

COUNCIL

Thursday, 25 April 2019

PRESENT – The Mayor, Councillors Carson, Cossins, Coultas, Crichlow, Crudass, Crumby, Curry, Dixon, Galletley, Harker, Haszeldine, Heslop, C L B Hughes, L Hughes, Johnson, Kane, Kelly, Knowles, Lawton, Lee, Lyonette, McEwan, Newall, M Nicholson, S Richmond, E A Richmond, A J Scott, Mrs H Scott, Storr, C Taylor, J Taylor, Tostevin and Wallis

APOLOGIES – Councillors Mrs Culley, Donoghue, Grundy, B Jones, Mrs D Jones, Lister, Marshall, Mills, K Nicholson, Nutt, Wright and York

ABSENT – Councillors Baldwin, Cartwright, Kelley and Rahman

57 MINUTES - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THIS COUNCIL HELD ON 31 JANUARY 2019 AND 21 FEBRUARY 2019

Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meetings of this Council, held on 31 January 2019 and 21 February 2019.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes be approved as correct records.

58 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

59 SEALING.

Presented – The Register showing the documents which had been sealed since the last meeting of Council.

60 ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Acknowledgement of Service – The Mayor announced that the following Councillors would not be standing as candidates in the Local Government Elections on 2 May 2019:-

Councillor Lyonette, with 43 years' service on Darlington Borough Council between 1973 and 1976, and 1979 and 2019;

Councillor Tony Richmond, with 42 and a half years' service on Darlington Borough Council between May 1976 and May 1979, and December 1979 and 2019;

Councillor Dixon, with 40 years' service on Darlington Borough Council between 1979 and 2019;

Councillor Crichlow, with 32 years' service on Darlington Borough Council between 1987 and 2019;

Councillor Copeland, with 20 years' service;

Councillor Nutt, with 16 years' service;

Councillor Jan Taylor, with 16 years' service between May 1987 and May 1995, and May 2011 and 2019;

Councillor Lawton, with 14 years and eight months service;

Councillor York, with 12 years' service;

Councillor Cartwright, with 11 years and one months' service between May 2007 and May 2011, and April 2012 and May 2019;

Councillor Joe Kelley, with eight years' service;

Councillor Carson, with eight years' service;

Councillor Wright, with eight years' service;

Councillor Chris Taylor, with eight years' service;

Councillor Grundy, with eight years' service;

Councillor Knowles, with eight years' service;

Councillor Katie Kelly, with four years' service; and

Councillor Rahman, with one and a half years' service.

A total of 292 years and nine months service.

RESOLVED – That the cordial thanks of the Council be extended to these Councillors for the valuable service they have rendered to the Borough during their terms of office.

Retirement of the Head of Democratic Services – The Mayor announced that Linda Todd, Head of Democratic Services, was attending her last meeting of the Council, ahead of her retirement following the Local Government (Borough) Elections. The Mayor highlighted that Linda had worked for the Council for 34 years, serving Members on all sides of the Council Chamber, and had provided impartial and professional guidance and support.

RESOLVED – That the cordial thanks of the Council be extended to Linda Todd for the valuable support provided to Members during her time with the Council.

61 QUESTIONS - TO ANSWER QUESTIONS (WHERE APPROPRIATE 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) MEMBERS TO THE POLICE, CRIME AND VICTIMS' COMMISSIONER FOR DURHAM AND DARLINGTON.

The Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner for Durham and Darlington, had submitted his apologies for the meeting.

63 COUNCIL REPORTS.

(1) LICENSING PRINCIPLES FOR GAMBLING ACT 2005

The submitted report requested approval of the three-yearly statutory revision of the Council's revised Gambling Policy, produced in accordance with the Gambling Act 2005.

The submitted report stated that the policy had been the subject of extensive consultation, and two responses had been received, and that minor changes had been made to reflect revised guidance to local authorities from key stakeholders since it was last approved on 19 November 2015.

RESOLVED – That the revised Licensing Principles for the Gambling Act 2005, be approved.

REASONS – (a) To enable the Council to formally adopt and publish a statement of licensing principles in compliance with the Gambling Act 2005 requirements.

(b) To clarify the way that the Council will consider applications for licences.

64 CABINET REPORTS.

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.

(1) CABINET URGENT DECISIONS

The Managing Director submitted a report (previously circulated) detailing decisions taken by Cabinet as a matter of urgency and to which the procedure for call-in could not be applied.

RESOLVED – That the urgent decisions taken by Cabinet be noted.

REASON – To comply with the Council's Constitution.

65 SCRUTINY REPORTS - TO CONSIDER SCRUTINY 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

66 MEMBERSHIP CHANGES - TO CONSIDER ANY MEMBERSHIP CHANGES TO COMMITTEES, SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND OTHER BODIES.

There were no membership changes reported at the meeting.