Member with Regeneration and Planning Portfolio); Councillor Newall (Member of Public Protection and Community Partnerships Scrutiny Committee); Chair of Environment Scrutiny Committee; and Vice-Chair of Environment Scrutiny Committee.

**DARLINGTON PLANNING FORUM (6)** – Councillors Mrs Brown and S.J. Jones and Councillor DA Lyonette, (Cabinet Member with Regeneration and Planning Portfolio (Chair)); Chair of Planning Applications Committee; Chair of Environment Scrutiny Committee and Councillor Wallis (Cabinet Member with Highways and Transport Portfolio).

**DARLINGTON TRANSPORT FORUM (7)** – Councillor Harker (Cabinet Member with Consumer and Environmental Services Portfolio); Councillor Hartley (Member of Environment Scrutiny Committee); Councillor Lawton (Member of Environment Scrutiny Committee); Councillor Lewis (Member of Environment Scrutiny Committee); Chair of Environment Scrutiny Committee; Vice-Chair of Environment Scrutiny Committee; and Councillor Wallis (Cabinet Member with Highways and Transport Portfolio (Chair)).

**EDUCATION SERVICE REVIEW FORUM (3)** – Chair of Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee; Councillor McEwan (Cabinet Member with Children’s Services Portfolio); and Councillor Armstrong (Member of Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee).

**TOWN CENTRE FORUM (9)** – Councillor Mrs. Brown, Councillor Hartley (Central Ward Member); Councillor Lawton; Councillor Long (Member of Environment Scrutiny Committee); Councillor D.A. Lyonette (Cabinet Member with Regeneration and Planning Portfolio); Councillor Richmond; Chair of Environment Scrutiny Committee; Councillor

Wallis (Cabinet Member with Highways and Transport Portfolio); and the Leader (Councillor Williams (Chair)).

**REPRESENTATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE (5)** – Vice-Chair of Social Affairs and Health Scrutiny Committee; Councillor Flowers, (Member of Social Affairs and Health Scrutiny Committee); Councillor S.J. Jones (Member of Social Affairs and Health Scrutiny Committee); Councillor Roberts (Member of Social Affairs and Health Scrutiny Committee); and Chair of Social Affairs and Health Scrutiny Committee.

**APPRAISAL SUB-GROUP (5)** – Councillor Bristow (Cabinet Member with Resource Management Portfolio); Councillor Dixon (Deputy Leader); Chair of Resources Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Richmond and Councillor Williams (Leader).

**MONITORING AND CO-ORDINATION GROUP (5)** – Chair of Resources Scrutiny Committee, Chair of Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee, Chair of Public Protection and Community Partnerships Scrutiny Committee, Chair of Environment Scrutiny Committee and Chair of Social Affairs and Health Scrutiny Committee.

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

**TOWN CENTRE BOARD (3)** – Councillor D.A. Lyonette (Cabinet Member with Regeneration and Planning Portfolio); Councillor Richmond and Councillor Williams (Leader).

**CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL (2)** – Councillor McEwan (Cabinet Member with Children’s Services Portfolio); and Councillor Mrs. Scott.

**REASON** – To appoint the Cabinet and Council Committees for the 2006/07 Municipal Year.

**10. 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.

**11. PROGRAMME OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2006/07 MUNICIPAL YEAR** - Submitted – A programme of ordinary meetings of the Council for the 2006/07 Municipal Year.

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

**12. REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES FOR THE 2006/07 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 2006/07 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 2006/07 :-

<b>Name of Body or Organisation</b>	<b>Labour Group Representation</b>	<b>Conservative Group and Liberal Democrat Representation</b>
Association of Councillors		
(a) General Management Committee	Councillor Dixon	
(b) Northern Branch Committee	Councillor Dixon	
Association of North East Councils	Cabinet Member with Regeneration and Planning Portfolio and Leader of the Council.	
Association of North East Council's Executive Committee	Cabinet Member with Regeneration and Planning Portfolio	
Combined Fire Authority	Cabinet Member with Consumer and Environmental Services 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 Mrs D Jones as named substitute from the Public Protection and Community Partnerships Scrutiny Committee)
<b>Combined Fire Authority :-</b>		
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 Consumer and Environmental Services Portfolio.	
Fire and Rescue Joint Consultative Forum	Vice-Chair of Public Protection and Community Partnerships Scrutiny Committee	

<b>Name of Body or Organisation</b>	<b>Labour Group Representation</b>	<b>Conservative Group and Liberal Democrat Representation</b>
Local Government Association	Cabinet Member with Consumer and Environmental Services Portfolio (Vice-Chair of Public Protection and Community Partnerships Scrutiny Committee as named substitute)	
Standards Committee	Cabinet Member with Consumer and Environmental Services Portfolio	
Cruse Bereavement Care and Resource Centre	Councillor Flowers	
Darlington and District Town Twinning Association Management Committee	Councillors Hartley and Nutt	
Darlington and Durham Racial Equality Council	Councillor Hughes	Councillor Richmond
Darlington Citizens Advice Bureau	Councillor Newall	Councillor Armstrong
Darlington Community Carnival Committee	Councillor Holmes	Councillor Ruck
Darlington Council for Voluntary Service – Executive Committee	Councillors Long and Mrs. Swift	Councillor Richmond
Darlington Hospital (Radio Skerne) - Management Team	Councillor Hutchinson	
Darlington Young Men’s Christian Association - Local Management Board	Councillors Flowers (Central Ward Member) and Hutchinson	
Durham Police Authority	Deputy Leader of the Council	
Durham Rural Community Council	Councillor Flowers	
Local Government Association	Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council	Leader of Opposition
Local Government Association – Urban Commission	Councillor Hartley	
North East Assembly	Leader of the Council and Councillor L. Vasey	Leader of the opposition (appointed by NEA as minority group representative)

<b>Name of Body or Organisation</b>	<b>Labour Group Representation</b>	<b>Conservative Group and Liberal Democrat Representation</b>
North East Assembly – Executive Committee	Leader of the Council	
North East Community Forest	Councillor D. A. Lyonette	
North East Fire and Rescue Regional Management Board	Cabinet Member with Consumer and Environmental Services Portfolio (Vice-Chair of the Public Protection and Community Partnerships Scrutiny as named substitute) (Council’s representatives on the Combined Fire Authority)	
Police Community Consultation Group	Councillors Copeland, Flowers and Nutt	Councillor Stenson
Poor Moor Charity	Councillor McEwan	
Sadberge Village Hall Association Management Committee		Councillor B. Jones (Sadberge and Whesoe Ward Member)
School Organisation Committee	Cabinet Member with Children’s Services Portfolio and Chair of Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Armstrong
Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)	Cabinet Member with Children’s Services Portfolio and Chair of Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Armstrong
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.