

Council

A meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, 19th July, 2017.

Present: The Worshipful the Mayor (Cllr Maurice Perry); Cllr Cllr Helen Atkinson, Cllr Sonia Bailey, Cllr Paul Baker, Cllr Chris Barlow, Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Derrick Brown, Cllr Carol Clark, Cllr Chris Clough, Cllr Robert Cook, Cllr Nigel Cooke, Cllr Gillian Corr, Cllr Evaline Cunningham, Cllr Ken Dixon, Cllr John Gardner, Cllr Lisa Grainge, Cllr Lynn Hall, Cllr Elsi Hampton, Cllr Tony Hampton, Cllr David Harrington, Cllr Di Hewitt, Cllr Stefan Houghton, Cllr Barbara Inman, Cllr Mohammed Javed, Cllr Eileen Johnson, Cllr Paul Kirton, Cllr Allan Mitchell, Cllr Mick Moore, Cllr Mrs Kathryn Nelson, Cllr Steve Nelson, Cllr Mrs Jean O'Donnell, Cllr Ross Patterson, Cllr Lauriane Povey, Cllr Stephen Richardson, Cllr Paul Rowling, Cllr Michael Smith, Cllr Norma Stephenson O.B.E, Cllr Mick Stoker, Cllr Marilyn Surtees, Cllr Laura Tunney, Cllr Matthew Vickers, Cllr Sally Ann Watson, Cllr David Wilburn, Cllr Norma Wilburn, Cllr Bill Woodhead MBE and Cllr Barry Woodhouse.

Officers: Neil Schneider (CE) Julie Danks, Peter Bell, Kirsty Wannop (DCE), Jonathan Nertney (HR, L&C), Ann Workman (AH); Reuben Kench (CL&E).

Also in attendance: Members of the Public.

Apologies: Cllr Julia Cherrett, Cllr Ian Dalgarno, Cllr Phil Dennis, Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr Ann McCoy, Cllr Andrew Stephenson, Cllr Tracey Stott, Cllr Sylvia Walmsley and Cllr Julia Whitehill.

C Welcome and Evacuation Procedure

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The Worshipful the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and the evacuation procedure was noted.

C Declarations of Interest

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There were no interests declared.

C Minutes

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The minutes of the meetings held on 21 June 2017 were signed by the Worshipful the Mayor as a correct record.

C Public Question Time

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The Chief Solicitor informed Members that no Public Questions had been received.

C Appointments/Amendments to Committees and Panel for 2017/19

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At its Annual Meeting, held on Wednesday 3 June 2015, the Council approved appointments to its Committees, Panels and Joint/Outside Bodies for 2015/19.

The following appointments had been received and were presented for Council consideration:-

Executive Scrutiny Committee

Add Councillor Lynn Hall (Cons) to vacancy (seat formerly held by Councillor Ben Houchen)

Add Councillor Tony Hampton (Cons) to vacancy (seat formerly held by Councillor Phil Dennis)

Planning Committee

Add Councillor Tony Hampton (Cons) to vacancy (seat formerly held by Councillor Phil Dennis)

Appeals and Complaints Committee

Add Councillor Bill Woodhead MBE (Cons) to vacancy (seat formerly held by Councillor Phil Dennis)

Local Joint Consultative Panel

Add Councillor John Gardner (Cons) to vacancy (seat formerly held by Councillor Phil Dennis)

Members Advisory Panel

Add Councillor John Gardner (Cons) to vacancy (seat formerly held by Councillor Phil Dennis)

TVCA Scrutiny Committee

Remove Councillor Phil Dennis (Cons)
Add Councillor Matt Vickers (Cons)

RESOLVED that the above amendments be approved.

C **58/17** **Members' Question Time**

The Chief Solicitor informed Members that no Member Questions had been received.

C **59/17** **Forward Plan and Leader's Statement – Presentation Globe Restoration**

The Leader of the Council gave his Forward Plan. It had been a busy period since the last Council meeting in June. Cabinet met on the 12th of July 2017 and considered:

- The 2016/17 Annual Council Plan, Xentrall and Financial Outturn Reports
- The 2016/17 Welfare Reform Update Report
- A report on Disabled Facilities Grants and the introduction of new discretionary financial assistance schemes.
- A report on The Local Economic Assessment
- The regular Economic Climate Report
- A report on Billingham Event Infrastructure
- A report on the joint investment plan with Thirteen Housing Group
- The Annual Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report
- A valuable report from the Place Scrutiny Committee on the Review of the Safety of High Rise Blocks and Externally Clad Houses in the Borough. The Leader of the Council commended the Committee for their swift action in response to his request for an immediate task and finish review following the tragic fire at Grenfell Tower. They had carried out an excellent piece of work and Cabinet fully supported the recommendations made by the Committee.

The report was available on agenda.

The Leader of the Council was also delighted to say that Cabinet would meet again to consider a single agenda item on the exciting developments in the restoration of The Globe. This followed the joint media announcement with the Heritage Lottery Fund and global leading theatre operator ATG last week. A summary of the plan had been prepared for Members and these were available for Members. The Leader of the Council looked forward to seeing Members at Cabinet where more discussion would take place on the plans and a film would be watched on the proposed designs.

Cabinet and Council would meet again in September. The Leader of the Council outlined that a summer of great events would take place in the Borough. The new music and comedy festival - Stockton Stages, SIRF and Billingham International Folklore Festival.