

Council

A meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, 23rd January, 2008.

Present: The Worshipful the Mayor (Cllr Bill Noble), Cllr Hilary Aggio, Cllr Mrs Lynne Apedaile, 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 Ken Dixon, Cllr Mick Eddy, Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr John Fletcher, Cllr Mrs Suzanne Fletcher, Cllr Maurice Frankland, Cllr Robert Gibson, Cllr David Harrington, Cllr Miss Barbara Inman, Cllr Mohammed Javed, Cllr Paul Kirton, Cllr Terry Laing, Cllr Miss Tina Large, 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 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 William Woodhead and Cllr Barry Woodhouse.

Officers: Mr G Garlick, Ms H Dean (CE); Mr D E Bond, Mr P K Bell (LD); Mr N Schneider (DNS); Ms J Danks (R).

Also in attendance: Mr I Hayton, Ms T Bell (Cleveland Fire Brigade); Cllr B Foster (Chair of Cleveland Fire Authority); Mr F Hayes (Chair of Standards Committee).

Apologies: Cllr Paul Baker, Cllr Alexander Cunningham, Cllr Ian Dalgarno, Cllr Jackie Earl, Cllr John Gardner, Cllr Andrew Larkin and Cllr Michael Womphrey.

C Declarations of Interest

181/07

Motion to Council - Cleveland Fire Authority

Councillor Dixon declared a personal, prejudicial interest in respect of the Motion to Council on the Cleveland Fire Authority as he was a Member of the Cleveland Fire Authority. Councillor Dixon left the room while the Motion was being considered.

Councillor Kirton declared a personal, prejudicial interest in respect of the Motion to Council on the Cleveland Fire Authority as he was a Member of the Cleveland Fire Authority. Councillor Kirton left the room while the Motion was being considered.

Councillor Mrs O'Donnell declared a personal, prejudicial interest in respect of the Motion to Council on the Cleveland Fire Authority as she was a Member of the Cleveland Fire Authority. Councillor Mrs O'Donnell left the room while the Motion was being considered.

Councillor Roberts declared a personal, prejudicial interest in respect of the Motion to Council on the Cleveland Fire Authority as she was a Member of the Cleveland Fire Authority. Councillor Roberts left the room while the Motion was being considered.

Councillor Salt declared a personal, prejudicial interest in respect of the Motion to Council on the Cleveland Fire Authority as he was a Member of the Cleveland Fire Authority. Councillor Salt left the room while the Motion was being considered.

Councillor Stoker declared a personal, prejudicial interest in respect of the Motion to Council on the Cleveland Fire Authority as he was a Member of the Cleveland Fire Authority. Councillor Stoker left the room while the Motion was being considered.

Councillor Woodhead declared a personal, prejudicial interest in respect of the Motion to Council on the Cleveland Fire Authority as he was a Member of the Cleveland Fire Authority. Councillor Woodhead left the room while the Motion was being considered.

Agenda Item 41 - Cleveland Fire Authority - Minutes

Councillor Dixon declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 41 - Cleveland Fire Authority - Minutes as he was a Member of Cleveland Fire Authority.

Councillor Kirton declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 41 - Cleveland Fire Authority - Minutes as he was a Member of Cleveland Fire Authority.

Councillor Mrs O'Donnell declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 41 - Cleveland Fire Authority - Minutes as she was a Member of Cleveland Fire Authority.

Councillor Roberts declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 41 - Cleveland Fire Authority - Minutes as she was a Member of Cleveland Fire Authority.

Councillor Salt declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 41 - Cleveland Fire Authority - Minutes as he was a Member of Cleveland Fire Authority.

Councillor Stoker declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 41 - Cleveland Fire Authority - Minutes as he was a Member of Cleveland Fire Authority.

Councillor Woodhead declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 41 - Cleveland Fire Authority - Minutes as he was a Member of Cleveland Fire Authority.

Agenda Item 42 - Cleveland Police Authority Executive - Minutes

Councillor Dixon declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 42 - Cleveland Police Authority Executive - Minutes as a family member was serving member of Cleveland Police.

Councillor Kirton declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 42 - Cleveland Police Authority Executive - Minutes as he was a Member of Cleveland Police Authority.

Agenda Item 15 - Audit Committee - Minutes - 10th December 2007

Councillor Nelson declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of the Audit Committee minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2007 (Minute

A 28/07) as he was a Member of Tristar Management Board.

Councillor Gibson declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of the Audit Committee minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2007 (Minute A 28/07) as he was a Member of Tristar Management Board.

Councillor Woodhead declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of the Audit Committee minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2007 (Minute A 28/07) as he was a Member of Tristar Management Board.

Councillor Roberts declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of the Audit Committee minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2007 (Minute A 28/07) as she was a Member of Tristar Management Board.

Councillor Mrs Trainer declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of the Audit Committee minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2007 (Minute A 28/07) as she was a Member of Tristar Management Board.

Councillor Large declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of the Audit Committee minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2007 (Minute A 28/07) as she was a Member of Tristar Management Board.

Agenda Item 25 - Housing and Community Safety Select Committee - Minutes - 22nd November 2007

Councillor Nelson declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of the Housing and Community Safety Select Committee minutes of the meeting held on 22nd November 2007 (Minute HCS 27/07) as he was a Member of Tristar Management Board.

Councillor Gibson declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of the Housing and Community Safety Select Committee minutes of the meeting held on 22nd November 2007 (Minute HCS 27/07) as he was a Member of Tristar Management Board.

Councillor Woodhead declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of the Housing and Community Safety Select Committee minutes of the meeting held on 22nd November 2007 (Minute HCS 27/07) as he was a Member of Tristar Management Board.

Councillor Roberts declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of the Housing and Community Safety Select Committee minutes of the meeting held on 22nd November 2007 (Minute HCS 27/07) as she was a Member of Tristar Management Board.

Councillor Mrs Trainer declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of the Housing and Community Safety Select Committee minutes of the meeting held on 22nd November 2007 (Minute HCS 27/07) as she was a Member of Tristar Management Board.

Councillor Large declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of the Housing and Community Safety Select Committee minutes of the meeting held

on 22nd November 2007 (Minute HCS 27/07) as she was a Member of Tristar Management Board.

Agenda Item 31 - Planning Committee - Minutes - 12th December 2007

Councillor Mrs Walmsley declared a personal, prejudicial interest in respect of the Planning Committee minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2007 (Minute P 104/07) as the applicant was her employer.

Councillor Walmsley declared a personal, prejudicial interest in respect of the Planning Committee minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2007 (Minute P 104/07) as the applicant was the employer of his wife.

Agenda Item 40 - Standards (Parish and Independent Representatives) Appointment Panel - Minutes - 14th January 2008

Councillor Mrs Beaumont declared a personal, prejudicial interest in respect of the Standards (Parish and Independent Representatives) Appointment Panel minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2008 (Minute SAP 2/07) due to ongoing issues between herself and one of the applicants. Councillor Mrs Beaumont left the room while the minutes were being discussed.

Agenda Item 17 - Cabinet - Minutes - 17th January 2008 - Minute CAB 119/07

Councillors Nelson, Noble, Mrs O'Donnell, Smith, Mrs Womphrey and Woodhouse had previously expressed a view in respect of proposals to store hazardous waste in Anhydrite Mines at Billingham. In view of this they did not take part in any decision taken on the Development Plan Documents.

Agenda Item 17 - Cabinet - Minutes - 17th January 2008

Councillor Mrs Craggs declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of the Cabinet minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2008 (Minute CAB 118/07) as she was a Tristar Homes tenant.

Councillor Nelson declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of the Cabinet minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2008 (Minute CAB 118/07) as he was a Member of Tristar Management Board.

Councillor Gibson declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of the Cabinet minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2008 (Minute CAB 118/07) as he was a Member of Tristar Management Board.

Councillor Woodhead declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of the Cabinet minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2008 (Minute CAB 118/07) as he was a Member of Tristar Management Board.

Councillor Roberts declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of the Cabinet minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2008 (Minute CAB

118/07) as she was a Member of Tristar Management Board.

Councillor Mrs Trainer declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of the Cabinet minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2008 (Minute CAB 118/07) as she was a Member of Tristar Management Board.

Councillor Miss large declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of the Cabinet minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2008 (Minute CAB 118/07) as she was a Member of Tristar Management Board.

Agenda Item 7 - Adult Services and Health Select Committee - Minutes - 7th November 2007

Councillor Nesbitt declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of the Adult Services and Health Select Committee minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2007 (Minute ASH 37/07) as one of the GPs involved was used by her parents.

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182/07** **Cleveland Fire Authority Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan 2008/2011**

Members received a presentation by Ian Hayton (Executive Director of Cleveland Fire Authority) on the Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan. The presentation covered the following keys areas:-

1. Strategic Direction
2. Community Risks
3. Local Community Needs
4. Risk Reduction - a success storey
5. Service Demand Maps of Life Risks
6. Standards of Emergency Services
7. Stockton Risk Profile
8. Set Priorities
9. Financial Position
10. Balancing the books - Options
11. Implications for Stockton

Following the presentation Members were given the opportunity to make comments and ask questions on the Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan 2008/2011.

Council agreed that Procedure Rule 12.1 be suspended.

The following motion was then moved by Councillor Mrs Rigg and seconded by Councillor Lewis:-

"This council deplores the disproportionate impact which the local government financial settlement for 2008-2011 will have on the ability of Cleveland Fire Authority to continue to provide the excellent fire and rescue service needed in this area.

We believe that the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees, with areas of high deprivation as well as a number of COMAH (Control Of Major Accident Hazards

regulations) sites neighbouring residential areas, will suffer a significant increase in risk as a result of the settlement. We therefore call upon the government to re-examine its resource allocation and to ensure that Cleveland Fire Authority does not suffer this disproportionate effect."

The motion was carried.

C Public Question Time

183/07

The Director of Law and Democracy informed The Worshipful the Mayor that no Public Questions had been received.

C Members' Question Time

184/07

The following question was submitted by Councillor Fletcher for response by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport:-

"Given that developments popularly known as "garden-grabbing" are very unpopular among the residents I represent, who feel that the character of the area is being changed, is he aware that in an exchange about Housing and Town Planning Baroness Morgan of Drefelin, Baroness in Waiting (Government whip), said, "local authorities can ensure that as a local policy they exclude gardens from the brownfield allocation."?"

In view of his statement in the press last month that planning applications are treated with sensitivity, will he now tell Planning officers to take Baroness Morgan's window of opportunity? Or is this just something which the Government says publicly that councils can do, but there are too many obstacles in the way?"

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport responded with:-

"I think that Baroness Morgan is referring to preparing policies through the LDF. We are already trying to address this issue in the YEAAP, where we are looking at "areas of special character" outside conservation areas, where we think, for example, the large gardens make a significant contribution to the character of an area and are worthy of protection. Some of the areas being assessed are:

- * The Avenue. Ashville Avenue, Teesbank Avenue,
- * Yarm Road, Muirfield Road, Highfield,
- * Myrtle Road,
- * Goosepastures,
- * Leven Road. The Spital, Hawthorne Grove,
- * Valley Drive, Clockhouse Wood

Many of these were suggested through the YEAAP Issues and Options consultation and have therefore emerged from the grassroots upwards.

If, after analysis, we consider there is justification, we would develop policies to preserve that character. However we are constrained by the usual processes of policy development. The Council could adopt an interim policy statement but it would have limited weight in planning appeals and not the weight of adopted

planning policy. It would also need to be based on thorough analysis, which obviously has manpower implications. Any guidance or policy developed cannot be a blanket policy for the whole Borough but could only be applied in particular parts of the Borough, where the character warrants it."

Councillor Fletcher asked the following supplementary:-

"Would the Cabinet Member not agree that the Minister's reply oversimplified Councils' ability to deal with the matter, leaving them at the mercy of the public who were unaware of the bureaucratic hurdles?"

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport responded with:-

"I do not think that the reply was oversimplified. It depends what the question was and we do not know that. We need to consider what the residents of the Borough want. The process will have to be locally based and stand up against the Planning Inspectorate. It will be helpful for Planning needs.

The following question was submitted by Councillor Fletcher for response by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport:-

"May I draw the attention of the Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Transport to:

- my question on notice at full Council on 6th September 2006 and his reply;
- my supplementary question "Will the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport give an undertaking to circulate a progress report, to all Members of the Council, by the first week in January 2007?" and his response, "I would hope to have something to report well before that date and will update Members as soon as details have been finalised."

insofar as they concerned the establishment of a 'bus users' forum (recommended by this Council's Environment & Regeneration Select Committee and approved by Cabinet some three years ago, and contained in the Local Transport Plan) (Minute 492)?

Will he please explain the further delay and make a progress report?"

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport responded with:-

"As indicated in my response of September 2006, the Bus Operators required a Tees Valley Bus User Forum to reflect the nature of public transport usage, reduce commitments to an alternative of five forums and to reflect the Tees Valley Quality Bus Partnership proposals included in the major bus bid, Connect Tees Valley. The TV JSU will therefore facilitate the Bus User Forum.

The Connect TV bid has been delayed some 6 months, largely due to refining the project and its outcomes to better reflect National and Regional priorities and bid assessment protocols. We are also now part of a National pilot programme to develop our innovative bus partnership arrangements, receiving funding from the LGA to assist with this process. Consequently, it is fair to say that attention has been diverted from the forum to ensure that the business case

is refined and developed to maximise its chance of success. Our partners have also indicated that they would wish to launch the Bus User Forum to coincide with the submission of the business case for Connect Tees Valley. I agree with this strategy as it gives the forum several advantages:

1. The Bus User Forum can assist to shape the detail of the schemes and have early input to this exciting project.
2. It gives the Bus User Forum some clear focus in its early days.
3. By having a strong initial focus and purpose the Bus User Forum will quickly have value to participants and increase its chances of being influential, successful and to have longevity.

I apologise for the delay but I am sure that approaching the forum in this way will be of great benefit to its success. The inaugural meeting has been set for 25th or 26th February 2008 and further details will be circulated shortly."

Councillor Fletcher asked the following supplementary question:-

"In the event of the dates he gave in his reply not being achievable, as this was a Select Committee recommendation upon which the Regeneration & Transport Select Committee might wish to monitor progress, could he circulate all Members with an update – otherwise they will be like the ‘bus passengers waiting at the stop with nothing turning up?'"

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport responded with:-

"Yes I will do that."

The following question was submitted by Councillor Fletcher for response by the Council's nominated representative on the Cleveland Police Authority - Councillor Kirton:-

"Will the Council's nominated representative on Cleveland Police Authority give more details of "a number of non trivial and minor errors" identified in the annual audit, mentioned in Cleveland Police Authority Executive's Minute 76(b) of 24th September 2007?"

The Council's nominated representative on the Cleveland Police Authority - Councillor Kirton responded with:-

"I have today emailed Councillor Fletcher with a copy of the full Audit Commission Report. Appendix 6 of that report provides the additional detail."

Councillor Fletcher asked the following supplementary question:-

"I did receive and have read Cllr Kirton's e-mail. Would he:

- not agree that in view of the unfavourable publicity in the last few years of the Police Authority's finances, the Minute in question was unfortunate in its wording;

- as this Borough's only representative on the Authority, ensure that in future it complied with Generally Accepted Accounting Practices; and
- not agree that the Police Authority's minutes were generally uninformative?

The Council's nominated representative on the Cleveland Police Authority - Councillor Kirton responded with:-

"I will speak to the officers at the Cleveland Police Authority to see if the accounts and minutes can be better set out."

The following question was submitted by Councillor Mrs Fletcher for response by the Council's nominated representative on the Cleveland Police Authority - Councillor Kirton:-

"Minute 126 of the Cleveland Police Authority Executive refers to the Police Authority Chair attending a meeting of a Neighbourhood Policing Partnership meeting, and each of the partners providing funding to develop youth activities. Could there be an update please as to which partnership meeting it was, who the partners were, and what has happened since the meeting referred to in September 2007?"

The Council's nominated representative on the Cleveland Police Authority - Councillor Kirton responded with:-

"In relation to Minute 126 – the Neighbourhood Policing Partnership meeting referred to was a Redcar and Cleveland Partnership meeting that the Chair was invited to in his role as Lead Councillor for Community Safety at Redcar and Cleveland, which is how the confusion has arisen."

Councillor Mrs Fletcher asked the following supplementary question:-

"I do not think Councillor Kirton has answered the question fully, can he respond to:-

Who were the partners at the Redcar and Cleveland Partnership Meeting?

What has happened since the meeting in September 2007 and Order 2 of Minute 126?

We were all interested in finding more ways of funding more activities for young people, so we would be interested to know how it was progressing."

The Council's nominated representative on the Cleveland Police Authority - Councillor Kirton responded with:-

"I do not know I will email all Members with a response."

The following question was submitted by Councillor Mrs Fletcher for response by the Leader of the Council:-

"What steps are the Council taking to set a good example by discouraging all Council owned vehicles from parking on pavements, except where it is absolutely necessary for road safety or access."

The Leader of the Council responded with:-

"All drivers of Council vehicles attend a driver awareness course. This course includes a section on hazard awareness and general highway code provisions, which includes safe and considerate parking. The Council's Fleet manager is working with other fleet managers across the sub-region and will be producing a revised driver's hand book for all local authority drivers in the tees valley, which will now include specific advice regarding avoiding parking on verges and footpaths. However, parking on verges or footpaths by Council vehicles will occur from time to time. If this is as a result of health and safety constraints then that is acceptable, however if it is inconsiderate parking the vehicle driver is subject to the same enforcement process as any driver. Indeed the enforcement team have taken action against several Council vehicles who were parking inappropriately."

The following question was submitted by Councillor Broughton for response by the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People:-

"One of the main issues that the people of Stockton are concerned about is crime and anti social behaviour. I believe there are two problems we have to deal with those being crime itself and the causes of crime. With that in mind what is the council doing to support existing youth and community facilities. And are there any plans to build any new facilities?"

As the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People was not in attendance at the meeting the Leader of the Council responded with:-

"The issue of youth crime and anti-social behaviour is one of the reasons that we are reconfiguring services for young people. The establishment of the Integrated Youth Support Service (IYSS) will bring together some excellent officers in our Youth Offending Service, the Youth Inclusion Section of the Youth Service and the targeted section of Connexions. Individually the sections have each been performing well and there has been some joint working but we fully expect that by co-location and a more systematic approach to young people who have been identified by professionals linked to law enforcement as in need of support, we will see a step change in the number of young people who are removed from the criminal justice system. Our work should be helped by more resources being made available by the Government for our Youth Offending Service and the Connexions Team in the coming three years.

The other major development is the creation of the Integrated Service Areas (ISAs). Each of the four ISAs will have staff from health, social care, the youth service and Connexions. The teams will be co-located and based in local communities. They will work with local groups and other organisations to help support children, young people and their families. They will have links with the IYSS and some of the work of the IYSS will occur in the ISAs. However, their major contribution to reducing anti-social behaviour will be through ensuring

there is a coherent and comprehensive programme of positive activities for young people across their area. It is envisaged that a review of current provision will take place in each area to ascertain where there are gaps and duplication of resources. In response to the Scrutiny Committee's review of youth services we have already started to create new youth cafes across the Borough with one open in central Stockton and two planned for Billingham and Thornaby. We are minded to create at least one Young People Centre in each area that would have the best aspects of youth centres combined with easy access to a variety of professionals, including those dealing with law enforcement."

C Minutes 185/07

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2007 (Minutes C 144/07 - C 180/07) were signed by the worshipful the Mayor as a correct record subject to the following correction:-

At minute C 148/07 remove the Cabinet Member for Corporate and Social Inclusion's response to Mr Marcus Lennon Vickers and replace with:-

"In response, it's appropriate to give a quick overview of Harold Macmillan's influence on the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees.

He was born in London in 1894, educated at Eton and Oxford and subsequently married Lady Dorothy Cavendish. He served as MP for Stockton in the periods 1924-29 and 1931-1945. It is noted that when elected in 1924, Stockton was already suffering from recession, and Macmillan became acutely aware of a "great gulf" between the wealth of his family and the hardship of the people. This had a profound effect on him and he was a member of the left wing of the party that fought for social reform.

At the age of 62, he became Prime Minister in 1957 whilst he was MP for Bromley. Macmillan became 1st Earl of Stockton in 1984 and died in 1986.

The Museum Service currently holds a bust of Macmillan and I understand that there is also a portrait in Stockton Parish church.

Whilst not challenging the merits of this request, I think if asked we could all add names to the list of prominent figures. At this point in time Stockton Borough Council does not have a written policy for dealing with requests of this nature.

I will be recommending, perhaps via the Members Advisory Panel, that we table a future scrutiny review to determine the merits, criteria, cost and type of recognition for all memorabilia. I might add at this time a life size bronze piece, with plinth, by an established sculptor, would probably cost in the region of £80,000 to £100,000.

This may not give you the answer you were looking for but it should lead us to a longer-term strategy that could be applied consistently, rather than dealing with requests on an ad-hoc basis."

C Adult Services & Health Select Committee Minutes

186/07

Moved by Councillor Mrs Cains, seconded by Councillor Cockerill and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Adult Services and Health Select Committee held on 15th October 2007 (Minutes ASH 29/07 - ASH 34/07) be confirmed.

C Adult Services & Health Select Committee Minutes

187/07

Moved by Councillor Mrs Cains, seconded by Councillor Cockerill and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Adult Services and Health Select Committee held on 7th November 2008 (Minutes ASH 35/07 - ASH 40/07) be confirmed.

C Adult Services & Health Select Committee Minutes

188/07

Moved by Councillor Mrs Cains, seconded by Councillor Cockerill and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Adult Services and Health Select Committee held on 19th November 2007 (Minutes ASH 41/07 - ASH 45/07) be confirmed.

C Adult Services & Health Select Committee Minutes

189/07

Moved by Councillor Mrs Cains, seconded by Councillor Cockerill and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Adult Services and Health Select Committee held on 28th November 2007 (Minutes ASH 46/07 - ASH 50/07) be confirmed.

C Appointments Panel (Heads of Service) Minutes

190/07

Moved by Councillor Laing, seconded by Councillor Lupton and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Appointment Panel held on 7th January 2008 (Minutes APP 21/07 - APP 24/07) be received.

C Arts Leisure & Culture Select Committee Minutes

191/07

Moved by Councillor Mrs O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Sherris and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Arts, Leisure and Culture Select Committee held on 10th October 2007 (Minutes ALC 16/07 - ALC 19/07) be confirmed.

C Arts Leisure & Culture Select Committee Minutes

192/07

Moved by Councillor Mrs O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Sherris and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Arts, Leisure and Culture Select Committee held on 28th November 2007 (Minutes ALC 20/07 - ALC 26/07) be confirmed.

C Arts Leisure & Culture Select Committee Minutes

193/07

Moved by Councillor Mrs O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Sherris and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Arts, Leisure and Culture Select Committee held on 5th December 2007 (Minutes ALC 27/07 - ALC 30/07) be confirmed.

C Audit Committee Minutes

194/07

Moved by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Woodhouse and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Audit Committee held on 10th December 2007 (Minutes A 25/07 - A 34/07) be received.

C Cabinet Minutes

195/07

Moved by Councillor Lupton, seconded by Councillor Mrs Beaumont and RESOLVED that the minutes of Cabinet held on 20th December 2007 (Minutes CAB 100/07 - CAB 112/07) be confirmed or received as appropriate.

C Cabinet Minutes

196/07

Moved by Councillor Lupton, seconded by Councillor Mrs Beaumont and RESOLVED that the minutes of Cabinet held on 17th January 2008 (Minutes CAB 113/07 - CAB 121/07) be confirmed or received as appropriate.

C Children & Young People Select Committee Minutes

197/07

Moved by Councillor Harrington, seconded by Councillor Eddy and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Children and Young People Select Committee held on 14th November 2007 (Minutes CYP 25/07 - CYP 29/07) be confirmed.

C Corporate & Social Inclusion Select Committee Minutes

198/07

Moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Cockerill and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Corporate and Social Inclusion Select Committee held on 6th November 2007 (Minutes CSI 15/07 - CSI 20/07) be confirmed.

C Environment Select Committee Minutes

199/07

Moved by Councillor Mrs Rigg, seconded by Councillor Smith and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Environment Select Committee held on 19th November 2007 (Minutes ENV 23/07 - ENV 26/07) be confirmed.

C Environment Select Committee Minutes

200/07

Moved by Councillor Mrs Rigg, seconded by Councillor Smith and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Environment Select Committee held on 19th December 2007 (Minutes ENV 27/07 - ENV 32/07) be confirmed.

C Executive Scrutiny Committee Minutes

201/07

Moved by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor Narroway and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Executive Scrutiny Committee held on 13th November 2007 (Minutes EXC 39/07 - EXC 47/07) be received subject to the following correction:-

With regard minute EXC 43/07, page 582 delete "a drop in with the Chairman and Vice Chairman" and insert "Chairman and Cabinet Member".

C Executive Scrutiny Committee Minutes

202/07

Moved by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor Narroway and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Executive Scrutiny Committee held on 11th December 2007 (Minutes EXC 48/07 - EXC 55/07) be received.

C Housing & Community Safety Select Committee Minutes

203/07

Moved by Councillor Mrs Trainer, seconded by Councillor Roberts and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Housing and Community Safety Select Committee held on 27th September 2007 (Minutes HCS 17/07 - HCS 20/07) be confirmed.

C Housing & Community Safety Select Committee Minutes

204/07

Moved by Councillor Mrs Trainer, seconded by Councillor Roberts and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Housing and Community Safety Select Committee held on 22nd November 2007 (Minutes HCS 21/07 - HCS 28/07) be confirmed.

C Licensing Committee Minutes

205/07

Moved by Councillor Woodhead, seconded by Councillor Mrs Nelson and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing Committee held on 23rd November 2007 (Minutes L 39/07 - L 41/07) be received.

C Licensing Committee Minutes

206/07

Moved by Councillor Woodhead, seconded by Councillor Mrs Nelson and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing Committee held on 27th November 2007 (Minutes L 42/07 - L 49/07) be received.

C Licensing Sub Committee Minutes

207/07

Moved by Councillor Woodhead, seconded by Councillor Mrs Nelson and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee held on 6th November 2007 (Minutes LSC 20/07 - LSC 23/07) be received.

C Planning Committee Minutes

208/07

Moved by Councillor Rix, seconded by Councillor Patterson and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 14th November 2007 (Minutes P 91/07 - P 92/07) be received.

C Planning Committee Minutes

209/07

Moved by Councillor Rix, seconded by Councillor Patterson and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 21st November 2007 (Minutes P 93/07 - P 97/07) be received.

C Planning Committee Minutes

210/07

Moved by Councillor Rix, seconded by Councillor Patterson and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 12th December 2007 (Minutes P 98/07 - P 109/07) be received.

C **Regeneration & Transport Select Committee Minutes**

211/07

Moved by Councillor Perry, seconded by Councillor Cains and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Regeneration and Transport Select Committee held on 1st October 2007 (Minutes RTS 21/07 - RTS 24/07) be confirmed.

C **Regeneration & Transport Select Committee Minutes**

212/07

Moved by Councillor Perry, seconded by Councillor Cains and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Regeneration and Transport Select Committee held on 15th October 2007 (Minutes RTS 25/07 - RTS 27/07) be confirmed subject to the following correction:-

Councillor Fletcher be removed from the list of apologies and added to the list of those present.

C **Regeneration & Transport Select Committee Minutes**

213/07

Moved by Councillor Perry, seconded by Councillor Cains and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Regeneration and Transport Select Committee held on 23rd October 2007 (Minutes RTS 28/07 - RTS 31/07) be confirmed.

C **Regeneration & Transport Select Committee Minutes**

214/07

Moved by Councillor Perry, seconded by Councillor Cains and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Regeneration and Transport Select Committee held on 29th October 2007 (Minutes RTS 32/07 - RTS 35/07) be confirmed.

C **Regeneration & Transport Select Committee Minutes**

215/07

Moved by Councillor Perry, seconded by Councillor Cains and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Regeneration and Transport Select Committee held on 5th November 2007 (Minutes RTS 36/07 - RTS 38/07) be confirmed.

C **Regeneration & Transport Select Committee Minutes**

216/07

Moved by Councillor Perry, seconded by Councillor Cains and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Regeneration and Transport Select Committee held on 3rd December 2007 (Minutes RTS 39/07 - RTS 43/07) be confirmed.

C **Standards Committee Minutes**

217/07

Moved by Mr F W Hayes, seconded by Councillor Sherris and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Standards Committee held on 29th November 2007 (Minutes S 61/07 - S 72/07) be received.

C **Standards Committee Minutes**

218/07

Moved by Mr F W Hayes, seconded by Councillor Sherris and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Standards Committee held on 13th December 2007 (Minutes S 73/07 - S 83/07) be received or confirmed as appropriate.

C **Standards (Parish & Independent Representatives) Appointment Panel**
219/07 **Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Gibson and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Standards (Parish and Independent Representatives) Appointment Panel held on 14th January 2008 (Minutes SAP 1/07 - SAP 2/07) be confirmed.

C **Cleveland Fire Authority Minutes**
220/07

The minutes of the meeting of the Cleveland Fire Authority held on 28th September 2007 were noted.

C **Cleveland Police Authority Executive Minutes**
221/07

The minutes of the meeting of the Cleveland Police Authority Executive held on 24th September 2007 were noted.

C **Local Joint Consultative Panel Minutes**
222/07

The minutes of the meeting of the Local Joint Consultative Panel held on 9th July 2007 were noted.

C **Local Joint Consultative Panel Minutes**
223/07

The minutes of the meeting of the Local Joint Consultative Panel held on 1st October 2007 were noted.

C **Markets Forum Minutes**
224/07

The minutes of the meeting of the Markets Forum held on 14th November 2007 were noted.

C **Members Advisory Panel-New Constitution Minutes**
225/07

The minutes of the meeting of the Members Advisory Panel - New Constitution held on 16th August 2007 were noted.

C **Parish Council Liaison Forum Minutes**
226/07

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council Liaison Forum held on 18th September 2007 were noted.

C **Safer Stockton Partnership Minutes**
227/07

The minutes of the meeting of the Safer Stockton Partnership held on 30th October 2007 were noted.

C **Stockton Home Safety Association Minutes**
228/07

The minutes of the meeting of the Stockton Home Safety Association held on 24th October 2007 were noted.

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229/07 **Forward Plan and Leaders Statement**

The Leader of the Council gave his Forward Plan and Leaders Statement.

The Leader's Statement outlined that the Tees Valley authorities had designated a demonstrator pilot for the Multi Area Agreement (MAA). This meant they would report direct to a Minister, whose involvement was to help resolve any inter-departmental issues within Government. Negotiations with One NorthEast proceeded to agree the regeneration element of the MAA, with work streams agreed to progress the working procedures for it.

Key elements of the work programme were:

- agreement to prepare an investment framework for the North and South Tees areas to ensure the area can deliver the £5 billion of investment proposed by the chemical/energy sectors and port in the next 5 years
- commissioning consultants to make an economic case for the retention of flights from Durham Tees Valley to Heathrow
- commissioning shared intelligence to take forward the work of developing a Tees Valley employability strategy and programme
- agreeing with the Regional Housing Board and DCLG the resources available for the next 3 years for housing market renewal
- further work to develop a high level skills study for the Tees Valley.

The European Commission had finally approved the North East of England Regional Competitiveness European Regional Development Fund Operational programme 2007–13. This £255 million programme had two priorities: enhancing and exploiting innovation, and business growth and development. The Tees Valley JSU would be responsible for working with the Boroughs to put forward a Tees Valley package to cultivate and sustain enterprise in disadvantaged areas.

Work had begun to negotiate the Borough's new-style Local Area Agreement, which would include up to 35 priority measures to be agreed by Government by the end of June. As part of the development process, thematic and area partnerships would be consulted and the draft agreement would be considered by Executive Scrutiny Committee.

The Stockton-Middlesbrough Initiative continued to progress well with feasibility work continuing into the future development of the Green Blue Heart. 2008 would see works commence on the very exciting scheme to improve the Tees Barrage Watersports facilities.

Town Centres: Work progresses on regeneration of Stockton, Billingham and Thornaby Town Centres.

In Stockton, negotiations continued on assembling land to facilitate the Southern Gateway project in partnership with One North East. Over the next few months, a study would identify measures to improve the economic vitality of

the core of the Town Centre. We should expect good news shortly of the green light for the Partnership Heritage Project, with works to commence later this year.

At Thornaby Town Centre, work continued to progress behind the scenes with development partner Thornfield. With demolition already commenced under a licence agreement, the Council was gearing up to the transfer of the centre to Thornfield in March and a start to the build programme in April. The scheme which would see the provision of 10,500sq.m. of new retail floorspace and enhanced community and leisure facilities, was likely to be completed in Summer 2009.

At Billingham Town Centre, work continued with the new owners, Stockland Halladale, in bringing forward a masterplan outlining the redevelopment scheme which could signify an overall regeneration investment of £45 million for the centre. Following the announcement that PFI credits would not be available to support the proposed redevelopment of Billingham Forum, Cabinet would consider a report detailing alternative options for leisure provision in February 2008.

The Outline planning application for the North Shore development would be submitted in the next 6-8 weeks, to enable works on the first phase to start early in 2009.

Works were progressing well on the iconic North Shore Footbridge, with groundworks continuing and we will see the structure itself taking shape during the summer with completion before the end of 2008.

The Council continued to work with its partners Peel, One North East and English Partnerships to maximise the potential of Durham Tees Valley Airport. 2008 would see the commencement of works a new Business Park on the South Side of the Airport creating more new jobs for Stockton and the Tees Valley.

The Leader of the Council also drew Members attention to a number of items in the Forward Plan

The following reports would be presented to Cabinet in February 2008.

- Options for a Travellers Site.
- Proposals for reviewing the Members Allowance Scheme.
- A review of recent scrutiny developments and the approach to setting next year's scrutiny work programme.
- Billingham Forum update.

A policy for the installation of illuminated street lighting advertising.

