

COUNCIL

24th September 2015

PRESENT – Councillor B. Jones (the Deputy Mayor); Councillors Baldwin, Carson, Copeland, Cossins, Coultas, Crichlow, Crudass, Crumbie, Curry, Dixon, Donoghue, Galletley, Grundy, Harker, I. Haszeldine, L. Haszeldine, C. L. B. Hughes, L. Hughes, Johnson, Mrs. D. Jones, Kane, Kelley, Kelly, Knowles, Lawton, Lee, Lister, McEwan, Mills, Newall, K. Nicholson, M. Nicholson, Regan, E. A. Richmond, A. J. Scott, Stenson, Storr, C. Taylor, J. Taylor, Tostevin, Wallis and York. (43)

APOLOGIES – The Mayor; Councillors Mrs. Culley, Lyonette, S. Richmond, Mrs. H. Scott and Wright. (6)

ABSENT – Councillor Cartwright. (1)

25. MINUTES – Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this Council held on 16 July 2015.

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

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

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

28. ANNOUNCEMENTS – (1) – The Mayor – The Deputy Mayor advised Members that The Mayor was recuperating at home following a short stay in hospital.

RESOLVED - That the best wishes of the Council be conveyed to The Mayor for a speedy recovery to good health.

(2) Jenni Cooke, Service Director, Children, Families and Learning – The Deputy Mayor informed Members that Jenni Cooke, Service Director, Children, Families and Learning, was attending her last meeting of the Council, as she was leaving the authority on 30 September 2015, after working for the authority for over seven years.

RESOLVED - That the thanks of the Council be extended to Jenni Cooke for the work she had undertaken whilst with the Council, and that the best wishes of the Council be extended to Ms. Cooke for her future endeavours.

29. QUESTIONS – TO ANSWER QUESTIONS (WHERE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN) FROM – (1) The Public – There were no questions from members of the public.

(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) Police and Crime Commissioner for Durham and Darlington – The Police and Crime Commissioner for Durham and Darlington addressed Members, and answered questions thereon.

30. COUNCIL REPORTS – There were no reports to be decided by Council, which had not been considered by Cabinet, submitted to the meeting.

31. CABINET REPORTS – (1) Overview Reports of Cabinet Members – The 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.

32. SCRUTINY REPORTS – OVERVIEW REPORTS – The five Scrutiny Committee Chairs each submitted a report (previously circulated) on the main areas of work undertaken by their relevant Scrutiny Committee during the last cycle of Committee meetings.

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