

**ANNUAL COUNCIL**

17th May, 2007

**PRESENT** – The Mayor; Councillors Armstrong, Baldwin, Barker, Burton, G. Cartwright, M. Cartwright, Chapman, Copeland, Coultas, Davies, Dixon, Dunstone, Francis, Freitag, Galletley, Harker, Hartley, I. Haszeldine, L. Haszeldine, Hughes, Jenkinson, Johnson, B. Jones, Mrs. D. Jones, S. Jones, Lawton, Lewis, Long, D. A. Lyonette, J. M. Lyonette, Maddison, McEwan, Newall, Nicholson, Nutt, Regan, Richmond, Roberts, Robson, Ruck, A. J. Scott, Mrs. H. Scott, Stenson, Swainston, Swift, Thistlethwaite, Vasey, Walker, Wallis, Williams and York. (52)

**APOLOGIES** – Councillor Lee. (1)

**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 2007/08.

**RESOLVED** - That Councillor Marian Swift be elected Mayor of the Borough of Darlington for the Municipal Year 2007/08.

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

- (i) made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office;
- (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 the Darlington Coronary Care Support Group, Tracheo Oesophageal Fistula Support; and the Darlington Breastfeeding Initiative.
- (v) announced that her Mayoress for the Mayoral Year would be Councillor Jenny Chapman.

**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 Lister and her Escort, Henry Young, 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 2007/08.

**RESOLVED** - That Councillor I. Haszeldine be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Darlington for the Municipal Year 2007/08.

Following his appointment as Deputy Mayor, Councillor I. Haszeldine made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**5. RETURN OF COUNCILLORS ELECTED** – Received – A schedule (previously circulated) of the Returning Officer that the under-mentioned persons had been elected Members of the Council and had made and subscribed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office, namely :-

<b>WARD</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>
BANK TOP	Stella Robson	40 Parkland Drive, Darlington, DL3 9DU.
	John Williams	59 Milton Street, Darlington, DL1 4ET.
CENTRAL	Isobel Hartley	5 Hogarth Court, Coniscliffe Road, Darlington, DL3 7RR.
	Edward Jenkinson	9 West Powlett Street, Darlington, DL3 7TQ.
COCKERTON EAST	Paul James Baldwin	15 The Rise, Darlington, DL3 8HD
	Alexandra Elizabeth Nicholson	17 Langholm Crescent, Darlington, DL3 7ST.
	Bryan Thistlethwaite	31 Marwood Crescent, Darlington, DL3 0JU.
COCKERTON WEST	Jennifer Chapman	22 Tower Road, Darlington, DL3 6RU.
	David William Regan	6 Marrick Avenue, Darlington, DL3 9UR.
COLLEGE	Ian Galletley	'Fothergill', Raydaleside, Stanhope Road South, Darlington, DL3 7SJ.
	Edward Anthony Richmond	47 The Headlands, Darlington, DL3 8RP.
EASTBOURNE	William Gene Dixon	8 Stanhope Road North, Darlington, DL3 7AR.
	Roderick Francis	7 Emley Moor Road, Darlington, DL1 4QQ.
	Lee Vasey	7 Oriel Court, Northwood Park, Darlington, DL1 2YE.
FAVERDALE	John Barrie Armstrong	6 Daylesford Grove, Darlington, DL3 0GJ.

HARROWGATE HILL	Mark Robin Burton	66 Middleham Road, Darlington, DL1 3DJ.
	Gillian Cartwright	3 Harrowgate Village, Darlington, DL1 3AA.
HAUGHTON EAST	Michael James Cartwright	3 Harrowgate Village, Darlington, DL1 3AA.
	Christopher Paul McEwan	8 Millrace Close, Rivergarth, Darlington, DL1 3SQ.
HAUGHTON NORTH	Geoffrey Brian Walker	239 Yarm Road, Darlington, DL1 1BA.
	Veronica Copeland	86 Eastbourne Road, Darlington, DL1 4ER.
HAUGHTON WEST	Thomas Nutt	7 Rivermead Avenue, Darlington, DL1 3SG.
	David Aloysious Lyonette	23 Harley Grove, Darlington, DL1 3HD.
HEIGHINGTON & CONISCLIFFE	Andrew John Scott	11 Cragwellside, Darlington, DL1 2TR.
	Nicholas Victor Wallis	67 Rivergarth, Darlington, DL1 3SN.
	Gerald Garfield Lee	1 Greenhill Road, Heighington, Darlington, DL5 6RN.
HUMMERSKNOTT	Eric Roberts	8 Fulthorpe Grove, Darlington, DL3 9QJ.
	Alan Coultas	39 Linden Avenue, Darlington, DL3 8PS.
HURWORTH	Charles Vincent Johnson	40 Caedmon Crescent, Darlington, DL3 8LF.
	Malcolm Dunstone	59 Victoria Embankment, Darlington, DL1 5JS.
LASCELLES	Martin Graham Swainston	40 Heathfield Park, Middleton St. George, Darlington, DL2 1LN.
	Jacqueline Mary Maddison	139 Greenbank Road, Darlington, DL3 6EN.
LINGFIELD	Maureen Wendy Newall	20 Eastmount Road, Darlington, DL1 1JY.
	Ian George Haszeldine	206 Hundens Lane, Darlington, DL1 1JB.
MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	Lynne Haszeldine	206 Hundens Lane, Darlington, DL1 1JB.
	Doris Mary Jones	38 The Oaklands, Middleton One Row, Darlington, DL2 1BD.
MOWDEN	Stephen York	32 Heathfield Park, Middleton St. George, Darlington, DL2 1LN.
	Ronald Lewis	28 Hall View Grove, Darlington, DL3 9DN.

	James William Stenson	178 Coniscliffe Road, Darlington, DL3 8PA.
NORTH ROAD	Michael John Barker	19 Stanhope Road North, Darlington, DL3 7AP.
	Stephen John Jones	167 Thompson Street West, Darlington, DL3 0HU.
	Frederick Lawton	15 Woodland Terrace, Darlington, DL3 9NT.
NORTHGATE	Eleanor Jane Lister	15 Larchfield Street, Darlington, DL3 7TF.
	Dorothy Claire Long	19A Vane Terrace, Darlington, DL3 7AT.
PARK EAST	Peter Freitag	237 Parkside, Darlington, DL1 5TG
	Cynthia Lynn Beaver Hughes	19 Oakdene Avenue, Darlington, DL3 7HR.
	Jonathan Mark Lyonette	32 Victoria Embankment, Darlington, DL1 5JR.
PARK WEST	James Austin Ruck	45 Linden Avenue, Darlington, DL3 8PS.
	Heather Irene Scott	76 Carmel Road South, Darlington, DL3 8DR.
PIERREMONT	Kate Victoria Davies	32 Corporation Road, Darlington, DL3 6AJ.
	Stephen James Harker	Elm Court, Tower Road, Darlington, DL3 6RU.
	Marian Swift	7 Maude Street, Darlington, DL3 7PW.
SADBERGE & WHESSOE	Brian Jones	38 The Oaklands, Middleton One Row, Darlington, DL2 1BD.

**6. ORDER OF SENIORITY OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL** – The Members of the Council newly elected on 3rd May, 2007 drew lots to determine their order of seniority on the Council.

**RESOLVED** – That the order of seniority for official purposes be approved as follows :-

**Councillor**

1. Stenson
2. Mrs. Scott
3. Roberts
4. D. A. Lyonette
5. Richmond
6. Dixon

**Councillor**

7. Williams
8. Long
9. Hartley
10. Mrs. Jones
11. Francis
12. Lewis
13. Lister
14. Robson
15. Thistlethwaite
16. Wallis
17. Mrs. Swift
18. Baldwin
19. Harker
20. Haszeldine, I.
21. Ruck
22. Vasey
23. Copeland
24. McEwan
25. Newall
26. Walker
27. Lee
28. Johnson
29. Freitag
30. Nutt
31. S. J. Jones
32. B. Jones
33. Maddison
34. J. M. Lyonette
35. Armstrong
36. A. J. Scott
37. Hughes
38. Lawton
39. Swainston
40. Galletley

**Councillor**

41. Chapman
42. Jenkinson
43. Dunstone
44. Coultas
45. Davies
46. Regan
47. Nicholson
48. Burton
49. Haszeldine, L.
50. Cartwright, M.
51. Cartwright, G.
52. York
53. Barker

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – The Mayor announced that the Reverend Brian Selmes would be her Chaplain for her Mayoral Year.

**8. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER** - Consideration was given to the appointment of a Leader for the Council for the Municipal Year 2007/08.

**RESOLVED** - That Councillor Williams be appointed Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2007/08.

**9. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER** - Consideration was given to the appointment of a Deputy Leader for the Council for the Municipal Year 2007/08.

**RESOLVED** - That Councillor Dixon be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2007/08.

**10. MEMBERSHIP OF CABINET, SCRUTINY COMMITTEES, STANDARDS COMMITTEE AND OTHER COMMITTEES/SUBSIDIARY BODIES 2007/08** - Submitted - A revised list (previously circulated) of the membership of the Cabinet and various Committees for the Municipal Year 2007/08 for approval.

**RESOLVED** – That the membership of the Cabinet, Scrutiny Committees, Standards Committee and other Committees and Subsidiary Bodies of the Council for the 2007/08 Municipal Year be as follows :-

**CABINET (9)** – Councillor Williams (Leader); Councillor Chapman, Councillor Copeland, Councillor Dixon (Deputy Leader), Councillor Harker, Councillor D. A. Lyonette, Councillor McEwan, Councillor Thistlethwaite and Councillor Wallis.

**GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE (13)** – Councillor Dunstone, Councillor Hartley, Councillor Hughes, Councillor Mrs. Jones, Councillor Lawton, Councillor J. M. Lyonette, Councillor Newall, Councillor Nicholson, Councillor Nutt, Councillor Roberts, Councillor A. J. Scott, Councillor Stenson and Councillor Vasey.

**LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMITTEE (13)** – Councillor Dunstone, Councillor Hartley, Councillor Hughes, Councillor Mrs. Jones, Councillor Lawton, Councillor J. M. Lyonette, Councillor Newall, Councillor Nicholson, Councillor Nutt, Councillor Roberts, Councillor A. J. Scott, Councillor Stenson 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 Freitag, Councillor Hartley, Councillor L. Haszeldine, Councillor Johnson, Councillor S. Jones, Councillor Lee, Councillor D. A. Lyonette, Councillor Regan, Councillor Robson, Councillor Stenson and Councillor Walker.

**ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (11)** – Councillor Armstrong, Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Burton, Councillor Dunstone, Councillor Hartley, Councillor Jenkinson, Councillor Lewis, Councillor Long, Councillor Nicholson, Councillor Robson and Councillor Ruck.

**LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (11)** – Councillor Armstrong, Councillor Davies, Councillor Francis, Councillor Galletley, Councillor Hughes, Councillor Lawton, Councillor Lister, Councillor Long, Councillor Richmond, Councillor A. J. Scott and Councillor Walker.

**VOTING CO-OPTED REPRESENTATIVES (5)** - Vacancy (Roman Catholic Church Representative), Canon Sheila Bamber (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 (12)** – The Mayor; Councillor Barker, Councillor Jenkinson, Councillor B. Jones, Councillor Mrs. Jones, Councillor Lee, Councillor Lister, Councillor J. M. Lyonette, Councillor Maddison, Councillor Newall, Councillor Ruck and Councillor York.

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

**SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (11)** – The Mayor; Councillor G. Cartwright, Councillor Davies, Councillor Freitag, Councillor I. Haszeldine, Councillor L. Haszeldine, Councillor Nutt, Councillor Regan, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Mrs. Scott and Councillor Vasey.

**HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE (12)** – Councillor Coultas, Councillor Dixon (Deputy Leader of the Council), Councillor Galletley, Councillor Harker (Cabinet Member

with Resource Management Portfolio), Councillor I. Haszeldine (Chair of Resources Scrutiny Committee), Councillor Johnson, Councillor McEwan (Cabinet Member with Children's Services Portfolio), Councillor Mrs. Scott, Councillor Swainston, Councillor Wallis (Cabinet Member with the Highways and Transport Portfolio), Councillor Walker and Councillor Williams (Leader of the Council).

**HUMAN RESOURCES CHIEF OFFICERS APPOINTMENTS PANEL (8) – 8** Members to be drawn from the Human Resources Committee.

**HUMAN RESOURCES PANEL (SITTING AS AN APPOINTMENTS PANEL) (5) – 5** Members to be drawn from the Human Resources Committee.

**HUMAN RESOURCES PANEL (SITTING AS JCC AND APPEALS COMMITTEE) (5) – 5** Members to be drawn from the Human Resources Committee.

**APPRAISAL SUB-GROUP (5) – 5** Members to be drawn from the Human Resources Committee.

**LEA GOVERNORS APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (5) –** Councillor Armstrong, Councillor Hughes (Chair of Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee), Councillor Lawton, Councillor McEwan (Cabinet Member with the Children's Services Portfolio) and Councillor A. J. Scott (Vice-Chair of Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee).

**AUDIT COMMITTEE (3) –** Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Johnson and Councillor Thistlethwaite.

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE (7) -** Councillor B. Jones and Councillor Lister, Mr. M. Airey, Mr. M. Hill, Mr. F. Hayes, Parish Councillor Whitby and Parish Councillor York.

**TENDERING PANEL (3) –** Councillor Dixon (Deputy Leader of the Council), Councillor Harker (Cabinet Member with Resource Management Portfolio) and Councillor Lewis.

**CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL (2) –** Councillors McEwan (Cabinet Member with the Children's Services Portfolio) and Mrs. Scott.

**PUBLIC PROTECTION FORUM (8) –** The Mayor; Councillor Barker, Councillor Copeland (Cabinet Member with the Consumer and Environmental Services Portfolio), Councillor Hartley (Chair of the General Licensing Committee), Councillor Mrs. Jones (Chair of the Public Protection and Community Partnerships Scrutiny Committee), Councillor Nicholson and Councillor Nutt (Vice-Chair of the General Licensing Committee).

**DARLINGTON ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM (9) –** Councillor G. Cartwright, Councillor Copeland (Cabinet Member with the Consumer and Environmental Services Portfolio), Councillor Dunstone (Vice-Chair of the Environment Scrutiny Committee), Councillor Jenkinson, Councillor Lister (Vice-Chair of the Public Protection and Community Partnerships Scrutiny Committee), Councillor D. A. Lyonette (Cabinet Member with the Regeneration and Planning Portfolio), Councillor Newall, Councillor Robson (Chair of the Environment Scrutiny Committee) and Councillor York.



**DARLINGTON PLANNING FORUM (6)** – Councillor Baldwin (Chair of the Planning Committee), Councillor Freitag, Councillor Johnson, Councillor D. A. Lyonette (Cabinet Member with the Regeneration and Planning Portfolio), Councillor Robson (Chair of the Environment Scrutiny Committee) and Councillor Wallis (Cabinet Member with the Highways and Transport Portfolio).

**DARLINGTON TRANSPORT FORUM (7)** – Councillor Copeland (Cabinet Member with the Consumer and Environmental Services Portfolio), Councillor Coultas, Councillor Dunstone (Vice-Chair of the Environment Scrutiny Committee), Councillor Long, Councillor Robson (Chair of the Environment Scrutiny Committee), Councillor Ruck and Councillor Wallis (Cabinet Member with the Highways and Transport Portfolio).

**TOWN CENTRE FORUM (9)** – Councillor Coultas, Councillor Hartley (Central Ward Member), Councillor Lawton, Councillor Long, Councillor D. A. Lyonette (Cabinet Member with the Regeneration and Planning Portfolio), Councillor Robson (Chair of the Environment Scrutiny Committee), Councillor Ruck, Councillor Wallis (Cabinet Member with the Highways and Transport Portfolio) and Councillor Williams (Leader of the Council).

**TOWN CENTRE BOARD (3)** – Councillor D. A. Lyonette (Cabinet Member with the Regeneration and Planning Portfolio), Councillor Mrs. Scott and Councillor Williams (Leader of the Council).

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

**TEES VALLEY JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (3)** – The Mayor (Chair of the Social Affairs and Health Scrutiny Committee); Councillor Mrs. Scott (Member of the Social Affairs and Health Scrutiny Committee) and Councillor Vasey (Vice-Chair of the Social Affairs and Health Scrutiny Committee).

**REASON** – To appoint the Cabinet and Council Committees for the 2007/08 Municipal Year.

**11. PROGRAMME OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2007/08 MUNICIPAL YEAR** - Submitted – A programme of ordinary meetings of the Council for the 2007/08 Municipal Year.

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

**12. REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES FOR THE 2007/08 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 2007/08 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 2007/08 :-

<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	Cabinet Member with Regeneration and Planning Portfolio, Leader of the Council and Councillor Haszeldine (representing the five Tees Valley Authorities)	
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 Maddison) (Councillors Jenkinson, J. Lyonette and Newall as respective named substitutes from the Public Protection and Community Partnerships Scrutiny Committee)	Councillor Mrs. Jones (Councillor Lee as named substitute from the Public Protection and Community Partnerships Scrutiny Committee)
<b>Combined Fire Authority :-</b>		
Appeal Committee	Councillor Lister	
Human Resources Committee	Councillor Maddison	Councillor Mrs. Jones
Standards Committee	Vice-Chair of Public Protection and Community Partnerships Scrutiny Committee	
Performance Committee	Cabinet Member with Consumer and Environmental Services Portfolio	
Audit and Finance Committee	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 Group 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)	
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
Darlington Community Carnival Committee	Councillor Dixon	Councillor Ruck
Darlington Council for Voluntary Service – Executive Committee	Councillors Long and Mrs. Swift	Councillor Davies
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	
North East Assembly	Leader of the Council and Councillor Hughes	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 Group Representation</b>
North East Community Forests	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 Committee as named substitute) (Council's representatives on the Combined Fire Authority)	
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's Services Portfolio and Chair of Lifelong Learning 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.