

# Council

A meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, 25th May, 2022.

**Present:** The Worshipful the Mayor (Cllr Kevin Faulks), Cllr Helen Atkinson, Cllr Louise Baldock, Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Pauline Beall, Cllr Jacky Bright, Cllr Carol Clark, Cllr Robert Cook, Cllr Nigel Cooke, Cllr Evaline Cunningham, Cllr Ian Dalgarno, Cllr Ken Dixon, Cllr Lisa Evans, Cllr Luke Frost, Cllr Clare Gamble, Cllr Lynn Hall, Cllr Stefan Houghton, Cllr Barbara Inman, Cllr Mohammed Javed, Cllr Eileen Johnson, Cllr Paul Kirton, Cllr Tina Large, Cllr Steve Matthews, Cllr Ann McCoy, Cllr David Minchella, Cllr Steve Nelson, Cllr Jean O'Donnell, Cllr Ross Patterson, Cllr Maurice Perry, Cllr Lauriane Povey, Cllr Tony Riordan, Cllr Andrew Sherris, Cllr Michael Smith, Cllr Norma Stephenson O.B.E, Cllr Mick Stoker, Cllr Hilary Vickers, Cllr Sylvia Walmsley, Cllr Julia Whitehill, Cllr Bill Woodhead MBE and Cllr Barry Woodhouse.

**Officers:** Julie Danks (MD), Beccy Brown, Jonathan Nertney, Julie Butcher, Nigel Hart, Michael Henderson, Sarah Whaley, John Devine, Gary Woods, Rachel Harrison (CS), Reuben Kench (CS,E&C) Gary Cummings (F,D&R&DMD).

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

**Apologies:** Cllr Chris Barlow, Cllr Dan Fagan, Cllr John Gardner, Cllr Ray Godwin, Cllr Niall Innes, Cllr Mick Moore, Cllr Stephen Richardson, Cllr Lee Spence, Cllr Hugo Stratton, Cllr Ted Strike, Cllr Marilyn Surtees, Cllr Laura Tunney, Cllr Steve Walmsley, Cllr Alan Watson, Cllr Sally Ann Watson and Cllr Paul Weston.

## 1 Evacuation Procedure

The Managing Director advised all present of the premises evacuation procedures in the event of an emergency.

## 2 Civic Welcome

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

## 3 Council Constitution Amendments May 2022

Consideration was given to a report that presented the updated Constitution.

The Senior Management Review resulted in changes to the titles of some of the Directors and Directorates referred to in the Constitution.

The Monitoring Officer, on behalf of and in consultation with the Managing Director, had a responsibility under paragraph 1.37 of the Constitution to monitor and review the Constitution on a regular basis and had delegated authority to make changes to the Constitution, to, amongst other minor changes, reflect the Council's structures and decision making requirements.

The Monitoring Officer had therefore made the necessary changes to the Constitution to change the names of the Directors, Officers and Directorates to reflect the changes to the Senior Management Structure.

Due to the significant changes to the Health System with the introduction of Integrated Care Systems the following changes were also proposed to be made to the Functions of the Health and Wellbeing Board in the Constitution which require agreement by Council:-

- a. The Leader of the Council be added as a voting Board member
- b. The Leader of the Council shall chair the Board

An additional voting member would need to be added to the Board to ensure political balance was maintained, this would be done and would be appointed at the next Council meeting. There was no meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board prior to the next proposed Council meeting in June 2022.

A tracked-changes version of the Constitution highlighting the amendments referred to in the report was available in the Members area of the SBC Intranet.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The minor amendments made to the Constitution by the Monitoring Officer be noted.
2. The amendments to the section relating the Functions of the Health and Wellbeing Board be approved and the amended Constitution agreed.

#### **4 Presentation of the Honorary Alderman of the Borough**

The Worshipful the Mayor awarded the Alderman Badge to:-

- Paul Baker
- Kathryn Nelson
- Posthumously to former Councillor Julia Cherrett

#### **5 Mayor's Civic Awards Scheme**

The Worshipful the Mayor recognised the achievements of those who had been successfully nominated for a Mayor's Civic Award:-

- Young Person Award – Alex Matthews
- Services to the Community Award – Individual – Gail Walker
- Services to the Community Award – Groups and Organisations – Amal Project
- Services to the Community Award – Business – The Silver Cod
- Health & Wellbeing Award – Alfie Bailey
- The Green Award – Thornaby Community Litter Project
- Carer / Foster Carer Award – Joyce and Peter Roscoe

#### **6 Presentation to Mayor's Charities**

A presentation was made to Mayor's Charities:-

- Sprouts Community Food Charity
- Remembering Rebecca

#### **7 Customer Services Excellence Awards – Civic Recognition**

The Worshipful the Mayor recognised the winners of the Customer Services Excellence Awards within the following categories:-

- Star Apprentice – Tony Atkins (Apprentice Electrician)
- Special Recognition Award – Claire Shepherd (Reablement Support Worker)
- Star Employee – Paul Hardman (Care For Your Area)

Pride of Stockton Team Award – Shielding Hub Team represented by Rebecca Grey, Peter Otter, Aishah Waithe (Carers Service)  
Caring Colleague Individual – Heather Glitherow (Continuing Health Care Practitioner Lead)  
Caring Colleague Team – Xentrall ICT represented by Jacob Scullion

## **8 Long Service Awards**

The Worshipful the Mayor recognised the contribution of the following long serving staff by presenting each with a certificate of achievement:-

- Moira Oliver - 40 years
- Paula Pickering – 25 years
- Martin Thompson - 25 years
- Christine Peacock - 25 years
- Janet Harvey - 25 years
- Deborah Carr - 25 years

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

On behalf of the Council, the retired Mayor presented a silver salver to the retiring Deputy Mayor for his services during 2021/22.

## **10 Appointment of The Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2022/23**

Moved by Councillor Ken Dixon, seconded by Councillor Kevin Faulks, that Councillor Ross Patterson be appointed Mayor for the Municipal Year 2022/2023.

RESOLVED that Councillor Ross Patterson be appointed Mayor for the Municipal Year 2022/2023.

## **11 Return of Thanks for Appointment by The Mayor**

The Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor Ross Patterson, returned thanks for his appointment and addressed the meeting regarding his ambitions for the year ahead.

## **12 Vote of Thanks to Retired Mayor**

Moved by Councillor Ken Dixon, seconded by Councillor Ross Patterson, that a vote of thanks be extended to the retired Mayor and Mayoress for the admirable way in which they had discharged their duties during the term of office

RESOLVED that thanks be extended to the retired Mayor and Mayoress for the admirable way in which they had discharged their duties during their term of office.

## **13 Presentation of Medallions and Commemorative Digital Album to the Retired Mayor and Mayoress**

The Worshipful the Mayor presented the Retired Mayor with a Medallion and

Commemorative Digital Album.

**14 Address by the Retired Mayor**

The retired Mayor addressed the meeting to reflect on his year in office and the charities he had supported.

**15 Appointment of the Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2022/23**

Moved by Councillor Barbara Inman, seconded by Councillor Bob Cook, that Councillor Jim Beall be appointed Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2022/2023.

RESOLVED that Councillor Jim Beall be appointed Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2022/2023

**16 Return of Thanks for Appointment by the Deputy Mayor**

The Deputy Mayor returned thanks for his appointment.

**17 Presentation of Floral Arrangements**

Floral arrangements were presented to the Mayoress, Deputy Mayoress and the retired Mayoress.

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

Reverend Martin Anderson presented the Bible to the Worshipful the Mayor,

**19 Meetings of Council**

RESOLVED that meetings of the Council being held at 6.00pm (except where otherwise stated) during the Municipal Year on the following dates:-

15 June 2022  
20 July 2022  
21 September 2022  
23 November 2022  
25 January 2023  
22 February (Special - MTFP)  
22 March 2023  
24 May 2023 (Annual Meeting - 11.00 am)

**20 Announcement of Cabinet Members for 2022/23**

The Leader of the Council had distributed a copy of his Annual Report that detailed the achievements of the Council during 2022-2023.

The Leader of the Council announced his Cabinet for the Municipal Years 2022-2023:-

Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Children and Young

People - Councillor Lisa Evans  
Cabinet Member for Health, Leisure and Culture - Councillor Steve Nelson  
Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care - Councillor Ann McCoy  
Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing - Councillor Nigel Cooke  
Cabinet Member for Access, Communities and Community Safety - Councillor  
Norma Stephenson  
Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport - Councillor Mike Smith

**21      Announcement of Assistant Cabinet Members for 2022/23**

The Leader of the Council announced his Assistant Cabinet Members for the Municipal Years 2022-2023:-

Assistant Cabinet Member for Health, Leisure and Culture - Councillor Clare Gamble

**22      Corporate Parenting Pledge**

The Worshipful the Mayor and the Leader of the Council signed the Corporate Parenting Pledge on behalf of the Council accepting all Members role as Corporate Parents.

**23      The Mayor will close the Meeting**

The Mayor closed the meeting and invited guests to the civic reception.