

COUNCIL
17th March 2016

PRESENT – The Mayor; Councillors Baldwin, Carson, Cossins, Coultas, Crichlow, Crudass, Crumbie, Mrs. Culley. Curry, Dixon, Donoghue, Galletley, Grundy, Harker, I. Haszeldine, L. Haszeldine, L. Hughes, Johnson, B. Jones, Mrs. D. Jones, Kane, Kelley, Kelly, Knowles, Lawton, Lee, Lister, Lyonette, McEwan, Mills, Newall, K. Nicholson, M. Nicholson, E. A. Richmond, S. Richmond, A. J. Scott, Mrs. H. Scott, Stenson, Storr, C. Taylor, J. Taylor, Tostevin, Wallis and Wright. (45)

APOLOGIES – Councillors Cartwright, Copeland, C. L. B. Hughes, Regan and York. (5)

62. MINUTES – Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meetings of this Council, held on 28th January 2016 and 25th February 2016.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes be approved as correct records.

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

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

65. ANNOUNCEMENTS – (1) Death in Service – Rose Gallagher - The Mayor announced the death in service of Rose Gallagher, who passed away on 14th March 2016. Mrs. Gallagher was employed as a Community Safety Assistant, and was a valued member of the Community Safety Team within Children’s Services. The Mayor reported that Rose was 63 years old at the time of her death, and that she had joined the Council in May 1998.

As a mark of respect, Members held a short silence in memory of Rose Gallagher.

(2) Bronze Award, Armed Forces Covenant Employer Recognition Scheme – The Mayor announced that the Council had received the Bronze Award from the Armed Forces Covenant Employer Recognition Team, for the support offered to armed forces personal.

(3) Inter-Local Authority Apprenticeship Challenge – The Mayor announced that Darlington’s young apprentices had won the inter-local authority apprenticeship challenge.

(4) Director of Commissioning – The Mayor informed Members that Murray Rose, the Director of Commissioning, was attending his last meeting of the Council, as he

was leaving the authority on 31st March 2016, after working for the authority for nine years.

RESOLVED - That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to Murray Rose for the work he had undertaken whilst with the Council, and that the best wishes of the Council be conveyed to Mr. Rose for his future endeavours.

66. 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.

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

68. CABINET REPORTS – 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.

69. 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.

70. MEMBERSHIP CHANGES – Consideration was given to membership changes of the Committees, Subsidiary Bodies and Other Bodies for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2015/16.

RESOLVED – (a) That Councillor Mrs. D. Jones be replaced on the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee by Councillor Tostevin.

(b) That Councillor Tostevin be replaced on the Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee by Councillor Mrs. D. Jones.