

**COUNCIL**  
11th May 2017

**PRESENT** – The Mayor; Councillors Carson, Copeland, Cossins, Coultas, Crichlow, Crudass, Crumbie, Mrs. Culley, Curry, Dixon, Donoghue, Galletley, Grundy, Harker, I. G. Haszeldine, C. L. B. Hughes, L. Hughes, Johnson, Mrs. D. Jones, Kane, Kelley, Kelly, Knowles, Lawton, Lee, Lister, Lyonette, McEwan, Mills, Newall, K. Nicholson, M. Nicholson, Nutt, E. A. Richmond, S. Richmond, A. J. Scott, Mrs. H. Scott, Storr, C. Taylor, J. Taylor, Tostevin, Wallis and Wright. (44)

**APOLOGIES** – Councillors Baldwin, L. Haszeldine, Regan, Stenson and York. (5)

**ABSENT** – Councillor Cartwright. (1)

**69. MINUTES** – Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this Council, held on 23 March 2017.

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

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

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

**72. ANNOUNCEMENTS – (1) Death of Former Mayor and Councillor Gordon Plummer** - The Mayor reported on the death of former Mayor and Councillor Gordon Plummer, who had sadly passed away on 31 March 2017, and referred to Gordon's years of service, and roles on the Council.

As a mark of respect, Members held a short silence in memory of former Mayor and Councillor Gordon Plummer.

**(2) North East Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors Awards 2017**– The Mayor announced that Feethams Leisure had won an award for 'Best Commercial Property' in the North East Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors Awards 2017. The Mayor stated that the award honoured outstanding commercial property developments in retail, office, leisure, industrial or mixed use.

**73. QUESTIONS – TO ANSWER QUESTIONS (WHERE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN) FROM – (1) The Public** – There were no questions, with notice, 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, Crime and Victims' Commissioner for Durham and Darlington** – The Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner for Durham and Darlington addressed Members, and answered questions thereon.

**74. COUNCIL REPORTS** – There were no reports for consideration at the meeting.

**75. CABINET REPORTS – (a) 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.

**76. 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.

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