

**ANNUAL COUNCIL**  
Thursday, 19 May 2022

**PRESENT** – Councillors Ali, Allen, Bartch, Bell, Boddy, Dr. Chou, Clarke, Cossins, Crudass, Crumbie, Mrs Culley, Curry, Donoghue, Dulston, Durham, Harker, Haszeldine, Heslop, C L B Hughes, L Hughes, Johnson, B Jones, Mrs D Jones, Laing, Lee, Lucas, Marshall, McCollom, McEwan, Mills, M Nicholson, K Nicholson, Renton, A J Scott, Mrs H Scott, Snedker, Sowerby, Tait, Tostevin, Wallis, Willis and Wright.

**APOLOGIES** – Councillors Baldwin, Holroyd, Layton, Lister, Newall, Paley and Preston.

**ABSENT** – Councillor Keir.

**1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

**2 THE MAYOR OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO MAKE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT MAY BE NECESSARY.**

There were no announcements reported at the meeting.

**3 TO ELECT A MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2022/2023.**

Consideration was given to the election of a Mayor for the Municipal Year 2022/23.

**RESOLVED** – That Councillor Anne-Marie Curry be elected Mayor of the Borough of Darlington for the Municipal Year 2022/23.

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

- (i) Was invested with the Chain of Office;
- (ii) Tendered her thanks to the Members of the Council for having elected her;
- (iii) Announced her decision to support Family Help and Darlington Association on Disability; and
- (iv) Announced that her Mayoress for the Mayoral Year would be her daughter, Miss. Charlotte Curry.

**4 RETIRING MAYOR - VOTE OF THANKS**

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Retiring Mayor and Escort.

**RESOLVED** – That the cordial thanks of the Council are due, and hereby tendered, to Councillor Cyndi Hughes and Stephen Hughes, for the exemplary manner in which they have discharged the duties of the high office of Mayor and Escort of this Borough during the past

Municipal Year.

**5 TO APPOINT A DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2022/2023.**

Consideration was given to the appointment of a Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2022/23.

**RESOLVED** - That Councillor Cossins be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Darlington for the Municipal Year 2022/23.

**6 LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

– Following the resignation of Councillor Mrs. H. Scott as Leader of the Council, consideration was given to the appointment of a new Leader of the Council.

**RESOLVED** – (a) That the cordial thanks of the Council are due, and hereby tendered, to Councillor Mrs. SCOTT, for her service to the Council during her time as Leader of the Council.

(b) That Councillor Dulston be appointed Leader of the Council.

**7 APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES 2022/2023**

The Group Director of Operations submitted a report (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to the membership of the various Committees for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

**RESOLVED** – (a) That the appointment of Members to the various Committees, as detailed in the Appendix to the submitted report, be approved.

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

**REASON** - To comply with the nominations received.

**8 REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES 2022/2023**

The Group Director of Operations submitted a report (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to representation on other bodies for the 2022/23 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.

**9 TO APPROVE A PROGRAMME OF ORDINARY MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE 2022/2023 MUNICIPAL YEAR.**

**Submitted** – A programme of Ordinary Meetings of the Council for the 2022/2023 Municipal

Year.

**RESOLVED** – That the programme of ordinary meetings be approved.