

Date: Wednesday 21 June 2023 at 6.00 pm

Venue: Baptist Tabernacle Auditorium, The Square, Stockton on Tees, TS18 1TE

AGENDA

1 Welcome and Evacuation Procedure

2 Apologies for Absence

3 Declarations of Interest

4 Minutes

To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 22nd March 2023 & 24th May 2023. (Pages 7 - 34)

5 Warm Homes Healthy People

6 Public Question Time

7 Appointment of the Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2023/24

8 Appointments/Amendments to Committees and Panel for 2023/27 (Pages 35 - 38)

9 Members' Question Time (Pages 39 - 48)

10 Forward Plan and Leader's Statement

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KEY - Declarable interests are:-

- Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI's)
- Other Registerable Interests (ORI's)
- Non Registerable Interests (NRI's)

Members – Declaration of Interest Guidance



Table 1 - Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Subject	Description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the council) made to the councillor during the previous 12-month period for expenses incurred by him/her in carrying out his/her duties as a councillor, or towards his/her election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
Contracts	Any contract made between the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners (or a firm in which such person is a partner, or an incorporated body of which such person is a director* or a body that such person has a beneficial interest in the securities of*) and the council — (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged.
Land and property	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the council. 'Land' excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not give the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners (alone or jointly with another) a right to occupy or to receive income.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the council for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to the councillor's knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the council; and (b) the tenant is a body that the councillor, or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners is a partner of or a director* of or has a beneficial interest in the securities* of.
Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities* of a body where— (a) that body (to the councillor's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the council; and (b) either— (i) the total nominal value of the securities* exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the councillor, or his/ her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners have a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

* 'director' includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society.

* 'securities' means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

Table 2 – Other Registerable Interest

You must register as an Other Registrable Interest:

- a) any unpaid directorships
- b) any body of which you are a member or are in a position of general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority
- c) any body
 - (i) exercising functions of a public nature
 - (ii) directed to charitable purposes or
 - (iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management

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Council

A meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, 22nd March, 2023.

Present: The Worshipful the Mayor (Cllr Ross Patterson); Cllr Louise Baldock, Cllr Chris Barlow, Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Pauline Beall, Cllr Jacky Bright, Cllr Carol Clark, Cllr Robert Cook, Cllr Nigel Cooke, Cllr Evaline Cunningham, Cllr Ken Dixon, Cllr Lisa Evans, Cllr Dan Fagan, Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr Clare Gamble, Cllr John Gardner, Cllr Ray Godwin, Cllr Lynn Hall, Cllr Stefan Houghton, Cllr Barbara Inman, Cllr Eileen Johnson, Cllr Paul Kirton, Cllr Tina Large, Cllr Steve Matthews JP, Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy, Cllr Mick Moore, Cllr Steve Nelson, Cllr Mrs Jean O'Donnell, Cllr Maurice Perry, Cllr Lauriane Povey, Cllr Stephen Richardson, Cllr Tony Riordan, Cllr Michael Smith, Cllr Lee Spence, Cllr Norma Stephenson O.B.E, Cllr Mick Stoker, Cllr Hugo Stratton, Cllr Ted Strike, Cllr Marilyn Surtees, Cllr Laura Tunney, Cllr Hilary Vickers, Cllr Steve Walmsley, Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley, Cllr Paul Weston, Cllr Bill Woodhead MBE and Cllr Barry Woodhouse.

Officers: Mike Greene (CE), Ged Morton, Julie Butcher, Judy Trainer, Peter Bell, John Devine (CS), Garry Cummings, (F,D&R&DCE), Martin Gray (ChS), Reuben Kench (CS,E&C), Ann Workman (A&H).

Also in attendance: Members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Helen Atkinson, Cllr Ian Dalgarno, Cllr Luke Frost, Cllr Niall Innes, Cllr Mohammed Javed, Cllr David Minchella, Cllr Andrew Sherris, Cllr Alan Watson, Cllr Sally Ann Watson and Cllr Julia Whitehill.

C Welcome

74/22

The Worshipful the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the arrangements for the meeting.

C Declarations of Interest

75/22

There were no interests declared.

C Minutes

76/22

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meetings held on 25 January 2023 and 22 February 2023.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 25 January 2023 and 22 February 2023 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

C Public Question Time

77/22

The Head of Legal Services reported that there were no Public Questions.

C Constitution Update

78/22

Consideration was given to a report on the updated Constitution.

All Local Authorities in England had a statutory duty under the Local Government Act 2000 to maintain an up-to-date Constitution and to make their Constitution publicly available.

The Monitoring Officer, on behalf of and in consultation with the Chief Executive, had a responsibility under paragraph 1.37 of the Constitution to monitor and review the Constitution on a regular basis and has delegated authority to make changes to the Constitution, to, amongst other minor

changes, reflect the Council's structures and decision-making requirements.

The proposed changes to the Constitution and the reasons for each proposed change was specified within a table in the report.

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

RESOLVED that the amendments specified in the table in the report and shown in tracked changes in the draft amended Constitution be approved and the amended Constitution agreed.

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79/22**

Council Plan 2023-26

Consideration was given to a report on the Council Plan 2023-2026.

The report presented a draft Council Plan for 2023-26.

The Council Plan set out our vision for the Borough looking forward to 2026, and the key priorities the Council would be working on in the coming year to do our part in bringing the vision to life.

The Council wanted the Borough to be:-

- A place where people are healthy, safe and protected from harm
- A place that is clean, vibrant and attractive
- A place with a thriving economy where everyone has opportunities to succeed

The Council Plan was attached to the report.

RESOLVED that the Council Plan 2023-2026 be approved.

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80/22**

Local Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document

Consideration was given to a report on the Local Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document.

A Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) provided guidance on how Local Plan policies were applied and would be a material consideration when determining applications for planning permission within the Borough.

This "Local Design Guide" SPD had been prepared as part of a suite of guidance documents that expanded on policies within the adopted Local Plan (2019). The Local Design Guide SPD and accompanying technical appendices (Appendices A – E to the report) were intended as a guide for the design of development sites, with an aim to improving the quality of design within development proposals.

The Local Design Guide SPD and accompanying technical appendices had

been published for public consultation and the documents had been amended where appropriate based on the consultation comments received.

It was recommended to adopt the SPD to be used in the determination of planning applications from the point of adoption. If adopted this SPD would supersede and replace existing planning guidance.

The SPD had been prepared in accordance with Government legislation and guidance and had been subject to public consultation in accordance with regulations. Comments raised had been considered and, where necessary adjustments to the documents had been made. It was therefore recommended that the documents, as amended and attached at Appendix A to E of the report be adopted.

Following adoption, the documents would be made available in the Council's main offices, on the Council's website and in public libraries across the Borough. The SPD would be a material consideration in planning applications. Members were also made aware that legislation made provision for individuals / organisations to pursue a legal challenge regarding SPDs, and this would end 3-months after adoption of the documents.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The contents of the report be noted.
2. The Local Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document and its accompanying technical appendices be adopted.
3. The authority to approve non-material and minor alterations to the SPD and its accompanying technical appendices be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing, and the Director of Finance, Development and Regeneration, prior to publication.
4. The Local Design SPD will apply to all planning applications submitted to the Council after the adoption date and the following Supplementary Planning Documents will be superseded:
 - Supplementary Planning Document 1: Sustainable Design Guide
 - Supplementary Planning Guidance: High Density Development: Flats and Apartments
 - Supplementary Planning Document: Shop Front Design and Advertisements
 - The following elements of Supplementary Planning Document: Open Space, Recreation and Landscaping:
 - 8) Landscaping on development sites
 - Appendix 2- Planting within Stockton-on-Tees
 - Appendix 3- Tree protection
 - Appendix 4: Tree planting specification for softscape areas

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81/22**

Motion

The following motion had been submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 3.40, moved by Cllr Ted Strike, seconded by Cllr Steve Matthews:-

“This Council supports the provision of free to attend events for our residents and visitors. Wherever possible this should be at no cost to council taxpayers. Council requests Cabinet to consider sponsorship opportunities to offset either in part or fully the costs of the Stockton International Riverside Festival.”

Moved by Councillor Steve Nelson, seconded by Councillor Jim Beall that the substantive motion be amended as follows:-

“This Council supports the provision of free to attend events for residents and visitors to the borough. This Council requests that Cabinet and officers continue to seek out all forms of funding, including sponsorship opportunities, to minimise the costs of events such as Stockton International Riverside Festival for the council taxpayer whilst at the same time ensuring that major sources of funding are not jeopardised and the financial viability of said event is not put at risk.

This Council also encourages any businesses or organisations which might wish to sponsor any of the Council’s events to make contact.”

Following a debate a vote took place and it was agreed that the amendment be carried and therefore the amendment became the substantive motion.

No further amendments were moved so a vote then took place on the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was carried as follows:-

“This Council supports the provision of free to attend events for residents and visitors to the borough. This Council requests that Cabinet and officers continue to seek out all forms of funding, including sponsorship opportunities, to minimise the costs of events such as Stockton International Riverside Festival for the council taxpayer whilst at the same time ensuring that major sources of funding are not jeopardised and the financial viability of said event is not put at risk.

This Council also encourages any businesses or organisations which might wish to sponsor any of the Council’s events to make contact.”

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82/22**

Motion

A motion had been submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 3.40 by Cllr Kevin Faulks. Council noted that Councillor Faulks proposed to alter his motion and the proposed wording had been circulated. The request to alter the motion received the meeting’s consent and that consent was signified without discussion.

The following motion was moved by Cllr Kevin Faulks, seconded by Cllr Ken Dixon:-

“Since 2016, Council Tax has risen in the region of 30% across Councils in England. This includes the Social Care Levy being added to fund social care provided by local authorities, comprising around half of the 30% increase. In 2011-12 around 60% of funding of local authorities in England was provided by central government, with around 40% funded from Council Tax. In 2022-23, 60% of council funding is provided by Council Tax with around 40% funded by government. Council’s annual budgets for 2022-23 have not increased in line with inflation since 2010/11, with large expenditure reductions and staff redundancies made from 2011 to 2015. Inflation 2011 to 2023 is 35.4% (Bank of England Calculator).

In 2016, Councils were advised by government that increases in government funding for Councils was unlikely, but that government is giving Councils spending power, by allowing them to increase Council Tax and the Social Care Levy annually within limits set by government each year. The resulting increases to both of these taxes since 2016 has left Council Taxpayers facing large bills which are effectively becoming a second mortgage on their property for some homeowners. Some of our residents have told us ‘this is not sustainable and it is like having a second mortgage’. The impact upon Council Taxpayers could be reduced if local government services are funded by a greater proportion from central government, as it has a range of taxes which could fund local government, and therefore lessening the impact on Council Taxpayers.

Therefore, the Council resolves to write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, His Majesty’s Leader of the Opposition, the MP’s for Stockton North and Stockton South, and the Local Government Association, to ask them to:

1. Support a real terms increase to grant funding allocated to local government since 2010-11 giving Councils the opportunity to reduce Council Tax levels.
2. Ask government and future governments to provide local government with a long-term fair funding package from government based on the medium term, so that councils can plan service provision and minimise Council Tax rises.
3. Ask government to introduce funding for both adults and children’s social care that fully funds the costs of delivering these services, without putting the cost onto local taxpayers so that Councils can remove the Social Care Levy on Council Taxpayers.”

Following a debate a vote took place.

The motion was carried.

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83/22

Members' Question Time

The following question has been submitted by Councillor Ted Strike for response by the Leader of the Council:-

“Can you confirm that my amendment to this year's budget would have resulted in a balanced budget?”

The Leader of the Council responded with:-

“The alternative budget proposed at Council on 22nd February 2023 produced a balanced budget for 2023/24 but I need to qualify that as if we had accepted that budget we would have lost £1.4 million Arts Council grants for 3 years for the SIRF festival and the festival of Thrift so in the end we would have actually lost money.”

Councillor Ted Strike asked the following supplementary question:-

“If it was a balanced budget how could Cllr Nelson's comment about losing £300k for 3 years be true so therefore it wouldn't be a balanced budget and the amendment should have never been allowed?”

The Leader of the Council responded with:-

“We would have lost £1.4 million and we would also have lost the two festivals for 3 years and probably forever as the Arts Council were funding these events. The £300k you are talking about is the cost of the festival as if you don't have them, you will still need to spend that money.”

The following question has been submitted by Councillor Ted Strike for response by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing:-

“Can the council advise me of the current cost of rebuilding Splash, also what is the estimated cost of demolishing Splash?”

How much is still owed on the current Splash facility?

And what do the Council intend to do with the land, how much do they expect to receive for the land if they sell it?”

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing responded with:-

“The current approximate cost for delivering a new leisure centre at the Stockton Waterfront Development is £15m as set out in the report to Cabinet in July 2021. Work is ongoing to progress the design stage of the new leisure facility and therefore update the project cost. There has been some initial design work to RIBA stage 2 undertaken and we are currently working through the procurement exercise to appoint the architect for the detailed design work. We will have final designs and cost details in the summer and then there will be a

further report to Cabinet.

The original Splash build was funded through lottery and other grant funding, the extension costed £2.7m in 2008 which was funded through a combination of SBC resources, Sport England Grant and prudential borrowing. The timing of when the Council takes out external borrowing is driven by cashflow requirements and the treasury management strategy, we do not enter into individual loans for specific schemes.

Options for the future use of the existing Splash site, as well as the other sites vacated as a result of the moves to Dunedin House, are being considered alongside the Council's asset strategy. Any costs associated with the future use, including potential demolition costs will be identified as part of this work. This work is also covering the asset value of the existing site and all of this will be brought back to Cabinet."

Councillor Ted Strike asked the following supplementary question:-

"The figure of £15 million is obviously 2 years old now and the cost of building materials etc have now gone through the roof. Therefore, the figure is more likely to be a 40% increase in cost so until we find out the full cost, I sincerely hope that this Council are going to put this on-hold and not jump straight in and bring something back to full Council?"

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing responded with:-

"Cllr Strike has clearly little understanding of project management. I'm certainly not going to speculate in a meeting where there are members of the public and press about the future costs. In my original answer I said we would be bringing a report back to Cabinet once we have a programme of costs. That is the process we apply to all of our schemes. A new modern fit for purpose and efficient leisure centre on the new Stockton waterfront development will provide the best value for money use of a brownfield site. Also, it's close proximity to the NHS Diagnostic Centre and access to cycleways, walkways and the new wellbeing hub is something we would all welcome. This Labour Cabinet and Group is delivering on the Council Plan that was approved earlier this evening, we have a clear vision unlike Cllr Strike and the Conservative Group."

The following question has been submitted by Councillor Tony Riordan for response by the Leader of the Council:-

"Can the leader please outline what training has been provided to members of this council in managing budgets, negotiating, and securing major grant funding, recruitment of senior officers, delivering projects with schools and communities, negotiating contracts, and finally the designing of community spaces?"

The Leader of the Council responded with:-

"Members have a personal responsibility to identify their own personal support and development needs.

This Council provides a range of training opportunities for new and existing members through the induction programme which will run later this year, following the elections.

The programme has been put together incorporating the views of elected members through feedback received after the last induction programme, the Members Advisory Panel and Cabinet. The programme is there to ensure that members are able to fully discharge their role as elected councillors.

There is a requirement for members sitting on some of our committees to undertake mandatory training in the role of those committees, for example the planning committee or Licensing Committees or the Appointments Panel. It is important for us all, as elected members, to recognise that the role of members and the role of officers is different but complementary. Our protocol on member officer relations helps explain this.

With the exception of the recruitment of senior officers, where there is a defined role for the appointment panel and where members must have mandatory training, the other areas for training raised in this question are operational topics, for which the responsibility to give professional advice and procedural guidance to members rests with officers.

It would therefore be unusual if members were raising a need for the training mentioned in the question within their personal development needs. Clearly through cabinet and member briefings, and the advice provided at committees, members are provided with the professional support and guidance they need to undertake their roles and make decisions.”

Councillor Tony Riordan asked the following supplementary question:-

“If I could take you to a Facebook page belonging to IBIS and its updates to the Stockton and Darlington Bicentenary celebrations dated 8 February this year. It says “We IBIS have a budget £1.3 million from SBC” that’s not true, it also says “We IBIS have just got confirmation of significant grant from the lottery which includes work in Darlington as well Stockton and we are IBIS finalising a £1 million contribution from the TVCA, we IBIS are also receiving funding from the Arts Council, and we IBIS are in the process of recruiting Bicentenary Director”. My question talks about recruitment of senior officers and what training members have had, IBIS don’t take part in any recruitment of any senior officers within this Council, they are not on any Appointment Panels and yet they are reporting of residents of Ingleby Barwick. It would have been easier if IBIS had said this is a straight lift from the SBC website but they have made out that they have done all of these things.”

The Leader of the Council responded with:-

“You are obviously starting your election campaign early. You are trying to say that IBIS Councillors are not representing their residents. For the last 18 years IBIS have been securing investment for Ingleby Barwick by working in

partnership with other groups and officers. I think you are mixing up the role of SBC Officers and SBC Councillors. As Councillors we have to make an informed decision, Council officers are highly skilled and work many hours and one area they have recently been successful is the case for the NHS Diagnostic Centre and thanks to the vast majority of Councillors the plans have been backed for the Castlegate redevelopment which means that Stockton can offer a brand new facility which was one of the factors in the bid. If it was left to the Conservative Group there would be no Castlegate development, no Globe, no hotel and no NHD Diagnostic centre.”

The following question has been submitted by Councillor Ted Strike for response by the Leader of the Council:-

“Can the leader of the council advise me what finances, if any were allocated from Stockton council's budget to the building of All Saints school and Ingleby Manor free school?

This does not include the extension of All Saints.”

The Leader of the Council responded with:-

“All Saints Church of England started 01.09.2003 and all costs were funded via the PFI scheme, there was no Council budget allocated to the scheme.

Ingleby Manor Free School started 01.09.2014 in a temporary building then moved to current site. All costs for the school were funded by Government, there was no Council budget allocated to the scheme.”

C 84/22 Forward Plan and Leader's Statement

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

Council last met on 22 February 2023 to consider the Medium-Term Financial Plan and set the Council Budget. Since then, Cabinet had met on 23 February and 16 March when it considered the following matters:

- 12 Month Update from Bright Minds Big Futures.
- The Annual Report of The Independent Safety Advisory Group.
- Public Space Protection Order.
- School Governor appointments.
- Scrutiny Reviews of Contextual Safeguarding and Youth Relationships, Tree Asset Management, Home Energy Efficiency and Green Jobs for The Future and Development Management and Adoption of Open Space.
- Council Plan 2023-2026.
- Social Value Policy.
- Annual High Value Procurement Plan.
- Events and Cultural Activity Programme for His Majesty King Charles Coronation.
- Levelling Up Fund, round 1.

- Inclusive Growth.
- Local Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document

The Leader of the Council took the opportunity to thank those Members who had decided not to seek re-election to the Council in the elections in May and thanked them for the service they had given to their residents.

The Leader of the Council also reflected on the last four years in which the Council had had to tackle a pandemic which all SBC officers and employees went above and beyond to ensure that the Council was able to deliver services to residents, and the Leader of the Council took the opportunity to thank them.

The Council had also been able to move forward as in planning investments to all the town centres and schools a £57m capital programme of investment in the schools so the young people of the Borough had schools they could be proud of to be able to learn in.

The Globe and the Hilton Hotel had opened and from recent reports were doing well. All Members could be proud that despite the pandemic the Council had been able to have a successful four years.

On the weekend immediately after the elections, there were the celebrations for the coronation of His Majesty the King, there was town centre big lunch event, local street parties or other exciting events and activities. The Leader of the Council hoped everyone had an enjoyable time celebrating this significant national event.

The next meeting of Council would be on 24 May at the Forum Theatre in Billingham.

Council

A meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, 24 May 2023.

Present: The Worshipful the Mayor (Cllr Ross Patterson, Cllr Jim Beall), Cllr Stefan Barnes, Cllr Pauline Beall, Cllr Michelle Bendelow, Cllr Marc Besford, Cllr Carol Clark, Cllr Diane Clarke, Cllr Bob Cook, Cllr Nigel Cooke, Cllr John Coulson, Cllr Ian Dalgarno, Cllr Richard Eglinton, Cllr Lisa Evans, Cllr Dan Fagan, Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr Nathan Gale, Cllr Clare Gamble, Cllr Ray Godwin, Cllr Alex Griffiths, Cllr Elsi Hampton, Cllr Stefan Houghton, Cllr Shakeel Hussain, Cllr Barbara Inman, Cllr Eileen Johnson, Cllr Ann McCoy, Cllr Mick Moore, Cllr Sufi Mubeen, Cllr Steve Nelson, Cllr David Reynard, Cllr Stephen Richardson, Cllr Tony Riordan, Cllr Paul Rowling, Cllr Susan Scott, Cllr Andrew Sherris, Cllr Norma Stephenson OBE, Cllr Mick Stoker, Cllr Hugo Stratton, Cllr Ted Strike, Cllr Marilyn Surtees, Cllr Emily Tate, Cllr Jim Taylor, Cllr Hilary Vickers, Cllr Marcus Vickers, Cllr Sylvia Walmsley, Cllr Alan Watson, Cllr Sally Ann Watson, Cllr Katie Weston, Cllr Paul Weston and Cllr Barry Woodhouse.

Officers: Mike Greene (CEX), Ged Morton, Julie Butcher, Jonathan Nertney, Nigel Hart, Judy Trainer, Michael Henderson, Sarah Whaley, John Devine, Stuart Levin, Gary Woods, Rebecca Saunders Thompson, Rachel Harrison (CS).

Also in attendance: Invited guests and dignitaries.

Apologies: Cllr John Gardner, Cllr Vanessa Sewell and Cllr Laura Tunney.

1 Civic Welcome and Evacuation Procedure

The Worshipful the Mayor addressed the meeting by way of civic welcome and advised all present of the premises evacuation procedures in the event of an emergency.

2 Minute's Silence – Honorary Alderman Winifred Hodgson, MBE

The Worshipful the Mayor referred to the sad passing of Honorary Alderman Win Hodgson MBE and asked Members to observe a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

Winifred invested 27 years' service in local government for Stockton-on-Tees from 1976 to 2003 as a Councillor for the Roseworth Ward. She became Mayor of the Borough in 1988/89 and achieved national recognition in the 2003 New Year's Honours with the award of an MBE for her outstanding contribution to housing and regeneration.

3 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 – Felicity Hide

Services to the Community Award (Individual) – Ann McCabe

Services to the Community (Special Individual Award) - Stephen Shaw - awarded posthumously to Stephen's sister, Bernadette Shaw

Services to the Community Award (Groups and Organisations) - Volunteer Drivers – North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust

Services to the Community Award (Business) – Scott Bros. Limited

Health & Wellbeing Award – Lisa Tomlinson-Cowie

The Green Award – Julie Harrison
Carer / Foster Carer Award – Malcolm & Michelle Atherton ('Mainstream' Foster Carers), Stephen & Leanne Cuthbert ('Connected' Foster Carers)

4 Presentation to Mayor's Charities

A presentation was made to the Mayor's Charity, Historic Counties Trust. Donations would also be made to Remembering Rebecca and the Great North Air Ambulance.

5 Customer Services Excellence Awards – Civic Recognition

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

Star Employee – James O'Donnell (Public Health Intelligence Specialist)
Star Apprentice – Elizabeth Snowdon (Parks and Gardens Service)
Special Recognition Award – Anthony Mackin (Street Cleansing Operative)
Star Team – Employment and Training Hub

6 Long Service Awards

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

In the 25-year group were:

- Ian Caley
- Deborah Carr
- Rachael Coates
- Louise Crisp
- Stuart Crockett
- Samantha Dixon
- Claire Guy
- David Neal
- Paula Pickering
- Gwen Webster

In the 40-year group were:

- Lindsey Crinson
- Elaine Hepworth
- Amanda Massey
- Sean Taylor

7 Presentation of Silver Salver to Retiring Deputy Mayor

On behalf of the Council, the retiring Mayor (Councillor Ross Patterson) presented a silver salver to the retiring Deputy Mayor (Councillor Jim Beall) for his services during 2022/23.

8 Appointment of The Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2023/24

Moved by Councillor Barbara Inman and seconded by Councillor Bob Cook, that Councillor Jim Beall be appointed Mayor for the Municipal Year 2023/2024.

RESOLVED that Councillor Jim Beall be appointed Mayor for the Municipal Year 2023/2024.

9 Return of Thanks for Appointment by The Mayor

The Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor Jim Beall, returned thanks for his appointment and addressed the meeting regarding his ambitions for the year ahead. His charities for the forthcoming year would be Eastern Ravens and North East Autism Society.

10 Vote of Thanks to Retired Mayor

Moved by Councillor Kevin Faulks, seconded by Councillor Stefan Barnes, 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 their 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.

11 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.

12 Address by the Retired Mayor

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

13 Appointment of the Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2023/24

In accordance with the Council convention on nomination for Deputy Mayor, Councillor Gardner had indicated his wish to be nominated for the Office. As apologies for the meeting had been submitted by Councillor John Gardner, the Worshipful the Mayor moved that under Council Procedure Rule 3.43(j), the meeting proceed to the next item of business which would defer the appointment of Deputy Mayor to the next full Council meeting. Councillor Tony Riordan seconded the motion.

RESOLVED that the appointment of Deputy Mayor be deferred to the next Council meeting.

14 Presentation of Floral Arrangements

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

15 Presentation of Bible to the Mayor by the Mayor's Chaplain

Reverend Caroline Worsfold presented the Bible to the Worshipful the Mayor.

16 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:-

21 June 2023
26 July 2023
20 September 2023
22 November 2023
24 January 2024
21 February 2024 (Special - MTFP)
20 March 2024
03 April 2024 at 11.00 am (Annual Meeting)

17 Appointment of the Leader of the Council 2023 – 27

Councillor Marcus Vickers moved and Councillor David Reynard seconded that Councillor Tony Riordan be appointed Leader of the Council for the Municipal Years 2023 - 27.

Councillor Paul Rowling moved and Councillor Eileen Johnson seconded that Councillor Bob Cook be appointed Leader of the Council for the Municipal Years 2023 - 27.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 3.65, Councillor Tony Riordan requested that a recorded vote be taken; which was supported by at least a quarter of the Members present:-

Members in favour of the appointment of Councillor Tony Riordan as Leader of the Council:-

Councillors Diane Clarke, John Coulson, Dan Fagan, Alex Griffiths, Elsi Hampton, Stefan Houghton, Shakeel Hussain, Sufi Mubeen, David Reynard, Stephen Richardson, Tony Riordan, Susan Scott, Andrew Sherris, Hugo Stratton, Ted Strike, Emily Tate, Jim Taylor, Hilary Vickers, Marcus Vickers, Alan Watson, Sally Ann Watson (21).

Members in favour of the appointment of Councillor Bob Cook as Leader of the Council:-

Councillors Stefan Barnes, Jim Beall, Pauline Beall, Michelle Bendelow,

Marc Besford, Carol Clark, Bob Cook, Nigel Cooke, Ian Dalgarno, Richard Eglinton, Lisa Evans, Kevin Faulks, Nathan Gale, Clare Gamble, Ray Godwin, Barbara Inman, Eileen Johnson, Ann McCoy, Mick Moore, Steve Nelson, Ross Patterson, Paul Rowling, Norma Stephenson, Mick Stoker, Marilyn Surtees, Sylvia Walmsley, Katie Weston, Paul Weston, Barry Woodhouse (29).

RESOLVED that Councillor Bob Cook be appointed Leader of the Council for the Municipal Years 2023-27.

18 Announcement of Cabinet Members for 2023/24

The Leader of the Council announced his Cabinet for the Municipal Years 2023/24:-

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 OBE
Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport - Councillor Clare Gamble

19 Announcement of Assistant Cabinet Members for 2023/24

The Leader of the Council announced that Councillor Pauline Beall and Councillor Marc Besford would be Assistant Cabinet Members for 2023/24 and would decide on their portfolios in due course.

20 Appointment to Committees and Panels for the Municipal Years 2023 - 2027

RESOLVED that the following appointments be made to the Committees and Panels for the Municipal Years 2023 - 2027:-

EXECUTIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (17)

Councillors Marc Besford, Pauline Beall, Carol Clark, Ian Dalgarno, Richard Eglinton, Stefan Houghton, Barbara Inman, Ross Patterson, David Reynard, Vanessa Sewell, Marilyn Surtees, Marcus Vickers, Tony Riordan, Sylvia Walmsley, Alan Watson, Sally Ann Watson, Barry Woodhouse

ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE (9)

Councillors Marc Besford, Carol Clark, John Coulson, Kevin Faulks, Nathan Gale, Susan Scott, Vanessa Sewell, Emily Tate, Paul Weston

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SELECT COMMITTEE (9)

Councillors Carol Clark, Nathan Gale, Ray Godwin, Barbara Inman, David Reynard, Stephen Richardson, Emily Tate, Sally Ann Watson, Katie Weston

CRIME AND DISORDER SELECT COMMITTEE (9)

Councillors Pauline Beall, John Coulson, Richard Eglington, Barbara Inman, Paul Rowling, Hugo Stratton, Alan Watson, Sally Ann Watson, Sylvia Walmsley

PEOPLE SELECT COMMITTEE (9)

Councillors Michelle Bendelow, Ian Dalgarno, John Gardner, Sufi Mubeen, David Reynard, Hugo Stratton, Marilyn Surtees, Paul Weston, Barry Woodhouse

PLACE SELECT COMMITTEE (9)

Councillors Michelle Bendelow, John Coulson, Richard Eglington, Ray Godwin, Stefan Houghton, Marilyn Surtees, Hilary Vickers, Alan Watson, Katie Weston

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (9)

Councillors Marc Besford, Stefan Houghton, Ross Patterson, Tony Riordan, Paul Rowling, Mick Stoker, Emily Tate, Laura Tunney, Barry Woodhouse

PLANNING COMMITTEE (14)

Councillors Stefan Barnes, Michelle Bendelow, Carol Clark, John Coulson, Dan Fagan, Elsi Hampton, Eileen Johnson, Tony Riordan, Andrew Sherris, Norma Stephenson O.B.E, Mick Stoker, Jim Taylor, Barry Woodhouse, Sylvia Walmsley

GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE (14)

Councillors Marc Besford, Diane Clarke, Bob Cook, Clare Gamble, Elsi Hampton, Eileen Johnson, Ann McCoy, Mick Moore, David Reynard, Susan Scott, Andrew Sherris, Hugo Stratton, Marilyn Surtees, Hilary Vickers

STATUTORY LICENSING COMMITTEE (14)

Councillors Marc Besford, Diane Clarke, Bob Cook, Clare Gamble, Elsi Hampton, Eileen Johnson, Ann McCoy, Mick Moore, David Reynard, Susan Scott, Andrew Sherris, Hugo Stratton, Marilyn Surtees, Hilary Vickers

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD (10)

Councillors Bob Cook, Lisa Evans, Dan Fagan, Kevin Faulks, Ann McCoy, Steve Nelson, David Reynard, Stephen Richardson, Tony Riordan, Sylvia Walmsley

CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD (7)

Councillors Pauline Beall, Carol Clark, Lisa Evans, Mick Moore, David Reynard, Hilary Vickers, Sally Ann Watson

STANDARDS PANEL (POOL OF 10)

Councillors Diane Clarke, Ian Dalgarno, Richard Eglington, Kevin Faulks, Elsi Hampton, Stefan Houghton, Eileen Johnson, Paul Rowling, Norma Stephenson O.B.E, Alan Watson

EMPLOYEE APPEALS PANEL (5)

Councillors Michelle Bendelow, Kevin Faulks, Norma Stephenson O.B.E, Alan Watson, Sally Ann Watson

APPEALS & COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE (7)

Councillors Pauline Beall, Nigel Cooke, Dan Fagan, Elsi Hampton, Ross Patterson, Alan Watson, Barry Woodhouse

APPOINTMENT PANEL (POOL OF 9)

Councillors Pauline Beall, Marc Besford, Carol Clark, Diane Clarke, Richard Eglington, Stefan Houghton, Tony Riordan, Susan Scott, Sylvia Walmsley

CONSULTATIVE BODIES etc

Adults Health and Wellbeing Partnership - 1 - Cabinet Member for Adults Social Care

Children and Young People's Partnership - 1 - Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

Commemoration Working Group – 5 - Councillors Jim Beall, Eileen Johnson, Jim Taylor, Marcus Vickers, Sylvia Walmsley

Home Safety Association – 4 - Councillors Nigel Cooke, John Gardner, Ann McCoy, Sufi Mubeen

Local Joint Consultative Panel – 7 - Councillors Stefan Barnes, Jim Beall, Clare Gamble, John Gardner, David Reynard, Norma Stephenson O.B.E, Marcus Vickers

Schools Workforce Joint Consultative Panel – 7 - Councillors Carol Clark, Lisa Evans, Elsi Hampton, Barbara Inman, Emily Tate, Sally Ann Watson, Vacancy

Members Advisory Panel – 12 - Councillors Bob Cook, Clare Gamble, Kevin Faulks, Alex Griffiths, Eileen Johnson, Sufi Mubeen, Tony Riordan, Andrew Sherris, Norma Stephenson O.B.E, Laura Tunney, Sylvia Walmsley, Barry

Woodhouse

Domestic Abuse Steering Group – 4 - Cabinet Member for Health, Leisure and Culture, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Cabinet Member for Access and Communities and Community Safety, Cabinet Member for Adults Social Care

JOINT BODIES

Joint Archives Committee - 1 - Cabinet Member - Cabinet Member for Health, Leisure and Culture

Cleveland Emergency Planning - 1 - Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport

River Tees Port Health Authority – 5 - Councillors Alex Griffiths, Eileen Johnson, Paul Rowling, Susan Scott, Vanessa Sewell

Cleveland Fire Authority - 5 - Councillors Jim Beall, John Gardner, Stefan Houghton, Sufi Mubeen, Mick Stoker

Cleveland Police & Crime Panel - 4 - Councillors Pauline Beall, John Coulson, Tony Riordan, Norma Stephenson OBE

Teesside Pension Fund Committee – 1 - Councillor Jim Beall

Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee – 3 - Chair of Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee, Councillor Sue Scott, Councillor Sufi Mubeen

TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY

Cabinet – Leader of the Council – Substitute - Deputy Leader of the Council

Transport Committee - Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport – Substitute - Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing

Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Councillor Tony Riordan, Councillor Pauline Beall, Councillor Steve Nelson. Substitutes - Councillor David Reynard, Councillor Eileen Johnson, Councillor Norma Stephenson

Audit and Governance Committee - Councillor David Reynard – Substitute - Councillor Tony Riordan

Independent Remuneration Panel – Tony Campbell

Education and Skills Partnership Board – Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing

21 Appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the Municipal Year 2023/27

Members agreed the uncontested appointments of Chairs and Vice Chairs.

RESOLVED that the following appointments be made for the Municipal Years 2023 - 2027:-

Executive Scrutiny Committee – Chair - Councillor Sylvia Walmsley

Audit and Governance Committee – Vice Chair - Councillor Stefan Houghton

Health and Wellbeing Board – Chair - Leader of the Council

Members Advisory Panel – Chair - Leader of the Council

Members then considered the contested appointments of Chairs and Vice Chairs.

Moved by Councillor Kevin Faulks and seconded by Councillor Stefan Barnes that Councillor Ross Patterson be appointed Vice Chair of the Executive Scrutiny Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Tony Riordan and seconded by Councillor David Reynard that Councillor Marcus Vickers be appointed Vice Chair of the Executive Scrutiny Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

At this point a vote took place.

RESOLVED that Councillor Ross Patterson be appointed Vice Chair of the Executive Scrutiny Committee for the Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Paul Rowling and seconded by Councillor Eileen Johnson that Councillor Marc Besford be appointed Chair of the Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Tony Riordan and seconded by Councillor Marcus Vickers that Councillor Vanessa Sewell be appointed Chair of the Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

At this point a vote took place.

RESOLVED that Councillor Marc Besford be appointed Chair of the Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee for the Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Paul Rowing and seconded by Councillor Eileen Johnson that Councillor Nathan Gale be appointed Vice Chair of the Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Tony Riordan and seconded by Councillor Marcus Vickers that Councillor Susan Scott be appointed Vice Chair of the Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

At this point a vote took place.

RESOLVED that Councillor Nathan Gale be appointed Vice Chair of the Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee for the Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Paul Rowling and seconded by Councillor Eileen Johnson that Councillor Carol Clark be appointed Chair of the Children and Young People Select Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Tony Riordan and seconded by Councillor Marcus Vickers that Councillor Sally Ann Watson be appointed Chair of the Children and Young People Select Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

At this point a vote took place.

RESOLVED that Councillor Carol Clark be appointed Chair of the Children and Young People Select Committee for the Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Paul Rowling and seconded by Councillor Eileen Johnson that Councillor Barbara Inman be appointed Vice Chair of the Children and Young People Select Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Tony Riordan and seconded by Councillor Marcus Vickers that Councillor Emily Tate be appointed Vice Chair of the Children and Young People Select Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

At this point a vote took place.

RESOLVED that Councillor Barbara Inman be appointed Vice Chair of the Children and Young People Select Committee for the Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Paul Rowling and seconded by Councillor Eileen Johnson that Councillor Pauline Beall be appointed Chair of the Crime and Disorder Select Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Tony Riordan and seconded by Councillor Marcus Vickers that Councillor Alan Watson be appointed Chair of the Crime and Disorder Select Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

At this point a vote took place.

RESOLVED that Councillor Pauline Beall be appointed Chair of the Crime and Disorder Select Committee for the Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Eileen Johnson and seconded by Councillor Bob Cook that Councillor Paul Rowling be appointed Vice Chair of the Crime and Disorder Select Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Tony Riordan and seconded by Councillor Marcus Vickers that Councillor Hugo Stratton be appointed Vice Chair of the Crime and Disorder Select Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

At this point a vote took place.

RESOLVED that Councillor Paul Rowling be appointed Vice Chair of the Crime and Disorder Select Committee for the Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Tony Riordan and seconded by Councillor Marcus Vickers that Councillor David Reynard be appointed Chair of the People Select Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Paul Rowling and seconded by Councillor Eileen Johnson that Councillor Marilyn Surtees be appointed Chair of the People Select Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

At this point a vote took place.

RESOLVED that Councillor Marilyn Surtees be appointed Chair of the People Select Committee for the Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Tony Riordan and seconded by Councillor Marcus Vickers that Councillor Sufi Mubeen be appointed Vice Chair of the People for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Paul Rowling and seconded by Councillor Eileen Johnson that Councillor Paul Weston be appointed Vice Chair of the People Select Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

At this point a vote took place.

RESOLVED that Councillor Paul Weston be appointed Vice Chair of the People Select Committee for the Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Paul Rowling and seconded by Councillor Eileen Johnson that Councillor Richard Eglington be appointed Chair of the Place Select Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Tony Riordan and seconded by Councillor Marcus Vickers that Councillor Stefan Houghton be appointed Chair of the Place Select Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

At this point a vote took place.

RESOLVED that Councillor Richard Eglington be appointed Chair of the Place Select Committee for the Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Tony Riordan and seconded by Councillor Marcus Vickers that Councillor Hilary Vickers be appointed Vice Chair of the Place Select Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Paul Rowling and seconded by Councillor Eileen Johnson that Councillor Katie Weston be appointed Vice Chair of the Place Select Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

At this point a vote took place.

RESOLVED that Councillor Katie Weston be appointed Vice Chair of the Place Select Committee for the Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Tony Riordan and seconded by Councillor Marcus Vickers that Councillor Dan Fagan be appointed Chair of Planning Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Paul Rowling and seconded by Councillor Eileen Johnson that Councillor Mick Stoker be appointed Chair of Planning Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

At this point a vote took place.

RESOLVED that Councillor Mick Stoker be appointed Chair of Planning Committee for the Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Paul Rowling and seconded by Councillor Eileen Johnson that Councillor Michelle Bendelow be appointed Vice Chair of Planning Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Tony Riordan and seconded by Councillor Marcus Vickers that Councillor Andrew Sherris be appointed Vice Chair of Planning Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

At this point a vote took place.

RESOLVED that Councillor Michelle Bendelow be appointed Vice Chair of Planning Committee for the Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Tony Riordan and seconded by Councillor Marcus Vickers that Councillor Elsi Hampton be appointed Chair of the General Licensing Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Paul Rowling and seconded by Councillor Bob Cook that Councillor Eileen Johnson be appointed Chair of the General Licensing Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

At this point a vote took place.

RESOLVED that Councillor Eileen Johnson be appointed Chair of the General Licensing Committee for the Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Tony Riordan and seconded by Councillor Marcus Vickers that Councillor Diane Clarke be appointed Vice Chair of the General Licensing Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Sylvia Walmsley and seconded by Councillor Ian Dalgarno that Councillor Mick Moore be appointed Vice Chair of the General Licensing

Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

At this point a vote took place.

RESOLVED that Councillor Mick Moore be appointed Vice Chair of the General Licensing Committee for the Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Tony Riordan and seconded by Councillor Marcus Vickers that Councillor Diane Clarke be appointed Chair of the Statutory Licensing Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Paul Rowling and seconded by Councillor Bob Cook that Councillor Eileen Johnson be appointed Chair of the Statutory Licensing Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

At this point a vote took place.

RESOLVED that Councillor Eileen Johnson be appointed Chair of the Statutory Licensing Committee for the Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Tony Riordan and seconded by Councillor Marcus Vickers that Councillor Elsi Hampton be appointed Vice Chair of the Statutory Licensing Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Sylvia Walmsley and seconded by Councillor Ian Dalgarno that Councillor Mick Moore be appointed Vice Chair of the Statutory Licensing Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

At this point a vote took place.

RESOLVED that Councillor Mick Moore be appointed Vice Chair of the Statutory Licensing Committee for the Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Tony Riordan and seconded by Councillor Marcus Vickers that Councillor Laura Tunney be appointed Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Paul Rowling and seconded by Councillor Eileen Johnson that Councillor Barry Woodhouse be appointed Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

At this point a vote took place.

RESOLVED that Councillor Barry Woodhouse be appointed Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee for the Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Paul Rowling and seconded by Councillor Eileen Johnson that Councillor Norma Stephenson OBE be appointed Chair of the Employee Appeals Panel for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Tony Riordan and seconded by Councillor Marcus Vickers

that Councillor Sally Ann Watson be appointed Chair of the Employee Appeals Panel for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

At this point a vote took place.

RESOLVED that Councillor Norma Stephenson OBE be appointed Chair of the Employee Appeals Panel for the Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Paul Rowling and seconded by Councillor Eileen Johnson that Councillor Michelle Bendelow be appointed Vice Chair of the Employee Appeals Panel for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Tony Riordan and seconded by Councillor Marcus Vickers that Councillor Alan Watson be appointed Vice Chair of the Employee Appeals Panel for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

At this point a vote took place.

RESOLVED that Councillor Michelle Bendelow be appointed Vice Chair of the Employee Appeals Panel for the Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Paul Rowling and seconded by Councillor Eileen Johnson that Councillor Pauling Beall be appointed Chair of the Appeals and Complaints Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Tony Riordan and seconded by Councillor Marcus Vickers that Councillor Elsi Hampton be appointed Chair of the Appeals and Complaints Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

At this point a vote took place.

RESOLVED that Councillor Pauline Beall be appointed Chair of the Appeals and Complaints Committee for the Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Paul Rowling and seconded by Councillor Eileen Johnson that Councillor Nigel Cooke be appointed Vice Chair of the Appeals and Complaints Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Tony Riordan and seconded by Councillor Marcus Vickers that Councillor Dan Fagan be appointed Vice Chair of the Appeals and Complaints Committee for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

At this point a vote took place.

RESOLVED that Councillor Nigel Cooke be appointed Vice Chair of the Appeals and Complaints Committee for the Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Paul Rowling and seconded by Councillor Eileen Johnson that Councillor Lisa Evans be appointed Chair of the Corporate Parenting Board for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Tony Riordan and seconded by Councillor Marcus Vickers that Councillor Hilary Vickers be appointed Chair of the Corporate Parenting Board for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

At this point a vote took place.

RESOLVED that Councillor Lisa Evans be appointed Chair of the Corporate Parenting Board for the Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Paul Rowling and seconded by Councillor Eileen Johnson that Councillor Carol Clark be appointed Vice Chair of the Corporate Parenting Board for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Tony Riordan and seconded by Councillor Marcus Vickers that Councillor David Reynard be appointed Vice Chair of the Corporate Parenting Board for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

At this point a vote took place.

RESOLVED that Councillor Carol Clark be appointed Vice Chair of the Corporate Parenting Board for the Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Paul Rowling and seconded by Councillor Eileen Johnson that Councillor Lisa Evans be appointed Vice Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Tony Riordan and seconded by Councillor Marcus Vickers that Councillor Stephen Richardson be appointed Vice Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board for Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

At this point a vote took place.

RESOLVED that Councillor Lisa Evans be appointed Vice Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board for the Municipal Years 2023 – 2027.

22 Appointment of Council Representatives to Other Bodies for the Municipal Years 2023 - 2027

Members agreed the uncontested appointments of Council Representatives to Other Bodies for the Municipal Years 2023 - 2027.

RESOLVED that the following appointments be made for the Municipal Years 2023 – 2027:-

Association of North East Councils' Leaders and Elected Mayors' Group -
Leader

Association of North East Councils' Collaborative Procurement Sub Committee -
Leader

Catalyst - Cabinet Member for Access Communities and Community Safety

Housing, Neighbourhood and Affordable Warmth Partnership - Cabinet Member
Regeneration and Housing

Hartlepool Power Station Community Liaison - Councillor Clare Gamble,
Vacancies

LGA General Assembly - Councillors Bob Cook, Lisa Evans, Stephen,
Richardson, Tony Riordan

North East Regional Employers' Organisation (NEREO) - Councillors Ann
McCoy, Bob Cook, Vacancy

North Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority - Cabinet Member
Environment and Transport

Ropner Trust - Councillors Bob Cook, Sufi Mubeen, Jim Taylor

Safer Stockton Partnership - Cabinet Member Access, Communities and
Community Safety, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Cabinet Member for
Health, Leisure and Culture

Schools' Forum - Councillor Carol Clark

Standing Advisory Council of Religious Education - Councillors Elsi Hampton,
Barbara Inman, Vacancies

Stockton and District Advice and Information Service - Councillor Pauline Beall

Tees Active Management Board - Cabinet Member for Health Leisure and
Culture, Councillor Ray Godwin

Teesside and District Society for the Blind - Vacancy

23 To agree the Council's Constitution

Council was invited to approve the Council's Constitution. Members had been
provided with a link to the Constitution.

RESOLVED that the Council's Constitution be agreed.

24 Councillors' 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.

25 Close of Meeting

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

Mayor

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AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO COUNCIL

21 JUNE 2023

**REPORT OF
CORPORATE
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

Appointments/Amendments to Committees and Panel for 2023/27

At its Annual Meeting, held on Wednesday 24 May 2023, the Council approved appointments to its Committees, Panels and Joint/Outside Bodies for 2023/27.

The attached **Appendix** highlights existing vacancies and any nominations received.

RECOMMENDED that the schedule be considered.

Appendix 1

Vacancies and amendments to appointments to be considered at Council on 21 June 2023

Committee, Panel, Forum	Vacancy	Nominations Received
Schools' Workforce Joint Consultative Panel	1 Vacancy	
Joint/Other Body	Vacancy/Amendment required	Nomination
Teesside International Airport Consultative Committee	1 Vacancy	
Teesside International Airport Board Limited	1 Vacancy	
Hartlepool Power Station Community Liaison Committee	3 Vacancies	Cllr Michelle Bendelow
North East Regional Employers' Organisation	1 Vacancy	
Teesside and District Society for the Blind	1 Vacancy	
Standing Advisory Council of Religious Education	2 Vacancies	
Amendment requested by a Political Group		
Committee	Remove	Replace with

Appendix 2

Committee, Panel, Forum, Outside Body	Nominations Received

Appendix

Vacancies to be considered at Council on 21 June 2023

Committee, Panel, Forum	Vacancy	Nominations Received
Schools' Workforce Joint Consultative Committee	1 Vacancy	
Joint/Other Body	Vacancy	Nomination
ANEC Leaders' and Elected Mayors Group	Designated substitute for Leader	Deputy Leader
Teesside International Airport Consultative Committee	1 Vacancy	Councillor David Reynard
Hartlepool Power Station Community Liaison Committee	3 Vacancies	Councillor Michelle Bendelow
North East Regional Employers' Organisation	1 Vacancy	Councillor Marcus Vickers
Standing Advisory Council of Religious Education	2 Vacancies	Councillor Susan Scott
Teesside and District Society for the Blind	1 Vacancy	

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COUNCIL MEETING – 21 JUNE 2023 MEMBER QUESTION TIME

The following question has been submitted by Councillor Ted Strike for response by the Leader of the Council:-

“Following the major error by the boundary commission when they put through the boundary changes on Ingleby Barwick resulting in the town council representation being reduced from 12 to 6. This was despite the error being highlighted immediately and notified that it had been rectified. The town clerk has written to the boundary commission and SBC asking for a “Community Governance Review”.

Whilst the town council wishes to be at full compliment as soon as possible it recognises that this will be a long and costly exercise it is hoped that the boundary commission is open to cover the costs due to their error. It is also recognised that there are other elections due to be held on May 2nd 2024 so would be willing to agree to the full town council election being held on this date to reduce cost and also maximise elector turnout as well as the workload of SBC staff.

Will this council be supporting our campaign to get this error corrected next year otherwise we will have to operate with just 6 councillors for four years through no fault of the town council?”

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COUNCIL MEETING – 21 JUNE 2023 MEMBER QUESTION TIME

The following question has been submitted by Councillor Ted Strike for response by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Housing:-

“Following the embarrassing notice in the gazette regarding the Council owned Hampton by Hilton Hotel having received a "Strike Off "notice and threatened to be dissolved within two months.

A report in the gazette quoted a council spokesperson which said " Delays in filing the hotel accounts and auditing council accounts were down to " technical accounting issues outside our control.

Since SBC fully own the hotel, which is a registered Limited Company, why are filing accounts outside of the council's control?

Who is in control of ensuring these accounts are filed on time?”

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**COUNCIL MEETING – 21 JUNE 2023
MEMBER QUESTION TIME**

The following question has been submitted by Councillor Marcus Vickers for response by the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport:-

“With over 20 potholes in a distance of approximately 30 metres or less, when will Whitehouse Road in Billingham be resurfaced?”

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**COUNCIL MEETING – 21 JUNE 2023
MEMBER QUESTION TIME**

The following question has been submitted by Councillor David Reynard for response by the Cabinet Member for Access, Communities & Community Safety:-

“What will Stockton Council do to make residents in Wolviston village safer from the dangers of reckless drivers and speeding drivers through their village?”

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COUNCIL MEETING – 21 JUNE 2023 MEMBER QUESTION TIME

The following question has been submitted by Councillor Marcus Vickers for response by the Leader of the Council:-

“Can the Leader reassure members and residents of this Borough that the promised dividend of £250k per annum will be topping up the Council coffers now we are through the pandemic, and the Hotel Company is being ran in accordance with The Companies Act 2006?”

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