

COUNCIL
22nd March 2018

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

APOLOGIES – Councillors Haszeldine, Kelly, Regan and York. (4)

ABSENT – Councillor Cartwright and Grundy. (2)

49. MINUTES – Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meetings of this Council, held on 25 January and 22 February 2018.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes be approved as correct records.

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

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

52. ANNOUNCEMENTS – There were no announcements made at the meeting.

53. QUESTIONS – TO ANSWER QUESTIONS (WHERE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN) FROM – (1) The Public – There was one question, with notice, from a member of the public, who received an answer thereon.

(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.

54. COUNCIL REPORTS – (a) Pay Policy Statement 2018/2019 - The Director of Neighbourhood Services and Resources submitted a report (previously circulated) seeking approval of the Pay Policy Statement for the financial year 2018/2019, in line with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, and the Local Government Transparency Code 2014.

The submitted report stated that the Localism Act 2011 required the Council to agree a written Pay Policy on an annual basis, and that the Council publish specific

information relating to the lowest and highest paid employees. The proposed Pay Policy for 2018/19 was appended to the submitted report.

RESOLVED – That the Pay Policy 2018/19 be approved, and that the Pay Policy be published on the Council’s intranet for public access.

REASON – To comply with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011.

55. 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.

56. 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

57. MEMBERSHIP CHANGES – Consideration was given to membership changes of the Committees, Subsidiary Bodies and Other Bodies for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2017/18.

RESOLVED – That Councillor C. Taylor be appointed to the Planning Applications Committee in place of Councillor Regan.