

ANNUAL COUNCIL

17th May 2018

PRESENT – The Mayor, Councillors Baldwin, Carson, Copeland, Cossins, Crichlow, Crudass, Crumbie, Mrs. Culley, Curry, Dixon, Donoghue, Galletley, Harker, Haszeldine, C. L. B. Hughes, L. Hughes, Johnson, B. Jones, Mrs. D. Jones, Kane, Kelley, Kelly, Lawton, Lee, Lister, Lyonette, Marshall, McEwan, Mills, Newall, M. Nicholson, Nutt, E. A. Richmond, S. Richmond, A. J. Scott, Mrs. H. Scott, Storr, C. Taylor, Tostevin and Wallis. (41)

APOLOGIES – Councillors Grundy, Knowles, K. Nicholson, Rahman, Regan and York. (6)

ABSENT – Councillors Cartwright, Coultas and Wright. (3)

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 2018/19.

RESOLVED - That Councillor Veronica Copeland be elected Mayor of the Borough of Darlington for the Municipal Year 2018/19.

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 Darlington Association on Disability, the 700 Club and the Royal British Legion during her term of Office; and
- (v) announced that her Escort for the Mayoral Year would be her husband, Mr. David Copeland.

3. 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 are hereby tendered, to Councillor Jan Taylor and her Escort, Councillor Chris Taylor, 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.

In recognition of their services, the Mayor presented the retiring Mayor and Escort with a medallion and a badge respectively.

4. DEPUTY MAYOR - Consideration was given to the appointment of a Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2018/19.

RESOLVED - That Councillor Galletley be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Darlington for the Municipal Year 2018/19.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS – There were no announcements made.

6. APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES 2018/19 - 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 2018/19 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, and in addition that Councillor Cossins be appointed to the vacancy on the Rights of Way Panel.

(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 2018/19 - The Director of Neighbourhood Services and Resources submitted a report (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to representation on other bodies for the 2018/19 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 2018/19 MUNICIPAL YEAR - Submitted – A programme of Ordinary Meetings of the Council for the 2018/19 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED - That the programme of ordinary meetings be approved.