

COUNCIL

A meeting of Council was held on Wednesday 3 April 2024.

Present: The Worshipful the Mayor (Cllr Jim Beall), Cllr Pauline Beall, Cllr Michelle Bendelow, Cllr Marc Besford, Cllr Carol Clark, Cllr Diane Clarke OBE, Cllr Nigel Cooke, Cllr Robert Cook, Cllr John Coulson, Cllr Ian Dalgarno, Cllr Richard Eglinton, Cllr Lisa Evans, Cllr Dan Fagan, Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr Jason French, Cllr Nathan Gale, Cllr Clare Gamble, Cllr John Gardner, Cllr Ray Godwin, Cllr Lynn Hall, Cllr Elsi Hampton, Cllr Stefan Houghton, Cllr Shakeel Hussain, Cllr Barbara Inman, Cllr Niall Innes, Cllr Eileen Johnson, Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy, Cllr Mick Moore, Cllr Sufi Mubeen, Cllr Steve Nelson, Cllr Ross Patterson, Cllr Stephen Richardson, Cllr Tony Riordan, Cllr Paul Rowling, Cllr Susan Scott, Cllr Vanessa Sewell, Cllr Andrew Sherris, Cllr Norma Stephenson OBE, Cllr Mick Stoker, Cllr Emily Tate, Cllr Marcus Vickers, Cllr Sylvia Walmsley, Cllr Alan Watson, Cllr Sally Ann Watson, Cllr Paul Weston, Cllr Katie Weston and Cllr Barry Woodhouse.

Officers: Mike Greene (CE), Ged Morton, Julie Butcher, Judy Trainer, Peter Bell, Sarah Whaley, Jade Conway, John Devine, Stuart Levin (CS), Garry Cummings (DCE&F, T&P), Reuben Kench (DoCS,E&C), Carolyn Nice (A,H&W).

Also in attendance: Members of the Public.

Apologies: Cllr Alex Griffiths, Cllr David Reynard, Cllr Ted Strike, Cllr Marilyn Surtees, Cllr Laura Tunney and Cllr Hilary Vickers.

COU/96/23 Evacuation Procedure

The premises evacuation procedure in the event of an emergency was noted.

COU/97/23 Civic Welcome

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

COU/98/23 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.

COU/99/23 Long Service Awards

The Worshipful the Mayor recognised the special contribution of a unique group of staff who had all achieved milestone Long Service Awards.

In the 40-year group was Robert Andrew Dwyer

In the 25-year group were:

Joanna Hatfield
Leanne Oxley
Ian MacGregor
Andrew Woodhouse
Rachael Lloyd
Sarah Mullen

Jo Hatfield, Ian MacGregor and Rachael Lloyd were in attendance at the meeting and the Worshipful the Mayor invited them to come to the stage to receive their Long Service certificates.

COU/100/23 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:-

Green Award - Bruce Burnell.
Young Person Award - Elliot Gordon.
Services to the Community Award – Groups/Organisations - Vision 25.
Services to the Community Award – Individual - Garry Bell.
Services to the Community Award – Business - RiverShack
Health & Wellbeing Award - Infant Hercules
Carer / Foster Carer Award - Doug and Carolyn Brewster.
Mayor's Special Award - Tony Campbell.

COU/101/23 Presentation to Mayor's Charities

A presentation was made to the Mayor's Charities.

The Worshipful the Mayor presented Tracey Hamilton from Eastern Ravens Trust and John Phillipson from North East Autism Society a cheque for £42,484 raised during his civic year.

COU/102/23 Presentation of Silver Salver to Retiring Deputy Mayor

On behalf of the Council, the retiring Mayor (Councillor Jim Beall) presented a silver salver to the retiring Deputy Mayor (Cllr John Gardner) for his services during 2023/24.

COU/103/23 Appointment of The Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2024/25

Moved by Councillor Tony Riordan and seconded by Councillor Niall Innes, that Councillor John Gardner be appointed Mayor for the Municipal Year 2024/2025.

RESOLVED that Councillor John Gardner be appointed Mayor for the Municipal Year 2025/2025.

COU/104/23 Return of Thanks for Appointment by The Mayor

The Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor John Gardner, returned thanks for his appointment.

COU/105/23 Vote of Thanks to Retired Mayor

Moved by Councillor Bob Cook, seconded by Councillor Lisa Evans, 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.

COU/106/23 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.

COU/107/23 Address by the Retired Mayor

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

COU/108/23 Appointment of the Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2024/25

Moved by Councillor Tony Riordan and seconded by Councillor Niall Innes, that Councillor Stephen Richardson be appointed Mayor for the Municipal Year 2024/2025.

RESOLVED that Councillor Stephen Richardson be appointed Mayor for the Municipal Year 2024/2025.

COU/109/23 Return of Thanks for Appointment by the Deputy Mayor

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stephen Richardson , returned thanks for his appointment.

COU/110/23 Presentation of Floral Arrangements

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

COU/111/23 Presentation of Bible to the Mayor by the Mayor's Chaplain

Reverend Paul Neville presented the Bible to the Worshipful the Mayor.

COU/112/23 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:-

29 May 2024

24 July 2024

18 September 2024

20 November 2024
22 January 2025
19 February 2025 (Special - MTFP)
19 March 2025
2 April 2025 (Annual Meeting - 11.00 am)

COU/113/23 Announcement of Cabinet Members for 2024/27

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 Pauline Beall
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

COU/114/23 Announcement of Assistant Cabinet Members for 2024/27

The Leader of the Council announced that there would be no Assistant Cabinet Members.

COU/115/23 Amendments/Appointments to Committees and Joint / Outside Bodies for the 2024/27 Municipal Year

RESOLVED that the following amendments/appointments be made:-

Executive Scrutiny Committee – Remove Cllr Ross Patterson – Add Cllr Kevin Faulks
Crime and Disorder Select Committee – Remove Cllr Pauline Beall – Add Cllr Ann McCoy
Health and Wellbeing Board – Remove Cllr Ann McCoy – Add Cllr Pauline Beall
Place Select Committee – Remove Cllr Katie Weston – Add Cllr Jim Beall
Remove - Cllr Shakeel Hussain - Add Cllr Sufi Mubeen
Audit and Governance Committee - Add Cllr Marc Besford - Remove Cllr Katie Weston
Employee Appeals Panel - Remove Cllr Michelle Bendelow - Add Cllr Jim Beall
Cleveland Fire Authority – Remove Cllr John Gardner – Add Cllr Andrew Sherris

Moved by Councillor Ross Patterson and seconded by Councillor Stefan Barnes that Councillor Kevin Faulks be appointed Vice Chair of the Executive Scrutiny Committee for Municipal Years 2024 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Tony Riordan and seconded by Councillor Stefan Houghton that Councillor Niall Innes be appointed Vice Chair of the Executive Scrutiny Committee for Municipal Years 2024 – 2027.

At this point a vote took place.

RESOLVED that Councillor Kevin Faulks be appointed Vice Chair of the Executive Scrutiny Committee for the Municipal Years 2024 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Paul Rowling and seconded by Councillor Eileen Johnson that Councillor Jim Beall be appointed Vice Chair of the Place Select Committee for Municipal Years 2024 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Tony Riordan and seconded by Councillor Niall Innes that Councillor Suffee Mubeen be appointed Vice Chair of the Place Select Committee for Municipal Years 2024 – 2027.

At this point a vote took place.

RESOLVED that Councillor Jim Beall be appointed Vice Chair of the Place Select Committee for the Municipal Years 2024 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Paul Rowling and seconded by Councillor Eileen Johnson that Councillor Jim Beall be appointed Vice Chair of the Employee Appeal Panel for Municipal Years 2024 – 2027.

Moved by Councillor Tony Riordan and seconded by Councillor Niall Innes that Councillor Sally Ann Watson be appointed Vice Chair of the Employee Appeal Panel for Municipal Years 2024 – 2027.

At this point a vote took place.

RESOLVED that Councillor Jim Beall be appointed Vice Chair of the Employee Appeal Panel for the Municipal Years 2024 – 2027.

COU/116/23 Corporate Parenting Promise

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.

COU/117/23 The Mayor will close the Meeting

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

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