

Council

A meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, 29th June, 2011.

Present: Cllr Paul Baker (The Worshipful the Mayor); Cllr Mrs Lynne Apedaile, Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Derrick Brown, Cllr Mark Chatburn, Cllr Julia Cherrett, Cllr Carol Clark, Cllr Michael Clark, Cllr David Coleman, Cllr Robert Cook, Cllr Nigel Cooke, Cllr Gillian Corr, Cllr Evaline Cunningham, Cllr Ian Dalgarno, Cllr Phillip Dennis, Cllr Ken Dixon, Cllr Mick Eddy, Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr John Gardner, Cllr Robert Gibson, Cllr David Harrington, Cllr Ben Houchen, Cllr Miss Barbara Inman, Cllr Mohammed Javed, Cllr Eileen Johnson, Cllr Elliot Kennedy, Cllr Jean Kirby, Cllr Paul Kirton, Cllr Miss Tina Large, Cllr Colin Leckonby, Cllr Alan Lewis, Cllr Ray McCall, Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy, Cllr Mrs Kath Nelson, Cllr Steve Nelson, Cllr Mrs Jean O'Donnell, Cllr Ross Patterson, Cllr Maurice Perry, Cllr Mrs Maureen Rigg, Cllr David Rose, Cllr Andrew Sherris, Cllr Michael Smith, Cllr Norma Stephenson, Cllr Mick Stoker, Cllr Tracey Stott, Cllr David Wilburn, Cllr Norma Wilburn and Cllr Barry Woodhouse.

Officers: N Schneider (CE); D E Bond, P K Bell,(LD); P Dobson, R Poundford (DNS); J Danks, L King (R); J Humphreys (CESC).

Also in attendance: Delegation from Python Properties, Representatives from Billingham Town Council, Representatives from Northern Area Partnership, Local Residents and Members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Terry Laing, Cllr Ken Lupton, Cllr Andrew Stephenson, Cllr Steve Walmsley, Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley, Cllr Mrs Mary Womphrey, Cllr Mick Womphrey and Cllr Bill Woodhead.

C **Declarations of Interest** **24/11**

Councillor Dixon declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 12 - Cabinet Minutes - CAB 5/11 and CAB 18/11 as he was a Director of Barwick's Own Secondary School.

Councillor Patterson declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 12 - Cabinet Minutes - CAB 5/11 and CAB 18/11 as he was a Director of Barwick's Own Secondary School.

Councillor Nelson declared a personal prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 12 - Cabinet Minutes - CAB 20/11 as he was a Member of Tristar Board and left the meeting room during consideration of the matter.

Councillor Gibson declared a personal prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 12 - Cabinet Minutes - CAB 20/11 as he was a Member of Tristar Board and left the meeting room during consideration of the matter.

Councillor Miss Large declared a personal prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 12 - Cabinet Minutes - CAB 20/11 as she was a Member of Tristar Board and left the meeting room during consideration of the matter.

Councillor Brown declared a personal prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 12 - Cabinet Minutes - CAB 20/11 as his son worked for Tristar Homes Ltd and left the meeting room during consideration of the matter.

Councillor Mrs McCoy declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 11 - Cabinet Minutes - CAB 184/10 as she was the Chair of Stockton District Advice and Information Services.

Councillor Cooke declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 12 - Cabinet Minutes - CAB 11/11 and agenda item 23 - Health Select Committee - H 70/10 as he was an employee of Tees, Esk and Wear

Valleys NHS Foundation Trust.

Councillor Mrs Stephenson declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 12 - Cabinet Minutes - CAB 11/11 and agenda item 23 - Health Select Committee - H 70/10 as she was an employee of Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust.

Councillor Cooke declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 43 - Local Joint Consultative Panel Minutes - LJC 26/10 as he had a relative that was an employee of Stockton on Tees Borough Council.

Councillor Mrs Stephenson declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 43 - Local Joint Consultative Panel Minutes - LJC 26/10 as she had a relative that was an employee of Stockton on Tees Borough Council.

Councillor Mrs Cunningham declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 11 - Cabinet Minutes - CAB 184/10 as she was a Director of Eastern Ravens Trust.

Councillor Smith declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 3 - Billingham House Petition as there was a possibility that the company he worked for may be mentioned in the debate.

Councillor Javed declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 12 - Cabinet Minutes - CAB 11/11 and agenda item 23 - Health Select Committee - H 70/10 as he was an employee of Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust.

C
25/11

Billingham House Petition

Members were informed that a petition containing 4,059 valid signatures had been received supporting new office space, the potential 1,000 jobs, a community heritage centre and the regeneration of Billingham House. As the petition exceeded the threshold of 2,000 signatures and in accordance with Part 8a of the Council's Constitution the petition must be debated at a meeting of Council.

Members received a report that updated them with regard to the Billingham House situation and the petition that had been received.

The report outlined that Billingham House had stood empty and derelict for nearly 11 years despite requests from Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council for it to be refurbished or demolished by its owner Bizzy B. Stockton-On-Tees Borough Council served a notice pursuant to the Building Act 1984 in September 2007 to require the refurbishment or demolition of the building due to the detrimental impact of it's ruinous and dilapidated condition. Bizzy B failed to comply with that notice, for which they were convicted at Teesside Magistrates Court in 2009. The Council commenced steps to demolish the building in default of compliance with the notice which was the subject of a Judicial Review by the Owners, Bizzy B, which was listed for hearing on 17th & 18th August in the High Court. Alternative proposals had been put forward by the property owner to refurbish and demolish the building including a recent

proposal to refurbish the building by Python Properties. A petition supporting the refurbishment proposal by Python Properties had been received by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council.

The petition stated that the petitioners supported new office space; the potential for 1,000 new jobs; a community heritage centre and the regeneration of Billingham House. It contained 4,059 valid signatures; therefore exceeding the threshold of 2,000 signatures required for petitions to be debated at Council.

The background to the situation at Billingham House was detailed to Members.

Billingham House became vacant in 1995, and was purchased by Bizzy B Management Limited (Bizzy B) in 2000 with a view to redevelopment. Concerns started to be raised by local residents and businesses about the state of the building and it being a target for vandals also about the safety of the surrounding people because of possible asbestos.

In 2002 Bizzy B applied for planning permission which was granted for the building to be partly demolished and used as offices. Although the application was approved, no actions followed by the owner to progress any works. There was no action on site during 2003 and the site was frequented by travellers as it was easily accessed.

In 2004 Bizzy B through David Kitchen Associates (their local agent) promised to demolish the building. Concerns continued to be raised by surrounding businesses about the condition of the site. Following these concerns the Council put Security on site to help to protect it.

In 2005, the building was again breached by unauthorised persons who set it alight creating more concern for local residents the police and the fire brigade

Bizzy B were served with a notice pursuant to section 79 of the building act 1984 in 2006 to repair and restore or demolish the building as it was considered to be seriously detrimental to the amenities of the neighbourhood by reason of its ruinous or dilapidated condition. This was supported by the Billingham Partnership. Bizzy B appealed against this notice by stating that it was not justified, that the Council had refused unreasonably to approve alternative works, and that the time given for Bizzy B to carry out works was unreasonable.

In 2007, both parties attended court at which Bizzy B agreed to demolish the building. The original Section 79 notice for the refurbishment or demolition was withdrawn and an agreed timetable for the demolition of the building was incorporated into a fresh section 79 notice which was served in September 2007. A new Section 79 notice for the buildings demolition was issued with the new timetable for actions by Bizzy B.

In 2008 the Council received a letter from Bizzy B explaining that they had now let a contract to remove the asbestos and demolish the building. A timetable for all the works to demolish was received from Bizzy B. However apart from some fencing being re-erected around the site, little or no action had been taken.

As no actions had been taken on site, despite Bizzy B agreeing to complete the

works by the end of 2008. In 2009, the Council took Bizzy B to court for failing to comply with the section 79 notice. At court Bizzy B pleaded guilty and as well as costs were ordered to pay a fine of £2.00 per day until the section 79 notice was complied with.

In 2010, the Council assisted Python Properties with an application to apply for ONE funding subject to a Development Agreement being signed between Python Properties and Bizzy B by a deadline date of 30th September. No Development Agreement was signed by the deadline so the Council commenced works in default to demolish the building under the Section 79 notice.

The Council was also working up and submitted an application to ONE for funding towards the cost of the demolition of Billingham House. This was a second option for action should the agreement between Python Properties and Bizzy B not be signed by the deadline.

In October 2010, the Council initiated demolition action. Bizzy B subsequently notified the Council that a Development Agreement had been signed with Python Properties (23rd November 2010).

During 2010/2011 Officers from the Council and representatives for Bizzy B and Python Properties met to enable further details of the Development Agreement and the proposals to be put to the Council.

The Council re-iterated its stance to proceed to demolish the building under the Section 79 notice. This was because the Development Agreement did not provide the necessary assurances and guarantees or reference to any existing costs being covered. A tender process was followed and a demolition contractor had been appointed pending the outcome of the ongoing legal actions.

The Council had also received a petition from Billingham Town Council and the Northern Area Partnership which clearly asked if the respondents wanted to see the building demolished. Respondents for this petition were mainly from the area surrounding the building in Billingham. This petition clearly called for Billingham House to be demolished as people had waited long enough for something to happen to remove the blot on the landscape. The petition had 1016 valid signatures.

The Barristers for Stockton Borough Council and Bizzy B attended Court in March 2011 as Bizzy B had served an application for an injunction against Stockton Borough Council to prevent the property from being demolished pending an application they had made for a Judicial Review on the decisions made by Stockton Borough Council. The case was adjourned until May 2011

The Council Officers submitted a Screening Opinion to Planning Services to establish if a full Environmental Impact Assessment would be required for the site. The Screening opinion confirmed that the demolition was not EIA Development and did not require a EIA

Both parties attended Court in May 2011 however because of recent planning changes with regard to planning requirements for demolition, at the request of

Bizzy B, the court again adjourned the case until June 2011 while further details on planning were due to be examined.

Stockton Borough Council Officers then submitted a planning application to demolish Billingham House. The application was considered by the Planning Committee prior to this meeting of Council. The Planning Committee had agreed the planning application (11/1280/LAF) for the demolition of Billingham House.

Both parties attended court in June 2011. Bizzy B agreed to an adjournment but requested that the case be adjourned until October/ November 2011. The Council asked for a speedy hearing. The judge agreed to a speedier hearing and the case was adjourned until August 2011 pending the Planning outcome and to allow Bizzy B time to review the Planning Application.

The next court hearing was scheduled for 17th and 18th August 2011.

A delegation from Python Properties was in attendance at the meeting and made representation. Mr Broom (Founder Owner and Partner of Python Properties) addressed Members and showed Members a promotion video of the regeneration of the Cargo Fleet Offices, South Bank that Python Properties had recently undertaken. Mr Broom went on to detail the past history of Python Properties and other regeneration projects that Python Properties had undertaken. Mr Broom then outlined the reasons why he felt Billingham House should be regenerated rather than demolished. The reasons included:-

- * The demolition of Billingham House would represent the missed opportunity to provide up to 1000 jobs within Billingham and the wider Stockton area with associated investment of approximately £5m.

- * The demolition of Billingham House would result in the loss of an iconic building on the Stockton skyline which may have stood empty but could soon be renovated and restored to its former glory.

Mr Phillips (Chairman of Teesside Industrial Memories) was part of the delegation from Python Properties and outlined that he felt that Billingham House should be regenerated and not demolished as Billingham House was part of the history of Teesside and could be the foundation for future projects in the Billingham area.

Members then debated the issues of Billingham House. There was an overall consensus from Members that although Python Properties was a successful locally based business there was insufficient justification to prefer redevelopment over demolition. Members felt that Bizzy B Management Ltd (Owners of Billingham House) had been given enough opportunities to regenerate Billingham House and Members supported the demolition of Billingham House which had stood empty for too long and become an eyesore and target for vandals. Members also felt that there was sufficient supply of office space in Stockton Borough therefore this was not a reason for the retention of Billingham House.

The Worshipful the Mayor thanked the delegation from Python Properties and everyone that had contributed to the debate. The Worshipful the Mayor

concluded by outlining that a hearing was scheduled for the High Court for 17th/18th August 2011 to hear the case around the Judicial Review initiated on behalf of the owners of Billingham House - Bizzy B which would hopefully bring closure to the matter.

RESOLVED that the debate on the petition supporting the refurbishment proposal of Billingham House by Python Properties and Members' consensus that the building should be demolished be noted.

C
26/11 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings held on 2nd March 2011, 9th March 2011 and 25th May 2011 were signed by the Worshipful the Mayor as a correct record.

C
27/11 **Public Question Time**

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

C
28/11 **Appeals & Complaints Committee Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Wilburn, seconded by Councillor Mrs Wilburn and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Appeals & Complaints Committee held on 3rd March 2011 (Minute ACC 11/10 - ACC 15/10) be received.

C
29/11 **Appeals & Complaints Committee Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Wilburn, seconded by Councillor Mrs Wilburn and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Appeals & Complaints Committee held on 14th March 2011 (Minute ACC 16/10 - ACC 18/10) be received.

C
30/11 **Arts Leisure & Culture Select Committee Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Mrs O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Johnson and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Arts, Leisure & Culture Select Committee held on 9th February 2011 (Minute ALC 33/10 - ALC 39/10) be confirmed.

C
31/11 **Arts Leisure & Culture Select Committee Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Mrs O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Johnson and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Arts, Leisure & Culture Select Committee held on 16th March 2011 (Minute ALC 40/10 - ALC 44/10) be confirmed.

C
32/11 **Audit Committee Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Woodhouse, seconded by Councillor Patterson and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Audit Committee held on 28th February 2011 (Minute A 48/10 - A 60/10) be confirmed or received as appropriate.

**C
33/11** **Cabinet Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Beall and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Cabinet held on 17th March 2011 (Minute CAB 164/10 - CAB 184/10) be confirmed or received as appropriate.

**C
34/11** **Cabinet Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Beall and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Cabinet held on 16th June 2011 (Minute CAB 1/11 - CAB 20/11) be confirmed or received as appropriate.

**C
35/11** **Children & Young People Select Committee Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Inman, seconded by Councillor Mrs Clark and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Children and Young People Select Committee held on 26th January 2011 (Minute CYP 60/10 - CYP 65/10) be confirmed.

**C
36/11** **Children & Young People Select Committee Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Inman, seconded by Councillor Mrs Clark and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Children and Young People Select Committee held on 9th March 2011 (Minute CYP 66/10 - CYP 73/10) be confirmed.

**C
37/11** **Children & Young People Select Committee Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Inman, seconded by Councillor Mrs Clark and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Children and Young People Select Committee held on 30th March 2011 (Minute CYP 74/10 - CYP 80/10) be confirmed.

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38/11** **Corporate, Adult Services & Social Inclusion Select Committee Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Stoker, seconded by Councillor Stott and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Corporate, Adult Services & Social Inclusion Select Committee held on 18th January 2011 (Minute CAS 37/10 - CAS 40/10) be confirmed.

C **Corporate, Adult Services & Social Inclusion Select Committee Minutes**
39/11

Moved by Councillor Stoker, seconded by Councillor Stott and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Corporate, Adult Services & Social Inclusion Select Committee held on 15th March 2011 (Minute CAS 41/10 - CAS 46/10) be confirmed.

C **Employee Appeals Panel Minutes**
40/11

Moved by Councillor Mrs Wilburn, seconded by Councillor Mrs Nelson and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Employee Appeals Panel held on 31st March 2011 (Minute EAP 29/10 - EAP 31/10) be received.

C **Environment Select Committee Minutes**
41/11

Moved by Councillor Cooke, seconded by Councillor Wilburn and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Environment Select Committee held on 24th January 2011 (Minute ENV 38/10 - ENV 44/10) be confirmed.

C **Executive Scrutiny Committee Minutes**
42/11

Moved by Councillor Apedaile, seconded by Councillor Gibson and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Executive Scrutiny Committee held on 8th February 2011 (Minute EXC 47/10 - EXC 54/10) be received.

C **Executive Scrutiny Committee Minutes**
43/11

Moved by Councillor Apedaile, seconded by Councillor Gibson and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Executive Scrutiny Committee held on 8th March 2011 (Minute EXC 55/10 - EXC 60/10) be received.

C **Health Select Committee Minutes**
44/11

Moved by Councillor Javed, seconded by Councillor Faulks and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Health Select Committee held on 21st February 2011 (Minute H 61/10 - H 67/10) be confirmed.

C **Health Select Committee Minutes**
45/11

Moved by Councillor Javed, seconded by Councillor Faulks and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Health Select Committee held on 8th March 2011 (Minute H 68/10 - H 73/10) be confirmed.

C
46/11 **Housing & Community Safety Select Committee Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Cherrett, seconded by Councillor Brown and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Housing & Community Safety Select Committee held on 13th January 2011 (Minute HCS 40/10 - HCS 44/10) be confirmed.

C
47/11 **Housing & Community Safety Select Committee Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Cherrett, seconded by Councillor Brown and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Housing & Community Safety Select Committee held on 24th February 2011 (Minute HCS 45/10 - HCS 49/10) be confirmed.

C
48/11 **Licensing Committee Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Kirton, seconded by Councillor Mrs Nelson and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing Committee held on 1st March 2011 (Minute L 111/10 - L 122/10) be received.

C
49/11 **Licensing Committee Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Kirton, seconded by Councillor Mrs Nelson and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing Committee held on 12th April 2011 (Minute L 123/10 - L 130/10) be received.

C
50/11 **Licensing Sub Committee Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Kirton, seconded by Councillor Mrs Nelson and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee held on 1st February 2011 (Minute LSC 51/10 - LSC 55/10) be received.

C
51/11 **Licensing Sub Committee Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Kirton, seconded by Councillor Mrs Nelson and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee held on 22nd March 2011 (Minute LSC 56/10 - LSC 58/10) be received.

C **Licensing Sub Committee Minutes**

52/11

Moved by Councillor Kirton, seconded by Councillor Mrs Nelson and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee held on 31st March 2011 (Minute LSC 59/10 - LSC 61/10) be received.

C
53/11 **Licensing Sub Committee Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Kirton, seconded by Councillor Mrs Nelson and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee held on 1st April 2011 (Minute LSC 62/10 - LSC 64/10) be received.

C
54/11 **Licensing Sub Committee Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Kirton, seconded by Councillor Mrs Nelson and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee held on 4th April 2011 (Minute LSC 65/10 - LSC 67/10) be received.

C
55/11 **Planning Committee Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor Kirby and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 2nd February 2011 (Minute P 99/10 - P 108/10) be received.

C
56/11 **Planning Committee Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor Kirby and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 2nd March 2011 (Minute P 109/10 - P 118/10) be received.

C
57/11 **Planning Committee Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor Kirby and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 30th March 2011 (Minute P 119/10 - P 125/10) be received.

C
58/11 **Planning Committee Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor Kirby and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 20th April 2011 (Minute P

126/10 - P 131/10) be received.

C
59/11 **Regeneration & Transport Select Committee Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Perry, seconded by Councillor Mrs Wilburn and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Regeneration and Transport Select Committee held on 21st February 2011 (Minute RTS 67/10 - RTS 73/10) be confirmed.

C
60/11 **Regeneration & Transport Select Committee Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Perry, seconded by Councillor Mrs Wilburn and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Regeneration and Transport Select Committee held on 14th March 2011 (Minute RTS 74/10 - RTS 78/10) be confirmed.

C
61/11 **Standards Committee Minutes**

Moved by Mr F W Hayes, seconded by Councillor Dixon and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Standards Committee held on 6th January 2011 (Minute S 64/10 - S 76/10) be received.

C
62/11 **Cleveland Fire Authority Minutes**

The minutes of the Cleveland Fire Authority held on the 28th January 2011 were noted.

C
63/11 **Cleveland Fire Authority Minutes**

The minutes of the Cleveland Fire Authority held on the 4th February 2011 were noted.

C
64/11 **Cleveland Police Authority Executive Minutes**

The minutes of the Cleveland Police Authority Executive held on the 15th December 2010 were noted.

C
65/11 **Local Joint Consultative Panel Minutes**

The minutes of the Local Joint Consultative Panel held on the 21st March 2011 were noted.

C
66/11 **Markets Forum Minutes**

The minutes of the Markets Forum held on the 16th February 2011 were noted.

**C
67/11 Markets Forum Minutes**

The minutes of the Markets Forum held on the 16th March 2011 were noted.

**C
68/11 Parish Council Liaison Forum Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Liaison Forum held on the 21st March 2011 were noted.

**C
69/11 Stockton Home Safety Association Minutes**

The minutes of the Stockton Home Safety Association held on the 11th January 2011 were noted.

**C
70/11 Nominations and Amendments to Council Committees, Panels etc
2011/2015**

Members were informed that at its Annual Meeting, held on Wednesday 25th May 2011, the Council approved appointments to its Committees, Panels and Joint/Outside Bodies for 2011/15. Following the meeting a small number of positions remained vacant.

Subsequently, notification had been received that Cllr Stott was to be replaced by Councillor Cunningham on the Home Safety Association and Councillor Stoker was to be replaced by Councillor Javed on the Housing and Community Safety Select Committee.

Nominations had been received for some of the vacancies referred to above:-

Committee/Panel - Nomination

Standards Committee - Councillor Stott

Standards Committee Panel - Councillor Large

Education Support Panel - Councillor Kennedy

Parish Council Liaison Forum - Councillor Cook

Local Joint Consultative Panel - Councillor Beall

Local Development Framework - Councillor Cook

Markets Forum - Councillor Clark

Home Safety Association - Delete Councillor Stott - Add Councillor Cunningham

Housing & Community Safety Select Committee - Delete Councillor Stoker -

Add Councillor Javed

Joint Outside Body

River Tees Port Health Authority (Joint Body) - Councillor O'Donnell, Councillor Johnson
Agreed Syllabus - Councillor C Clark
Association of North East Councils (ANEC) - Councillor N Wilburn
Over 50s Forum - Councillor Brown, Councillor C Clark, Councillor N Stephenson
Stockton Renaissance Board - Councillor N Wilburn

Assuming that Council appointed to the above Committee, Panels etc the following vacancies would remain:-

Committee/Panel Vacancy

Standards Committee - 1 vacancy
Standards Committee Panel - 1 vacancy
Markets' Forum - 1 vacancy

Joint/Outside Body

Standing Advisory Council of Religious Education - 1 vacancy
Yarm Youth and Community Association - 1 vacancy

RESOLVED that:-

1. The nominations, detailed above, be approved.
2. The remaining vacancies, detailed above, be noted.

C
71/11 **Councillors' Corporate Parenting Pledge**

The Mayor signed his pledge accepting his role as a Corporate Parent. He reminded all members of their responsibility as a Corporate Parent.

C
72/11 **Members' Question Time**

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

C
73/11 **Forward Plan and Leaders Statement**

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

The EIT Review of the Early Intervention Grant that was introduced by Government in the Budget last year. Cabinet would be considering approval for the start of consultation around the provision of more targeted support to families of pre-school children across the Borough.

Cabinet would also be considering the future Options for the regeneration of Thornaby Town Hall at the meeting.

Endorsement for a bid to the Homes and Community Agency for Housing Market Renewal Funding that if successful would help progress the development of Parkfield will also go to the next meeting of Cabinet.

A progress report on Stockton Town Centre would also go to the next meeting Cabinet which would include the feedback from the public consultation on the Prospectus that was launched in March.

Over 1,700 people visited the High Street shop used for the consultation exercise and a series of other meetings were held with a variety of stakeholders to gather their views.

Looking at the wider Tees Valley – Cabinet would also note the submissions made to Government about the Enterprise Zones for the Tees Valley that included NorthShore and Belasis Hall Technology Park in Stockton and also the area's multi million pound bid to Round 2 of the Regional Growth Fund.