

ANNUAL COUNCIL

18th May 2017

PRESENT – The Mayor, Councillors Baldwin, Carson, Copeland, Cossins, Coultas, Crichlow, Crudass, Crumbie, Mrs. Culley, Dixon, Donoghue, Harker, I. G. Haszeldine, L. Haszeldine, C. L. B. Hughes, L. Hughes, Johnson, Mrs. D. Jones, Kelly, Lee, Lister, Lyonette, McEwan, Mills, Newall, M. Nicholson, Nutt, Regan, E. A. Richmond, S. Richmond, A. J. Scott, Mrs. H. Scott, Storr, C. Taylor, J. Taylor, Tostevin, Wallis and Wright. (39)

APOLOGIES – Councillors Curry, Galletley, Grundy, Kane, Kelley, Knowles, Lawton, K. Nicholson, Stenson and York. (10)

ABSENT – Councillor Cartwright. (1)

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

2. MAYOR - Consideration was given to the election of a Mayor for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

RESOLVED - That Councillor Jan Taylor be elected Mayor of the Borough of Darlington for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

Following her election, the Mayor, made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and :-

- (i) signed the 'Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee Record Book';
- (ii) was invested with the Chain of Office;
- (iii) tendered her thanks to the Members of the Council for having elected her;
- (iv) announced her decision to support St. Teresa's Hospice, Family Help and local charities who support children and young people with mental health problems during her term of Office; and
- (v) announced that her Escort for the Mayoral Year would be her husband, Councillor Chris Taylor.

3. RETIRING MAYOR - VOTE OF THANKS - A vote of thanks was proposed to the retiring Mayor and Mayoress.

RESOLVED - That the cordial thanks of the Council are due, and are hereby tendered, to Councillor Brian Jones and his Mayoress, Councillor Mrs. Doris Jones, for the exemplary manner in which they have discharged the duties of the high office of Mayor and Mayoress of this Borough during the past Municipal Year.

In recognition of their services, the Mayor presented the retiring Mayor and Mayoress with medallions.

4. DEPUTY MAYOR - Consideration was given to the appointment of a Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

RESOLVED - That Councillor Copeland be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Darlington for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS – There were no announcements made.

6. APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES 2017/18 - The Director of Neighbourhood Services and Resources submitted a report (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to the membership of the various Committees for the 2017/18 Municipal Year, and the appointment of Chairs and Vice Chairs.

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 Chair and Vice Chairs to the Scrutiny Committees, General Licensing Committee, Licensing Act 2003 Committee, Planning Applications Committee, and Audit Committee, as detailed in the Appendix to the submitted report, be approved.

(c) That the appointment of Cabinet Members and their respective Portfolios, and the changes to the Adult Social Care and Housing and the Health and Partnerships Portfolio, as detailed in the Appendix to the submitted report, be noted.

(d) That any consequential changes be made to the Council's Constitution.

REASON – To comply with the nominations received.

7. REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES 2017/18 - The Director of Neighbourhood Services and Resources submitted a report (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to representation on other bodies for the 2017/18 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED – That the nominations to the other bodies, as detailed in paragraph 6 of the submitted report, be approved.

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

8. PROGRAMME OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2017/18 MUNICIPAL YEAR - Submitted – A programme of Ordinary Meetings of the Council for the 2017/18 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED - That the programme of ordinary meetings be approved.