

COUNCIL
4th June 2015

PRESENT – The Mayor; Councillors Baldwin, Carson, Copeland, Cossins, Coultas, Crichlow, Crudass, Crumbie, Mrs. Culley, Curry, Dixon, Donoghue, Grundy, Harker, I. G. Haszeldine, C. L. B. Hughes, L. Hughes, Johnson, B. Jones, Mrs. D. Jones, Kane, Kelly, Knowles, Lee, Lister, Lyonette, Mills, Newall, K. Nicholson, M. Nicolson, Regan, A. J. Scott, Mrs. H. Scott, Stenson, Storr, C. Taylor, J. Taylor, Tostevin, Wallis, Wright and York. (42)

APOLOGIES – Councillors Cartwright, Galletley, Kelley, Lawton, McEwan, E. A. Richmond and S. Richmond. (7)

ABSENT – Councillor L. Haszeldine. (1)

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

11. SENIOR MANAGEMENT STRUCTURES – The Chief Executive submitted a report (previously circulated) to seek approval for changes to the Council's Senior Management structure relating to adults and children's services as a result of an imminent vacancy of key Chief Officer posts.

The submitted report stated that the Council, at its meeting on 17th July 2014, agreed changes to the management structures and roles within People Services, in response to the emerging collaboration with the Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group (DCCG). The submitted report advised of further changes required due to the new way of working, in addition to the impending loss of two key senior staff.

RESOLVED – (a) That a new post of Director of Adults and Children's Services be created at the grade detailed within the submitted report.

(b) That the posts of Director of People, Assistant Director Children, Families and Learning (re-designated as Service Director – Children's Services from September 2014), and Assistant Director Adult Social Care be deleted.

REASON – To ensure appropriate leadership and management of critical areas of Council services and statutory functions, and to enable progress to continue in delivering the Council's vision and Medium Term Financial Plan.

12. APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES 2015/16 - The Assistant Chief Executive submitted a report (previously circulated) to give consideration to the appointment of Members to the various committees for the 2015/16 Municipal Year, excluding the General Licensing, Licensing Act 2003 and Planning Applications Committees, the appointments to which were made at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 21 May 2015, and to request that any consequential amendments be made to the Council's constitution.

The following amendment to the Motion was moved by Councillor Mrs. H. Scott, and seconded by Councillor Johnson:

That the recommendations moved by Council Dixon be amended as follows:-

1. That a new recommendation '(c)' be inserted as follows:-

'(c) the Governance of Scrutiny be reviewed for 2016/17';

2. That recommendation (c), as printed, be re-lettered '(d)' and the following be added:-

'with the exception of the Children and Young People and the Efficiency and Resources Scrutiny Committees;';

3. That the following be inserted as recommendation '(e)' :-

'(e) in relation to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Mrs D. Jones be appointed as Chair and Councillor Crudass be appointed as Vice-Chair of that Scrutiny Committee and, in relation to the Efficiency and Resources Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Johnson be appointed as Chair and Councillor Coultas be appointed as Vice-Chair of that Scrutiny Committee;

4. That recommendations (d) and (e), as printed, be re-lettered '(f)' and '(g)'.

Amendment Lost.

The Substantive Motion and was put to the meeting and carried.

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 Members to the General Licensing, Licensing Act 2003 and Planning Applications Committees, and the establishment of a General Licensing Sub-Committee consisting of five members, to be drawn from the General Licensing Committee, as detailed in the Appendix to the submitted report, be noted.

(c) That the appointment of the Chairs and Vice Chairs to the Scrutiny Committees and Audit Committee, as detailed in the Appendix to the submitted report, be approved.

(d) That the reduction in the number of Cabinet Portfolios to seven and the appointment of Cabinet Portfolios, as detailed in the Appendix to the submitted report, be noted.

(e) That any consequential amendments to the Constitution, as a result of the establishment of a General Licensing Sub-Committee and the reduction in the number of Cabinet Portfolios, be made.

REASON – To comply with the nominations received and to update the Council’s Constitution accordingly.

NOTE: Following the appointment of Members to the various committees, the Members of the Council newly-elected on 7th May 2015, drew lots to determine their order of seniority on the Council. The order of seniority for official purposes was determined as follows:

1. Stenson
2. Mrs. H. Scott
3. Lyonette
4. E. A. Richmond
5. Dixon
6. Mrs. D. Jones
7. Crichlow (formerly Francis)
8. Lister
9. Wallis
10. Baldwin
11. Harker
12. I. G. Haszeldine
13. Johnson
14. Copeland
15. McEwan
16. Newall
17. Lee
18. Nutt
19. B. Jones
20. A. J. Scott
21. C. L. B. Hughes
22. J. Taylor
23. Lawton
24. Galletley
25. Coultas
26. Regan
27. L. Haszeldine
28. York
29. Kane
30. Cartwright
31. Curry
32. Cossins
33. Crudass
34. Kelley
35. Carson
36. Wright

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| 37. | Donoghue |
| 38. | C. Taylor |
| 39. | L. Hughes |
| 40. | Grundy |
| 41. | S. Richmond |
| 42. | Knowles |
| 43. | Crumbie |
| 44. | Mrs. Culley |
| 45. | Tostevin |
| 46. | Kelly |
| 47. | Mills |
| 48. | K. Nicholson |
| 49. | M. Nicholson |
| 50. | Storr |

13. REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES 2015/16 – The Assistant Chief Executive submitted a report (previously circulated) to give consideration to this Council’s representation on other bodies for the 2015/16 Municipal Year, to which the Council appoints.

RESOLVED – That the nominations to the other bodies, as detailed in paragraph 6 of the submitted report for the Municipal Year 2015/16, be approved.

REASONS – To comply with the nominations received from the Political Groups.