

# Council

A meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, 7th March, 2007.

**Present:** Deputy Mayor (Cllr W Noble); Cllr Mrs J L Apedaile, Cllr P Baker, Cllr Mrs J Beaumont, Cllr D T Brown, Cllr D Cains, Cllr Mrs P A Cains, Cllr M Cherrett, Cllr D Coleman, Cllr B Cook, Cllr C Coombs, Cllr A Cunningham, Cllr I J Dalgarno, 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 C Leckonby, Cllr K Leonard, Cllr J M Lynch, Cllr Mrs K F Nelson, Cllr S Nelson, Cllr Mrs A Norton, Cllr Mrs J O'Donnell, Cllr R Patterson, Cllr M Perry, 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 S F Walmsley, Cllr Mrs M B Womphrey, Cllr M E Womphrey, Cllr B Woodhead and Cllr B Woodhouse.

**Officers:** N. Schneider (DNS); A Baxter (CESC); J Grant, P K Bell (LD).

**Also in attendance:** Three Members of the Public.

**Apologies:** Cllr Dewison, Cllr Dixon, Cllr Mrs Fletcher, Cllr Jones, Cllr Larkin, Cllr Lupton, Cllr Narroway, Cllr Mrs Nesbitt, Cllr Parry, Cllr Mrs Rigg, Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Mrs Trainer and Cllr Mrs Wade.

## 1158 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2007 were signed by the Deputy Mayor as correct record.

## 1159 Declarations of Interest

Cabinet

Councillor Leonard declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute number 1004 as he was a Member of Tristar Homes Ltd Management Board.

Councillor Brown declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute number 1004 as he was a Member of Tristar Homes Ltd Management Board and his son was employed by Tristar Homes Ltd.

Councillor Roberts declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute number 1004 as she was a Member of Tristar Homes Ltd Management Board.

Councillor Nelson declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute number 1004 as he was a Member of Tristar Homes Ltd Management Board.

Councillor Woodhead declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute number 1004 as he was a Member of Tristar Homes Ltd Management Board.

Councillor Coombs declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute number 1001 as he was the Chairman of the School Organisation Committee.

Councillor Coombs declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute number 1006 as he received free bus travel under the Travel Scheme.

Councillor Coombs declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute number 1008 as he was a Board Member of Stockton International Family Centre Management Board.

#### Housing and Community Safety Select Committee

Councillor Leonard declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute numbers 957 and 979 as he was a Member of Tristar Homes Ltd Management Board.

Councillor Brown declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute numbers 957 and 979 as he was a Member of Tristar Homes Ltd Management Board and his son was employed by Tristar Homes Ltd.

Councillor Roberts declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute numbers 957 and 979 as she was a Member of Tristar Homes Ltd Management Board.

Councillor Nelson declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute numbers 957 and 979 as he was a Member of Tristar Homes Ltd Management Board.

Councillor Woodhead declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute numbers 957 and 979 as he was a Member of Tristar Homes Ltd Management Board.

#### Executive Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Leonard declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute numbers 914 and 916 as he was a Member of Tristar Homes Ltd Management Board.

Councillor Brown declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute numbers 914 and 916 as he was a Member of Tristar Homes Ltd Management Board and his son was employed by Tristar Homes Ltd.

Councillor Roberts declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute numbers 914 and 916 as she was a Member of Tristar Homes Ltd Management Board.

Councillor Nelson declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute numbers 914 and 916 as he was a Member of Tristar Homes Ltd Management Board.

Councillor Woodhead declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute numbers 914 and 916 as he was a Member of Tristar Homes Ltd Management Board.

Councillor Fletcher declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute numbers 914 and 916 as he was a Member of Egglecliffe Parish Church and he was a Member of Friends of Billingham International Folklore Festival.

## Environment and Regeneration Select Committee

Councillor Fletcher declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute numbers 872 and 892 as he was a Member of Egglecliffe Parish Church.

## Adults, Leisure and Culture Select Committee

Councillor Fletcher declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of minute numbers 875 and 984 as he was a Member of Friends of Billingham International Folklore Festival.

## Planning Committee

Councillor Walmsley declared a personal, prejudicial interest in respect of minute number 905 as his wife worked for the applicant.

Councillor Walmsley declared a personal, prejudicial interest in respect of minute 902 as he chaired the Thornaby Town Centre Steering Group.

Councillor Walmsley declared a personal, prejudicial interest in respect of minute number 909 and 969 as he was a friend of the applicant.

Councillor Faulks declared a personal, prejudicial interest in respect of minute number 909 and 969 as he was a friend of the applicant.

Councillor Patterson declared a personal, prejudicial interest in respect of minute number 909 and 969 as he was the applicant.

## Agenda Item 28 - Cleveland Fire Authority - 24th November 2006

Councillor Roberts declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 28 as she was a Member of the Cleveland Fire Authority.

Councillor Brown declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 28 as he was a Member of the Cleveland Fire Authority.

Councillor Woodhead declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 28 as he was a Member of the Cleveland Fire Authority.

Councillor Mrs O'Donnell declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 28 as he was a Member of the Cleveland Fire Authority.

Councillor Salt declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 28 as he was a Member of the Cleveland Fire Authority.

Councillor Kirton declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 28 as he was a Member of the Cleveland Fire Authority.

Councillor Walmsley declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 28 as he was a Member of the Cleveland Fire Authority.

**1160 Public Question Time**

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

**1161 Members' Question Time**

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

**1162 Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Mrs Beaumont, seconded by Councillor Cains and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Environment and Regeneration Select Committee held on 11th December 2006 (Minute Nos 869 - 872) be confirmed.

**1163 Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Smith and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Adults, Leisure and Culture Select Committee held on 18th December 2007 (Minute Nos 873 - 877) be confirmed.

**1164 Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Cherrett, seconded by Councillor Mrs Beaumont and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Children and Young People Select Committee held on 28th September 2007 (Minute Nos 878 - 880) be confirmed.

**1165 Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Woodhead, seconded by Councillor Harrington and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Corporate Policy Review Select Committee held on 12th December 2006 (Minute Nos 881 - 883) be confirmed.

**1166 Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Cherrett, seconded by Councillor Mrs Beaumont and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Children and Young People Select Committee held on 8th December 2007 (Minute Nos 884 - 886) be confirmed.

**1167 Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Leonard, seconded by Councillor Mrs Nelson and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee held on 10th January 2007 (Minute Nos 887 - 889) be received.

**1168 Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Mrs Beaumont, seconded by Councillor Cains and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Environment and Regeneration Select Committee held on 8th January 2007 (Minute Nos 890 - 892) be confirmed.

**1169 Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Leonard, seconded by Councillor Mrs Nelson and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee held on 18th January 2007 (Minute Nos 893 -894) be received.

**1170 Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Smith and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Adults, Leisure and Culture Select Committee held on 10th January 2007 (Minute Nos 895 - 898) be confirmed subject to the following correction:-

In the fourth paragraph delete the words "and volunteers being unable to carry out their duties owing to being inebriated"; and

In the fifth paragraph delete the words "Some groups from abroad brought rubbish with them and disposed of it in residents' bins upon leaving the coach".

**1171 Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Stoker, seconded by Councillor Cherrett and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 10th January 2007 (Minute Nos 899 - 911) be received.

**1172 Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Beaumont, seconded by Councillor Cherrett and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Executive Scrutiny Committee held on 23rd January 2007 (Minute Nos 912 - 916) be received.

**1173 Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Woodhead, seconded by Councillor Harrington and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Corporate Policy Review Select Committee held on 16th January 2007 (Minute Nos 952 - 954) be confirmed.

**1174 Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Roberts, seconded by Councillor Cherrett and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Housing and Community Safety Select Committee held on 8th December 2006 (Minute Nos 955 - 958) be confirmed.

**1175 Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Cherrett, seconded by Councillor Mrs Beaumont and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Children and Young People Select Committee held on 17th January 2007 (Minute Nos 959 - 961) be confirmed.

**1176 Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Mrs Womphrey, seconded by Councillor Harrington and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Health Select Committee held on 24th November 2006 (Minute Nos 962 - 964) be confirmed.

**1177 Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Stoker, seconded by Councillor Cherrett and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 31st January 2007 (Minute Nos 965 - 975) be received.

**1178 Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Mrs Beaumont, seconded by Councillor Cains and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Environment and Regeneration Select Committee held on 25th January 2007 (Minute Nos 976 - 977) be confirmed.

**1179 Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Roberts, seconded by Councillor Cherrett and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Housing and Community Safety Select Committee held on 1st February 2007 (Minute Nos 978 - 980) be confirmed.

**1180 Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Smith and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Adults, Leisure and Culture Select Committee held on 30th January 2007 (Minute Nos 981 - 985) be confirmed.

**1181 Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Rix, seconded by Councillor Mrs Robinson and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Employee Appeals Panel held on 21st December 2006 (Minute Nos 986 - 987) be received.

**1182 Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Mrs Nelson, seconded by Councillor Mrs Wade and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing Committee held on 13th February 2007 (Minute Nos 988 - 997) be received.

**1183 Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor Coleman and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Cabinet held on 1st February 2007 (Minute Nos 998 - 1012) be received or confirmed as appropriate.

**1184 To receive the minutes of the meeting Cleveland Fire Authority held on 24th November 2006**

The minutes of the Cleveland Fire Authority held on 24th November 2006 were noted.

**1185 To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Safer Stockton Partnership held on 5th December 2006**

The minutes of the Safer Stockton Partnership held on 5th December 2006 were noted.

**1186 To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Stockton Home Safety Association held on 12th December 2006**

The minutes of the Stockton Home Safety Association held on 12th December 2006 were noted.

**1187 To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Elderly Citizens Liaison Forum held on 19th December 2006**

The minutes of the Elderly Citizens Liaison Forum held on 19th December 2006 were noted.

**1188 At Council held on Wednesday 3rd May 2006 the Council approved appointments to Local Development Framework**

Necessary amendments to the Membership of the Local Development Framework had been identified that required approval by the Council.

RESOLVED that Councillor Narroway be removed from the Local Development Framework and replaced with Councillor Patterson.

**1189 Forward Plan and Leader's Report**

The Forward Plans for the periods 1st February 2007 to 31st May 2007 and 1st March 2007 to 30th June 2007 had previously been circulated to Members. The Forward Plan for the period 1st April 2007 to 31st July 2007 was due to be published on or before 16th March 2007. The Leader of the Council reported on significant decisions which the Cabinet was proposing to take over the coming months.

**1190 Suspension of Council Procedure Rules**

In accordance with Council Rule 22.1, it was moved by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor Coleman and RESOLVED that Council Rules of Procedures be suspended for the remainder of the meeting, to allow an urgent motion to be considered.

**1191 Slave Trade Act**

The following motion under the suspension of Council Procedure Rules was moved by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Cherrett:-

"This Council celebrates the Slave Trade Act passed on 25th March 1807. Furthermore, Council applauds the decision of HM Government to sign the European Convention Against Trafficking which is a form of modern slavery. Stockton Borough Council will do all in its power, in accordance with the terms of the Convention, to support any victims of such trafficking who seek help in our Borough."

The motion was carried.