

**COUNCIL**  
13th May, 2010

**PRESENT** – The Mayor; Councillors Baldwin, Barker, Burton, G. Cartwright, M. Cartwright, Chapman, Copeland, Coultas, Curry, Davies, Dixon, Dunstone, Francis, Freitag, Galletley, Harker, Hartley, Haszeldine, Hughes, Jenkinson, Johnson, B. Jones, Mrs. D. Jones, Lawton, Lee, Lewis, Lister, Long, D. A. Lyonette, J. M. Lyonette, Maddison, McEwan, Nutt, Regan, Richmond, A. J. Scott, Mrs. H. Scott, Stenson, Swainston, Swift, Thistlethwaite, Vasey, Walker, and Williams. (45)

**APOLOGIES** – Councillors Armstrong, L. Haszeldine, Newall, Nicholson, Roberts, Robson, Wallis and York. (8)

**63. MINUTES** – Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this Council held on 18th March 2010.

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes be approved as a correct record.

**64. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

**65. ORDER OF SEALING DOCUMENTS** – Presented – The Register showing the documents which had been sealed since the last meeting of Council.

**66. ANNOUNCEMENTS – (1) Parliamentary (General) Election 2010** – The Mayor announced that Councillor Chapman had been elected as Member of Parliament for the constituency of Darlington in the Parliamentary (General) Election 2010, and invited Councillor Chapman to speak. Councillor Chapman announced her intention to resign from her role as a Councillor, and thanked Councillors and Officers for their support during her term of office.

**RESOLVED** – That the cordial thanks of the Council be extended to Councillor Chapman for the valuable service she had rendered to the Borough during her term of office.

**67. QUESTIONS – TO ANSWER QUESTIONS (WHERE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN) FROM – (1) The Public** – There were no questions from members of the public, where notice had been given, to the Cabinet Member with Portfolio for the Economy.

**(2) Members to Cabinet / Chairs** – There were no questions from Members, where notice had been given, for the Mayor, Members of the Cabinet, or the Chairs of the Scrutiny Committees.

**(3) Members to the Nominated Member of the Police Authority in accordance with Section 20 of the Police Act 1996** – There were no questions to the nominated member of the Police Authority in accordance with Section 20 of the Police Act 1996.

**68. COUNCIL REPORTS** – There were no reports to Council, which had not previously been considered by Cabinet, for consideration at the meeting.

**69. CABINET REPORTS – (1) Overview Reports of Cabinet Members** – The Leader and Cabinet Members each gave a report (previously circulated) on the main areas of work undertaken under their relevant portfolio during the previous cycle of meetings.

Cabinet Members answered questions on their portfolios.

**(2) Cabinet Urgent Decisions** – The Corporate Management Team submitted a report (previously circulated) detailing two decisions taken by Cabinet as a matter of urgency and to which the procedure for call-in could not be applied.

The submitted report outlined the procedure to be followed if decisions were taken under the Urgency Rule.

Councillor Lawton asked a question of the Director of Community Services, and received a response thereon.

**RESOLVED** – That the urgent decisions taken by Cabinet be noted.

**REASON** – To comply with the Council's Constitution.

**70. SCRUTINY REPORTS – (1) Overview Reports** – The five Scrutiny Committee Chairs each gave a report (previously circulated) on the main areas of work undertaken by their relevant Scrutiny Committee during the last cycle of Committee meetings.

**(2) Annual Reports 2009/10** - The five Scrutiny Committees Chairs each gave a report (previously circulated) on the main areas of work undertaken by their relevant Scrutiny Committee during the Municipal Year 2009/10.

**71. MEMBERSHIP CHANGES** – There were no membership changes reported at the meeting.