

# Council

A meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, 23rd May, 2007.

**Present:** The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Mrs Suzanne Fletcher), Cllr Hilary Aggio, Cllr Mrs Lynne Apedaile, Cllr Paul Baker, Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Mrs Jennie Beaumont, Cllr Phillip Broughton, Cllr Mrs Ann Cains, Cllr Dick Cains, Cllr Aidan Cockerill, Cllr David Coleman, Cllr Robert Cook, Cllr Mrs Eileen Craggs, Cllr Alex Cunningham, Cllr Ian Dalgarno, Cllr Ken Dixon, Cllr Jackie Earl, Cllr Mick Eddy, Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr John Fletcher, Cllr Maurice Frankland, Cllr Robert Gibson, Cllr David Harrington, Cllr Miss Barbara Inman, Cllr Mohammed Javed, Cllr Paul Kirton, Cllr Miss Tina Large, Cllr Andrew Larkin, Cllr Colin Leckonby, Cllr Alan Lewis, Cllr Ken Lupton, Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy, Cllr Lee Narroway, Cllr Mrs Kath Nelson, Cllr Steve Nelson, Cllr Mrs Liz Nesbitt, Cllr Bill Noble, Cllr Mrs Jean O'Donnell, Cllr Ross Patterson, Cllr Maurice Perry, Cllr Mrs Maureen Rigg, Cllr Roy Rix, Cllr Julia Roberts, Cllr Fred Salt, Cllr Andrew Sherris, Cllr Michael Smith, Cllr Mick Stoker, Cllr Mrs Allison Trainer, Cllr Steve Walmsley, Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley, Cllr Mrs Mary Womphrey, Cllr Mick Womphrey, Cllr William Woodhead, Cllr Barry Woodhouse.

**Officers:** G Garlick (CE); J Grant, N Hart, M Henderson, P K Bell, S Johnson, J McGeeney, C Johnson (LD).

**Also in attendance:** Invited guests and dignitaries.

**Apologies:** Cllr John Gardner and Cllr Terry Laing.

## **1 Prayers**

Reverend Canon Tim Ollier led the prayers.

## **2 Civic Welcome**

The Worshipful the Mayor addressed the meeting by way of civic welcome.

## **3 Presentation of Silver Salver to Retiring Deputy Mayor**

On behalf of the Council, the Worshipful the Mayor presented a silver salver to the retiring Deputy Mayor for his services during 2006/2007.

## **4 Election of The Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2007/2008**

Moved by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that Councillor Noble be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2007/2008.

RESOLVED that Councillor Noble be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2007/2008.

## **5 Return of Thanks for Election and Address by The Mayor**

The Worshipful the Mayor returned thanks for his election and addressed the meeting regarding his ambitions for the year ahead.

## **6 Vote of Thanks to Retiring Mayor and Mayor's Consort**

Moved by Councillor Mrs Rigg, seconded by Councillor Lupton, that a vote of thanks be extended to the retiring Mayor and Mayor's Consort for the admirable way in which they had extended their duties during their term of office.

RESOLVED that thanks be extended to the retiring Mayor and Mayor's Consort for the admirable way in which they had discharged their duties during their term

of office.

**7 Presentation of Medallions to the Retiring Mayor and Mayor's Consort**

The Mayor presented medallions to the retiring Mayor and Mayor's Consort.

**8 Address by the Retiring Mayor**

The retiring Mayor addressed the meeting to reflect her year in office and the charities the Mayor had supported.

**9 Appointment of the Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2007/2008**

Moved by Councillor Mrs Rigg, seconded by Councillor Leckonby, that Councillor Fletcher be appointed Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2007/2008.

RESOLVED that Councillor Fletcher be appointed Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2007/2008.

**10 Return of Thanks for Appointment by Deputy Mayor**

The Deputy Mayor returned thanks for his election.

**11 Presentation of Floral Arrangements**

Floral arrangements were presented to the Mayoress, the retiring Mayor/Deputy Mayor and the High Sheriff's wife (Mrs Ingham) by the grandchildren of the Mayor.

**12 Presentation of Bible to the Mayor by the Mayor's Chaplain**

Father Nick Jennings presented a copy of the Bible to the Worshipful the Mayor.

**13 Announcement of the Arrangements for Mayor's Sunday**

The Chief Executive announced that Mayor's Sunday would be held on 10th June 2007.

**14 To agree to Meetings of the Council being held at 7.00 (except where otherwise stated) during the Municipal Year on the following dates:-**

RESOLVED that meetings of the Council be held at 7.00pm (except where otherwise stated) during the Municipal Year 2007/2008 on the following dates:-

11th July 2007  
5th September 2007  
17th October 2007  
28th November 2007  
23rd January 2008  
27th February 2008 (Special)  
5th March 2008

## **15 Cabinet Composition**

Consideration was given to a report on reducing the composition of Cabinet from 10 Members to 8 Members.

It was proposed that the existing portfolios of 'Housing' and 'Community Safety' be amalgamated into one portfolio. Similarly it was proposed that the 'Corporate' and 'Social Inclusion and Neighbourhood' portfolios merge, and that the position of Deputy Leader be removed. The revised Cabinet make up would therefore be as follows:-

Leader  
Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Health  
Cabinet Member for Arts, Leisure and Culture  
Cabinet Member for Children and Young People  
Cabinet Member for Corporate and Social Inclusion  
Cabinet Member for Environment  
Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Safety  
Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport

Should the above proposal be approved, it would be necessary to reflect these changes within the Constitution.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The proposed changes to Cabinet Member Portfolios be approved.
2. The necessary changes be made to the Council's Constitution.

## **16 Select Committee Structure**

At the previous item members had been invited to approve proposed changes to the Cabinet Member Portfolios. As this item was approved, it was proposed that the Select Committee structure be amended to reflect the new Cabinet Structure. It was suggested that the size of the Select Committees be reduced from 13 elected members to 9. Accordingly, it was proposed that the select committee structure be amended as follows:

Executive Scrutiny Committee (17)  
Adult Services and Health Select Committee (9)  
Arts, Leisure and Culture Select Committee (9)  
Children and Young People Select Committee (9)  
Corporate and Social Inclusion Select Committee (9)  
Environment Select Committee (9)  
Housing and Community Safety Select Committee (9)  
Regeneration and Transport Select Committee (9)

The above changes sought to create an additional Select Committee reflecting

Regeneration and Transport portfolio, this matter having previously been under the remit of the Environment and Regeneration Select Committee. Corporate Policy Select would also have a responsibility for 'Social Inclusion and Neighbourhood matters.

Should the above proposal be approved, it will be necessary to reflect these changes within the Constitution.

RESOLVED that:

1. The proposed changes to Select Committee structure be approved.
2. The necessary changes be made to the Council's Constitution.

## **17 Appointment of the Cabinet, Committees and Panels for the 2007/2008 Municipal Year**

RESOLVED that the following appointments be made to the Cabinet, Committees and Panels:-

### CABINET (8)

Leader: Councillor Lupton  
Arts, Leisure and Culture: Councillor Mrs Womphrey  
Adult Services & Health: Councillor Mrs McCoy  
Children & Young People: Councillor Cunningham  
Environment: Councillor Mrs Beaumont  
Regeneration & Transport: Councillor Cook  
Housing and Community Safety Councillor Nelson  
Corporate and Social Inclusion: Councillor Laing

### EXECUTIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (17)

Councillors Mrs Cains, D. Cains, Coleman, Eddy, Mrs Fletcher, Gibson, Harrington, Narroway, Mrs O'Donnell, Perry, Mrs Rigg, Sherris, Smith, Mrs Trainer, Womphrey, Woodhead, and Woodhouse plus two Diocesan Representative and two Parent Governor Representative when considering education matters.

### ARTS, LEISURE & CULTURE SELECT COMMITTEE (9)

Councillors Aggio, Cains, Dixon, Earl, Mrs Nelson, Mr O'Donnell, Sherris, Mrs Walmsley and Womphrey. Plus two Diocesan Representatives, two Parent Governor Representatives when considering education matters

### CORPORATE & SOCIAL INCLUSION SELECT COMMITTEE (9)

Councillors Mrs Cains, Cockerill, Coleman, Eddy, Mrs Fletcher, Larkin, Mrs O'Donnell, Rix and Womphrey plus two Diocesan Representative and two Parent Governor Representative when considering education matters.

### CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SELECT COMMITTEE (9)

Councillors Broughton, Mrs Cains, Coleman, Eddy, Frankland, Harrington, Miss Inman, Lewis, Sherris. Plus two Diocesan Representatives and two Parent Governor Representatives when considering education matters

ENVIRONMENT SELECT COMMITTEE (9)

Councillors Cains, Larkin, Mrs Rigg, Rix, Smith, Stoker, Walmsley, Womphrey, Woodhead

HOUSING & COMMUNITY SAFETY SELECT COMMITTEE (9)

Councillors Baker, Earl, Gibson, Javed, Narroway, Mrs Nesbitt, Roberts, Mrs Trainer, Woodhead,

ADULT SERVICES & HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE (9)

Councillors Mrs Apedaile, Mrs Cains, Cockerill, Mrs Craggs, Beall, Dixon, Frankland, Gardner, Mrs Nesbitt

REGENERATION & TRANSPORT SELECT COMMITTEE (9)

Councillors Cains, Mrs Craggs, Faulks, Fletcher, Kirton, Mrs Nesbitt, Perry, Salt, Smith

AUDIT COMMITTEE (9)

Councillors Fletcher, Gibson, Mrs Nelson, Patterson, Perry, Mrs O'Donnell, Mrs Walmsley, Womphrey, Woodhouse.

PLANNING COMMITTEE (14)

Councillors Beall, Mrs Beaumont, Broughton, Gardner, Harrington, Kirton, Miss Large, Patterson, Mrs Rigg, Rix, Roberts, Salt, Stoker, Walmsley,

LICENSING COMMITTEE (14)

Councillors Cains, Mrs Craggs, Dixon, Faulks, Kirton, Miss Large, Leckonby, Lewis, Narroway, Mrs Nelson, Perry, Rix, Salt, Woodhead

STANDARDS COMMITTEE (5)

Councillors Baker, Dalgarno, Fletcher, Javed, Sherris, 3 Independent Members (Mrs E.Chapman, Mr F.W.Hayes & Mrs F.Robinson) and 2 Parish Representatives (Mr T.Bowman & Mr L.W.Hedley)

STANDARDS SUB COMMITTEE (2)

Councillors Cains, Sherris, 1 Independent Member (Mr F.W.Hayes) and 1 Parish Representative (Vacancy)

STANDARDS (PARISH & INDEPENDENT REPRESENTATIVES)  
APPOINTMENT PANEL (7)

Councillors Mrs Apedaile, Cains, Coleman, Mrs Beaumont, Faulks, Lupton, Narroway

HOUSING REVIEW (INTRODUCTORY TENANCIES) PANEL (5)

Councillors Beall, Mrs Nesbitt, Roberts, Mrs Trainer, Woodhead

## EDUCATION SUPPORT PANEL (5)

Councillors Eddy, Frankland, Miss Inman, Lewis, Perry

## EMPLOYEE APPEALS PANEL (5)

Councillors Dalgarno, Mrs McCoy, Rix, Roberts, Salt

## APPEALS & COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE (7)

Councillors Baker, Dalgarno, Gibson, Javed, Larkin, Lewis, Mrs Womphrey

## APPOINTMENT PANELS (HEADS OF SERVICE)

### Service Departments

Relevant Cabinet Member and politically balanced comprising 5 members in total.

### Central Support Services

Leader or Cabinet Member for Corporate and Social Inclusion and politically balanced, comprising 5 members in total.

## **JOINT BODIES**

Archives	1 Cabinet Member	Cabinet Members for Arts, Leisure and Culture
Emergency Planning	1 Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Corporate and Social Inclusion
River Tees Port Health Authority	5 (2L, 1C, 1LD, 1IBIS)	Councillors Mrs Fletcher, Narroway, Noble, Perry, Rix
Fire Authority	7 (3L, 2C, 1LD, 1 IBIS)	Councillor Dixon, Kirton, Roberts, Mrs O'Donnell, Perry, Salt, Stoker
Police Authority	2 (1L 1C)	Councillors Kirton, Woodhead
Police Joint Committee	4 (2L 1C, 1LD)	Councillors Coleman, Fletcher, Lupton, Stoker
Teesside Pension Fund	1 L (non-voting)	Councillor Rix
Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee	3 (1L, 1 C, 1LD)	Councillors Aggio, Mrs Cains, Gardner
Joint Strategy Committee	5 (2L, 1C, 1LD 1TIA)	Councillor Cook, Cains, Perry, Fletcher, Walmsley  (subs Mrs Nesbitt, Cunningham, Lupton, Mrs Rigg and Dalgarno)
Tristar Management Board	6 (2L, 1C, 1LD, 2TIA)	Councillors Nelson, Gibson, Woodhead, Roberts, Mrs Trainer, Miss Large

## CONSULTATIVE BODIES

Markets Forum	5 (2L, 1C, 1LD, 1 TIA)	Councillors Beaumont, Cook, Dalgarno, Mrs Fletcher, Noble
Parish Council Liaison Forum	7 (3L, 1C 1 IBIS, 1LD, 1TIA)	Councillors Mrs Beaumont, Coleman, Mrs Craggs, Faulks, Fletcher, Gardner, Woodhouse
Older Persons' Consultative Forum	5 (2L, 1C, 1 TIA, 1LD)	Councillors Aggio, Mrs Cains, Mrs Craggs, Frankland, Mrs Womphrey
Local Joint Consultative Panel	7 (3L, 1C, 1 IBIS, 1LD, 1TIA)	Councillors Beall, Coleman, Eddy, Laing, Patterson, Mrs Rigg, Rix
Teachers Local Joint Consultative Panel	7 (3L, 1C, 1 IBIS, 2LD, 1TIA)	Councillors Cunningham, Eddy, Harrington, Lupton, Nelson, Mrs Rigg, Sherris
Members Advisory Panel-New Constitution	12 (5L, 3C, 2 IBIS, 2LD)	Councillors Beall, Mrs Beaumont, Mrs Cains, Coleman, Mrs Craggs, Gibson, Fletcher, Laing, Lupton, Narroway, Mrs Nelson, Mrs Rigg
Home Safety Association	4 (2 L, 1 C, 1 LD)	Mrs Cains, Earl, Mrs O' Donnell, Roberts
Local Development Framework	10 (4 L, 2C, 2LD, 1TIA, 1IBIS)	Mrs Beaumont, Cook, Fletcher, Nelson, Patterson, Mrs Rigg, Rix, Stoker, Walmsley, Womphrey

## 18 Appointment of Chairmen and Vice Chairmen

With regard the contested Chairmanship of the Executive Scrutiny and in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16.4 Councillor Mrs Rigg requested that a recorded vote be taken; which was supported by at least a quarter of the members present.

For Councillor Narroway:-

Councillors Aggio, Apedaile, Craggs, Dalgarno, Dixon, Eddy, Faulks, Fletcher, Mrs Fletcher, Harrington, Large, Larkin, Leckonby, Lewis, Narroway, Patterson, Mrs Rigg, Roberts, Trainer, Walmsley and Mrs Walmsley.

For Councillor Gibson:-

Councillors Baker, Beall, Mrs Beaumont, Broughton, Cains, Mrs Cains, Cockerill, Coleman, Cook, Cunningham, Earl, Frankland, Gibson, Inman, Javed, Kirton, Lupton, Mrs McCoy, Nesbitt, Mrs Nelson, Nelson, Noble, O'Donnell, Perry, Rix, Salt, Sherris, Smith, Stoker, Mrs Womphrey, Womphrey, Woodhead and Woodhouse.

Therefore it was agreed that Councillor Gibson be appointed Chairman of the Executive Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED that the following appointments be made:-

Committee	Chairman	Vice-Chairman
Executive Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Gibson	Councillor Mrs Fletcher
Corporate and Social Inclusion Select Committee	Councillor Coleman	Councillor Womphrey
Arts, Leisure & Culture Select Committee	Councillor O'Donnell	Councillor Sherris
Environment Select Committee	Councillor Mrs Rigg	Councillor Smith
Regeneration and Transport Select Committee	Councillor Perry	Councillor Cains
Housing & Community Safety Select Committee	Councillor Mrs Trainer	Councillor Roberts
Adult Services and Health Select Committee	Councillor Mrs Cains	Councillor Gardner
Children & Young People Select Committee	Councillor Harrington	Councillor Eddy
Planning Committee	Councillor Rix	Councillor Patterson
Licensing Committee	Councillor Woodhead	Councillor Mrs Nelson
Standards Committee	Not Applicable	Councillor Sherris
Audit Committee	Councillor Fletcher	Councillor Woodhouse
Standards Sub Committee	Not Applicable	Councillor Sherris
Standards (Parish & Independent Representatives) Appt Panel	Councillor Coleman	Councillor Mrs Beaumont
Housing Review (Introductory Tenancies) Panel	Councillor Mrs Nesbitt	Councillor Woodhead
Education Support Panel	Councillor Perry	Councillor Frankland



Employee Appeals Panel	Councillor Mrs McCoy	Councillor Rix
Appeals & Complaints Committee	Councillor Gibson	Councillor Baker

## 19 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies

RESOLVED that the undermentioned persons be appointed to the organisations concerned as the Council's representatives for the Municipal Year 2007/2008:-

Appointing Body	Req No.	Outside Body	Appointments
Council	1	Age Concern Teesside	Cllr Nelson
Council	5	Agreed Syllabus Conference	Cllr Frankland Cllr Mrs Nesbitt Cllr Lewis Cllr Perry Mrs Beaumont
Council	4	Association of North East Councils	Cllr Coleman Cllr Gibson Cllr Fletcher Cllr Lupton
Council	1	Association of North East Councils Executive	Cllr Lupton
Council	2	Community Association Management Committee (Hardwick)	Cllr Mrs Nesbitt Cllr Noble
Council	2	Community Association Management Committee (Low Grange)	Cllr Cunningham Cllr Stoker
Council	2	Community Association Management Committee (Salters Lane)	Cllr Mrs Nesbitt Cllr Beall
Council	2	Cornerhouse Community Resource Centre (Youth Project)	Cllr Kirton Cllr Javed
Council	1	Cowpen Bewley Woodland Park Environmental Trust	Cllr Stoker
Council	2	Durham Tees Valley Airport Consultative Committee	Cllr Lewis Cllr Laing

Council	1	Durham Tees Valley Airport (Director & Council Representative)	Cllr Gibson
Council	4	Eastern Area Regeneration Partnership Board	Cllr Miss Large Cllr Harrington Cllr Patterson Cllr Faulks
Council	2	Elm Tree Community Association	Cllr Mrs Fletcher Cllr Roberts
Council	1	Emma Simpson Trust	Cllr Lupton
Council	2	Environment Partnership	Cllr Mrs Rigg Cllr Mrs Beaumont
Council	4	Health & Social Care Service Development Partnership	Cllr Mrs P A Cains Cllr S Nelson Cllr Lupton <b>plus 1 vacancy</b>
Council	4	Health Improvement Renaissance Partnership	Cllr Mrs Cains Cllr Coleman Cllr Mrs Beaumont Cllr Lewis
Council	4	Home Care & Other Non-Residential Services Appeals Panel	Cllr M Frankland Cllr Mrs Cains Cllr Mrs Trainer Cllr Mrs Womphrey
Council	2	Housing & Neighbourhood Thematic Partnership	Cllr Mrs Nesbitt Cllr Mrs. Fletcher
Council	2	International Family Centre	Cllr Coleman Cllr Javed
Council	2	Local Government Association - Tees Valley Branch	Cllr Gibson Cllr Lupton
Council	4	Local Government Association (General Assembly)	Cllr Coleman Cllr Gibson Cllr Rigg Cllr Lupton
Council	2	Local Government Association Urban Commission	Cllr Gibson Cllr Lupton
Council	2	Newtown Community Resource Centre	Cllr Gibson Cllr Mrs Nelson

Council	2	North East Assembly	Cllr R Gibson Cllr Mrs Beaumont
Council	3	North East Purchasing Organisation	Cllr Woodhead Cllr Perry Cllr Mrs O' Donnell
Council	2	Northern Area Regeneration Partnership Board	Cllr Woodhouse Cllr Aggio
Council	3	North East Regional Employers Organisation	Cllr Mrs McCoy Cllr Rix Cllr Woodhead
Council	5	National Society for Clean Air	Cllr D Cains Cllr Woodhead <b>plus 3 vacancies</b>
Council	2	P.A.N.I.C.	Cllr Kirton Cllr Coleman
Council	2	Parkfield/Mill Lane Neighbourhood Management	Cllr Coleman Cllr Javed
Council	2	Safer Stockton Partnership	Cllr Lewis Cllr Nelson
Council	5	Schools Admissions Forum	Cllr Mrs Beaumont Cllr Frankland Cllr Lewis Cllr Faulks Cllr Patterson
Council	2	St Ann's Development Board	Cllr Coleman Cllr Kirton
Council	1	Shopmobility Management Committee	Cllr Cains
Council	5	Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education	Cllr Cains Cllr Frankland Cllr Noble Cllr Lewis Cllr Mrs Beaumont
Council	2	Stockton & District Advice & Information Service	Cllr Nelson <b>plus 1 vacancy</b>
Council	3	Stockton Borough Council Training & Employment Services	Cllr Coleman Cllr Frankland Cllr Laing
Council	5	Stockton Central Area Partnership Board	Cllr Coleman

			Cllr Kirton Cllr Laing Cllr Mrs Fletcher Cllr Broughton
Council	2	Stockton Economic Regeneration & Transport Partnership	Cllr Cook Cllr Perry
Council	1	Stockton Physically Handicapped Club	Cllr B Woodhouse
Council	5	Stockton Renaissance Board	Cllr Laing Cllr Cook Cllr Gibson Cllr Mrs Fletcher Cllr Lupton
Council	3	Stockton Voluntary Development Agency	Cllr Mrs Nesbitt Cllr Leckonby Cllr Beall
Council	3	Tees Active Management Board	Cllr Mrs Womphrey Cllr Mrs Beaumont Cllr Dalgarno
Council	3	Tees Valley Rail	Cllr Cains Cllr Fletcher <b>plus 1 vacancy</b>
Council	1	Teesside & District Society For The Blind	Cllr Mrs Cains
Council	2	Thornaby Five Lamps Org.	Cllr Dalgarno Cllr Harrington
Council	3	Training and Employment Service	Cllr Coleman Cllr Frankland Cllr Laing
Council	3	Western Area Regeneration Partnership Board	Cllr Lewis Cllr Rigg Cllr Beaumont
Council	1	Yarm Youth & Community Association	Cllr Earl

**20 Question Time**

No questions had been received.

**21 The Mayor will close the Meeting**

The Mayor closed the meeting at 12.00 noon and invited guests to the civic

reception.