

ANNUAL COUNCIL
Thursday, 25 May 2023

PRESENT – The Mayor, Councillors Ali, Allen, Anderson, Baker, Bartch, Beckett, Coe, Cossins, Crudass, Crumbie, Mrs Culley, Curry, Dillon, Donoghue, Dulston, Durham, Garner, Harker, Haszeldine, Henderson, Holroyd, Johnson, Kane, Keir, Laing, Lawley, Layton, Lee, Mahmud, Mammolotti, Marshall, McCollom, McEwan, McGill, M Nicholson, K Nicholson, Pease, Porter, Ray, Renton, Dr. Riley, Robinson, Roche, Mrs H Scott, Snedker, Storr, Toms, Tostevin, Wallis and Walters.

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

2 TO ELECT A MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023/24

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

RESOLVED – That Councillor Jan Cossins be elected Mayor of the Borough of Darlington for the Municipal Year 2023/24.

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 ManHealth and The Listening Post; and
- (iv) Announced that her Mayoress for the Mayoral Year would be her daughter, Ms. Ellie Cossins.

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 hereby tendered, to Councillor Anne-Marie Curry and Charlotte Curry 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.

4 TO APPOINT A DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023/24

Consideration was given to the appointment of a Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2023/24.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Donoghue be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Darlington for the Municipal Year 2023/24.

5 TO RECEIVE A RETURN OF COUNCILLORS ELECTED ON 4TH MAY 2023

- Received – A schedule (previously circulated) of the Returning Officer that the under-mentioned persons had been elected Members of the Council and had made and subscribed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office, namely:-

WARD	NAME
BANK TOP AND LASCELLES	Andrew Anderson Helen Crumbie David Ray
BRINKBURN AND FAVERDALE	Rebecca Baker David Beckett Scott Durham
COCKERTON	Jan Cossins Jim Garner Neil Johnson
COLLEGE	Bryony Holroyd PhD Matthew Snedker
EASTBOURNE	Joe Dillon Jonathan Dulston Kevin Nicholson
HARROWGATE HILL	Roz Henderson Richard Lawley Anna-Maria Toms
HAUGHTON AND SPRINGFIELD	Chris McEwan Dawn Storr Nick Wallis
HEIGHINGTON AND CONISCLIFFE	Paul Crudass Gerald Lee
HUMMERSKNOTT	Kate Mammolotti Thomas Robinson
HURWORTH	Lorraine Tostevin Paul Walters
MOWDEN	Pauline Culley Alan Marshall
NORTH ROAD	Hilary Allen

	James Coe Anne-Marie Curry
NORTHGATE	Sajna Ali Sonia Kane
PARK EAST	Libby McCollom Michael Nicholson Matthew Roche
PARK WEST	Bob Donoghue Heather Scott
PIERREMONT	Steve Harker Mary Layton James McGill
RED HALL AND LINGFIELD	Mandy Porter Dr. Amanda Riley
SADBERGE AND MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	Deborah Laing Colin Pease Yvonne Renton
STEPHENSON	Ian Haszeldine Mohammad Mahmud
WHINFIELD	Jamie Bartch, BA, MA Andy Keir

NOTE: The Mayor informed Members that newly-elected Members were required to draw lots to determine their Order of Seniority on the Council, and a draw was subsequently held. The Order of Seniority for official purposes was listed as follows:

Position Councillor

1. Mrs. Scott
2. Wallis
3. Harker
4. Haszeldine
5. McEwan
6. Lee
7. Curry
8. Cossins
9. Crudass
10. Kane
11. Donoghue
12. Crumbie
13. Mrs. Culley

14. Tostevin
15. K. Nicholson
16. M. Nicholson
17. Marshall
18. Holroyd
19. Ali
20. Snedker
21. Dulston
22. Allen
23. Laing
24. Bartch
25. Layton
26. Keir
27. McCollom
28. Durham
29. Storr
30. Anderson
31. McGill
32. Robinson
33. Roche
34. Garner
35. Johnson
36. Renton
37. Lawley
38. Ray
39. Beckett
40. Pease
41. Mammolotti
42. Porter
43. Dillon
44. Walters
45. Henderson
46. Dr. Riley
47. Baker
48. Mahmud
49. Coe
50. Toms

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

There were no announcements reported at the meeting.

7 TO APPOINT THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM OF OFFICE.

Consideration was given to the appointment of a new Leader of the Council for a Four Year Term of Office.

Councillor McEwan moved that Councillor Harker be appointed as the Leader of the Council

for a Four Year Term of Office, which was duly seconded.

At the request of five Members, a Named Vote was taken of those present at the meeting and there appeared:

For the Motion: The Mayor; Councillors Ali, Allen, Anderson, Baker, Beckett, Coe, Crumbie, Curry, Dillon, Garner, Harker, Haszeldine, Johnson, Kane, Layton, Mahmud, McCollom, McEwan, McGill, M. Nicholson, Porter, Ray, Dr. Riley, Roche, Storr and Wallis (27)

Against the Motion: Councillors Bartch, Crudass, Mrs. Culley, Donoghue, Dulston, Durham, Henderson, Holroyd, Keir, Laing, Lawley, Lee, Mammolotti, Marshall, K. Nicholson, Pease, Renton, Robinson, Mrs. Scott, Snedker, Toms, Tostevin and Walters (23)

RESOLVED – That Councillor Harker be appointed as the Leader of the Council for a Four Year Term of Office

8 APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES 2023/24

The Group Director of Operations submitted a report (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to the membership of the various Committees for the Municipal Year 2023/24.

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.

9 REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES 2023/24

The Group Director of Operations submitted a report (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to representation on other bodies for the Municipal Year 2023/24.

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.

10 TO APPROVE A PROGRAMME OF ORDINARY MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE 2023/24 MUNICIPAL YEAR

Submitted – A programme of Ordinary Meetings of the Council for the 2023/24 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED – That the programme of ordinary meetings be approved.