

Council

A meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, 18th October, 2006.

Present: The Worshipful the Mayor Cllr Mrs S Fletcher, Cllr P Baker, Cllr Mrs J Beaumont, Cllr D T Brown, Cllr D Cains, Cllr M Cherrett, Cllr D Coleman, Cllr B Cook, Cllr C Coombs, Cllr A Cunningham, Cllr I J Dalgarno, Cllr K Dewison, Cllr K Dixon, Cllr K Faulks, Cllr J A Fletcher, Cllr M Frankland, Cllr R Gibson, Cllr D Harrington, Cllr Miss B Inman, Cllr E Johnson, Cllr P Kirton, Cllr T Laing, Cllr A Larkin, Cllr C Leckonby, Cllr K Leonard, Cllr K Lupton, Cllr J M Lynch, Cllr L Narroway, Cllr Mrs K F Nelson, Cllr S Nelson, Cllr Mrs E A Nesbitt, Cllr W Noble, Cllr Mrs J O'Donnell, Cllr R Patterson, Cllr M Perry, Cllr Mrs M Rigg, Cllr R Rix, Cllr J M Roberts, Cllr Mrs B Robinson, Cllr F G Salt, Cllr A B L Sherris, Cllr M Smith, Cllr M Stoker, Cllr N Teasdale, Cllr Mrs A Trainer, Cllr S F Walmsley, Cllr M E Womphrey, Cllr B Woodhead, Cllr B Woodhouse

Officers: G Garlick (CE); J Grant, P K Bell, S Whaley (LD); J Danks (R); N Schneider (DNS); A Baxter (CESC).

Also in attendance: Mrs A McCoy, School Children and Head teacher from Thornaby Community School, Members of Care for Your Area Team, Members of Catering Services Team, Reverend Cannon.

Apologies: Cllr Apedaile, Cllr A Cains, Cllr B Jones, Cllr Mrs Norton, Cllr Parry, Cllr Mrs Wade and Cllr Mrs Womphrey.

596 Mr John Thompson

Councillor Lupton informed Members of the recent death of John Thompson. John Thompson lived in north Billingham and had been a Councillor with the former Cleveland County Council. John Thompson was a well liked man and had been a member of numerous associations around the Borough.

597 Minutes

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 6th September 2006 were signed by the Worshipful the Mayor as a correct record.

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599 Thornaby Community School-Winners of TES Newspaper Day Competition 2006-Presentation

The Worshipful the Mayor informed Members that Thornaby Community School had won The Times Educational Supplement Newspaper Day Competition 2006. The Worshipful the Mayor presented Pupils and the Head teacher from Thornaby Community School with certificates and a commemorative glass bowl.

The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People congratulated Thornaby Community School on their achievement and stated that this was the second year in succession when a school from the Stockton Borough had won the award. He went on to say how proud all Members of the Council were of the achievement.

The Chairman of Children and Young People Select Committee also congratulated the Pupils and Head teacher on their achievement and hoped that the Pupils would become journalists of the future.

**600 Britain in Bloom Silver Award/Northumbria in Bloom Best City
Winners-Presentation to Care for Your Area Team**

The Worshipful the Mayor informed Members that an enormous amount of work had been put in from Managers to Horticultural Operatives and Residents to Business in the hope of retaining the Northumbria In Bloom award for the 3rd year running. In addition to this came Stockton's entry into Britain in Bloom. The Care For Your Area Team achieved 'overall winner best city' for Stockton, which was awarded Silver Guild, a Silver award for Billingham (large town) & Silver for Thornaby (small city).

Then the piece de resistance was a Silver award in the national Britain in Bloom competition. Staff worked all hours to keep the flowers and grassed areas hydrated during the drought period and the cleansing & highways staff meticulous as always in keeping the area free from litter and graffiti. The Worshipful the Mayor congratulated all those involved.

The Cabinet Member for Environment congratulated the Care for Your Area Team and outlined that it had been a huge team effort. He also reported that the Care For Your Area Team had excellent managers and staff and met the needs of local people.

**601 Association of Public Service Excellence-Catering Services Team of the
Year-Presentation**

The Worshipful the Mayor presented members of the Catering Services Team with the Association of Public Service Excellence - Catering Services Team of the Year Award. The Worshipful the Mayor outlined all the excellent work that the Catering Services Team had carried out throughout the year. The Deputy Leader and Councillor Lupton also congratulated the Catering Services Team their achievement.

602 Presentation of Honorary Alderman Status to Mrs Ann McCoy

On behalf of the Council, the Worshipful the Mayor conferred the title of Honorary Alderman on Mrs A McCoy in recognition of her 18 years of service to local government.

603 Declarations of Interest

Cabinet

Councillor Brown declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute numbers 526, 563 and 569 as he was a Member of Tristar Homes Limited Board and his son was employed by Tristar Homes Ltd.

Councillor Mrs Trainer declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute numbers 526, 563 and 569 as she was a Member of Tristar Homes Limited Board.

Councillor Leonard declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute numbers 526, 563 and 569 as he was a Member of Tristar Homes Limited Board.

Councillor Roberts declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute numbers 526, 563 and 569 as she was a Member of Tristar Homes Limited Board.

Councillor Nelson declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute numbers 526, 563 and 569 as she was a Member of Tristar Homes Limited Board.

Councillor Leonard declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute number 562 as he was a Governor of Roseworth School and Redbrook School.

Councillor Cook declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute number 566 as he was a Member of the Joint Strategy Committee and served on the Tourism Partnership Board.

Councillor Cook declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute number 562 as he was a Governor at Blakeston School.

Executive Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Brown declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute numbers 551 and 553 as he was a Member of Tristar Homes Limited Board and his son was employed by Tristar Homes Ltd.

Councillor Mrs Trainer declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute numbers 551 and 553 as she was a Member of Tristar Homes Limited Board.

Councillor Leonard declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute numbers 551 and 553 as he was a Member of Tristar Homes Limited Board.

Councillor Roberts declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute numbers 551 and 553 as she was a Member of Tristar Homes Limited Board.

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Adults, Leisure and Culture Select Committee

Councillor Mrs Rigg declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute number 452 as she was a member of Egglecliffe Parish Council.

Councillor Fletcher declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute number 452 as he was a member of Egglecliffe Parish Council.

Standards Committee

Councillor Mrs Beaumont declared a personal, prejudicial interest in respect of

minute numbers 531 and 532.

Licensing Committee

Councillor Kirton declared a personal, prejudicial interest in respect of minute number 487 as he knew Mr W.H. on a personal level.

604 Public Question Time

The Head of Legal Services reported that no public questions had been received.

605 Members' Question Time

The Head of Legal Services reported that no Member questions had been received.

606 Minutes

Moved by Councillor Woodhead, seconded by Councillor Gibson and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee held on 5th July 2006 (Minute Nos 430-435) be received.

607 Minutes

Moved by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Smith and RESOLVED that the minutes of Adults, Leisure and Culture Select Committee held on 12th July 2006 (Minute Nos 436-439) be confirmed.

608 Minutes

Moved by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Smith and RESOLVED that the minutes of Adults, Leisure and Culture Select Committee held on 26th July 2006 (Minute Nos 440-442) be confirmed.

609 Minutes

Moved by Councillor Dixon, seconded by Councillor Lupton and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Health Select Committee held on 24th July 2006 2006 (Minute Nos 443-445) be confirmed.

610 Minutes

Moved by Councillor Mrs Rigg, seconded by Councillor Lupton and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Children and Young People Select Committee held on 16th August 2006 (Minute Nos 446 - 448) be confirmed.

611 Minutes

Moved by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Smith and RESOLVED that the minutes of Adults, Leisure and Culture Select held on 17th August 2006 (Minute Nos 449 - 452) be confirmed.

612 Minutes

Moved by Councillor Mrs Beaumont, seconded by Councillor Teasdale and RESOLVED that the minutes of Environment and Regeneration Select Committee held on 22nd August 2006 (Minute Nos 453 - 454) be confirmed.

613 Minutes

Moved by Councillor Woodhead, seconded by Councillor Larkin and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Corporate Policy Review Select Committee held on 14th June 2006 (Minute Nos 455 - 456) be confirmed.

614 Minutes

Moved by Councillor Woodhead, seconded by Councillor Larkin and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Corporate Policy Review Select Committee held on 27th June 2006 (Minute Nos 457) be confirmed.

615 Minutes

Moved by Councillor Stoker, seconded by Councillor Cherrett and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 23rd August 2006 (Minute Nos 458 - 465) be received.

616 Minutes

Moved by Councillor Sherris, seconded by Councillor Lupton and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Standards Committee held on 24th August 2006 (Minute Nos 466 - 472) be received or confirmed as appropriate.

617 Minutes

Moved by Councillor Leonard, seconded by Councillor Kirton and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee held on 24th August 2006 (Minute Nos 473 - 478) be received.

618 Minutes

Moved by Councillor Mrs Rigg, seconded by Councillor Lupton and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Adults, Leisure and Culture held on 30th August 2006 (Minute Nos 479 - 481) be confirmed.

619 Minutes

Moved by Councillor Mrs Nelson, seconded by Councillor Kirton and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing Committee held on 5th September 2006 (Minute Nos 482 - 487) be received.

620 Minutes

Moved by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor Coleman and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Cabinet held on 7th September 2006 (Minute Nos 513 -

526) be received or confirmed as appropriate.

621 Minutes

Moved by Councillor Sherris, seconded by Councillor Lupton and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Standards Committee held on 12th September 2006 (Minute Nos 527 - 532) be received or confirmed as appropriate.

622 Minutes

Moved by Councillor Stoker, seconded by Councillor Cherrett and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 13th September 2006 (Minute Nos 533 - 540) be received.

623 Minutes

Moved by Councillor Leonard, seconded by Councillor Kirton and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee held on 14th September 2006 (Minute Nos 541 - 544) be received.

624 Minutes

Moved by Councillor Mrs Rigg, seconded by Councillor Lupton and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Children and Young People Select Committee held on 19th September 2006 (Minute Nos 545 - 547) be confirmed.

625 Minutes

Moved by Councillor Lupton, seconded by Councillor Noble and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Executive Scrutiny Committee held on 26th September 2006 (Minute Nos 548 - 553) be received subject to the following correction:-

Minute 485 - The resolution to read as follows:-

RESOLVED that the issues relating to Choice Based Lettings be considered as part of the current Housing and Community Safety Select Committee review and that future review topics be considered when setting the Work Programme for 2007/08.

626 Minutes

Moved by Councillor Miss Inman, seconded by Councillor Gibson and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Education Support Panel held on 21st September 2006 (Minute Nos 554) be received.

627 Minutes

Moved by Councillor Woodhouse, seconded by Councillor Patterson and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Audit Committee held on 28th September 2006 (Minute Nos 555 - 556) be received.

628 Minutes

Moved by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor Coleman and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Appointments Panel (Heads of Service) held on 4th October 2006 (Minute Nos 492) be received.

629 Minutes

Moved by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor Coleman and RESOLVED that the minutes of Cabinet held on 5th October 2006 (Minute Nos 560 - 569) be received or confirmed as appropriate.

630 To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Stockton Home Safety Association held on 20th June 2006.

The minutes of the Stockton Home Safety Association held on 20th June 2006 were noted.

631 To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Markets Forum held on 5th July 2006.

The minutes of the Markets Forum held on 5th July 2006 were noted.

632 To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Safer Stockton Partnership held on 25th July 2006.

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633 To receive the minutes of the meetings of the Elderly Citizens Liaison Forum held on 25th July 2006 and 29th August 2006.

The minutes of the Elderly Citizens Liaison Forum held on 25th July 2006 and 29th August 2006 were noted.

634 At its Annual Meeting held on Wednesday 5th April 2006 the Council approved appointments to its Cabinet, Committees and Panels for the Municipal Year 2006/2007.

Necessary amendments to the Membership of the Environment and Regeneration Select Committee had been identified that required approval by the Council.

RESOLVED that:-

1. Councillor Teasdale be removed from the Environment and Regeneration Select Committee and be replaced with Councillor Rix.

2. Councillor Cains be appointed as Vice Chairman of the Environment and Regeneration Select Committee.

635 Corporate Director's Remuneration Panel

In accordance with the provisions relating to political proportionality, it was

necessary to increase the membership of the Corporate Directors' Remuneration Panel from six to seven members in order to accommodate representation from the Ingleby Barwick Independent Society.

Membership of the Panel consisted of :-

- Leader
- Deputy Leader
- One Labour Member
- Leader of Conservative Group
- Leader of Liberal Democrat Group
- Leader of Thornaby Independent Association

It was therefore proposed that the Leader of the Ingleby Barwick Independent Society (Cllr Narroway) be appointed to the Panel.

RESOLVED that Councillor Narroway be appointed to the Corporate Directors Remuneration Panel.

636 Forward Plan and Leader's Report

The Forward Plan for the period 1st October 2006 to 31st January 2007 had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. The Forward Plan for the period 1st November 2006 to 28th February 2007 would be published on or before the 16th October 2006.

The Leader of the Council reported on significant decisions which the Cabinet was proposing to take over the coming months.