

Local Government Act 1972

Borough of North Tyneside

2 February 2012

At the Extraordinary meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Tyneside duly convened and held on Thursday 2 February 2012 at 6.00pm in the Chamber at Quadrant at which a quorum of members were present, that is to say:

Present

Councillor J J Stirling (In the Chair)

Mrs L Arkley (Elected Mayor)

Councillor J M Allan	Councillor M J Huscroft
Councillor A Arkle	Councillor D W Lilly
Councillor Mrs G Barrie	Councillor F Lott
Councillor K Barrie	Councillor D McGarr
Councillor Mrs J M Bell	Councillor M McIntyre
Councillor L Birkenfield	Councillor Mrs P McIntyre
Councillor G Brett	Councillor J McLaughlin
Councillor P Brooks	Councillor D McLellan
Councillor B Burdis	Councillor M L Madden
Councillor W Caithness	Councillor P Mason
Councillor K A Conroy	Councillor L J Miller
Councillor D E Corkey	Councillor Mrs S E Mortimer
Councillor A Cowie	Councillor T Mulvenna
Councillor S Cox	Councillor A Normand
Councillor C Croft	Councillor D Ord
Councillor E N Darke	Councillor J O'Shea
Councillor L Darke	Councillor G Partis
Councillor S Day	Councillor Mrs N Peggs
Councillor M A Finlay	Councillor C B Pickard
Councillor C A Gambling	Councillor M G Rankin
Councillor R Glindon	Councillor N Redfearn
Councillor I Grayson	Councillor J Rutherford
Councillor M A Green	Councillor D Sarin
Councillor J L L Harrison	Councillor L A Spillard
Councillor S Hill	Councillor Mrs B E Stevens
Councillor E F J Hodson	Councillor A Waggott-Fairley
Councillor Janet Hunter	Councillor J I Walker
Councillor John Hunter	Councillor Mrs J A Wallace
Councillor M Huscroft	Councillor G C Westwater

C113/02/12 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor K Osborne.

C114/02/12 Declarations of Interest

The following Members each declared a personal interest in the item below (Minute C115/02/12) due to the reason indicated:

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| Councillor J M Allan | Association of North East Councils, Local Government Association Assembly, Council Member on NEREO, Life Member of UNISON, Member of Labour Party, Member of Association of Labour Councillors, Member of Killingworth Community Consortium, Governor Burradon Community Primary School, Stenca Trading UK and Ezee Scaffolding Limited, JSN Developments. |
| Councillor A Arkle | Member of the Labour Party. |
| Mrs L Arkley,
Elected Mayor | Royal College of Nursing, Newcastle Airport Local Authority Holding Company, Tyne and Wear Development Company Limited (Members of Company), Tyne and Wear Development Company Limited (Executive Committee), Tyne and Wear Economic Development Joint Committee, Tyne and Wear Development Company Limited (Directors of Company), North Tyneside Strategic Partnership – Executive, Association of North East Councils, Association of North East Councils – Leaders and Elected Mayor’s Board, North East Regional Employers Organisation – Executive Committee, Northumberland Inshore Fisheries and Conservative Authority, Shadow North Tyneside Health and Well Being Board, Northumbria Police Authority, Northumbria Police Authority – Resource Management Committee, Northumbria Police Authority – Scrutiny Committee, Northumbria Police Authority – Appeals Committee, North Eastern Local Enterprise Partnership, Regional Alcohol Group, Tyne and Wear Pension Scheme. |
| Councillor G Barrie | Employee of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, Member of Access for All North Tyneside, Local Authority Forum – Northern Arts, Tyne and Wear Archives & Museums Joint Committee, Tyne and Wear Sport, Member of the Conservative Party, Conservative Councillors Association, Nexus Gold Card concessionary bus pass. |
| Councillor K L Barrie | North Tyneside Conservative Federation, Northumbria Healthcare Foundation. |
| Councillor J Bell | Robert Ashmore Redpath Education Foundation, Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education, Tyne and Wear Archives and Museums Joint Committee – Substitute Member, Tyne and Wear Trading Standards Joint Committee – Substitute Member, Member of Rotary Club of Tynemouth, Member of St Peter’s Church, Monkseaton PCC, North Tyneside Conservative Group, Conservative Councillors Association, North Tyneside Conservative Federation, Nexus Gold Card concessionary bus pass. |

Councillor L M Birkenfield	Tyne and Wear Trading Standards Joint Committee, Governor of St Bartholomews C of E Primary School, Benton, Governor of Longbenton Community College, Member of Parochial Church Council of St. Bartholomews Church, Benton, Member of Benton Conservative Club, Member of Forest Hall Constitutional & Unionist Club, Member of Conservative Association, Member of National Association Retired Police Officers, Member of St Hilda Lodge of Freemasons No. 240 South Shields in Province of Durham, Justice of the Peace Gateshead Magistrates Court, Chairman and Director of Eastwood Court Management Ltd, Benton, Nexus Gold Card Concessionary Bus Pass.
Councillor G Brett	Member of Liberal Democrats Party, North Tyneside Liberal Democrat Group, Member of Local Government Pension Scheme.
Councillor P Brooks	General Teaching Council, Member of the Labour Party.
Councillor B Burdis	Integrated Transport Association (ITA), Member of the Labour Party, Member of GMB Union, Northumberland Wildlife Trust, Natural History Society of Northumberland, Alan Campbell MP – Employed, Tynemouth Labour Party.
Councillor W F Caithness	Member of VODA, Committee Member Whitley Bay Young People's Centre, Member of UNITE, Rockcliffe Tennis & Bowling Club member of committee, North Tyneside Labour Group.
Councillor K Conroy	Member of Longbenton Partnership Board, Member of the Labour Party, Member of GMB Trade Union, North Tyneside Trades Council.
Councillor D Corkey	Tynemouth Labour Party, GMB.
Councillor A Cowie	Chair – Appeals and Complaints Committee, Children and Young People Committee, Regulation and Review Committee Licensing Committee, Airport Consultative Committee, Member of the Labour Party, Seaton Burn Community Partnership, Coxlodge Social Club (Gosforth), Member of Local Government Pension Scheme.
Councillor S L Cox	Member of the Labour Party, St Aidan's Community Partnership UNISON, New York and Murton Social Club, Wedding Catering Business, Tyne Met College – Employed.
Councillor C M Croft	LEA appointed Governor of Burnside Business and Enterprise College Member of the Management Committee of Battle Hill Community Centre, Managing Director of a Company who supplies products to Schools in North Tyneside.

Councillor E Darke	Longbenton Partnership Board, Governor St Stephen's School, Governor Balliol Primary School, North Tyneside Veterans Committee, Northumbria Youth – North Shields, Longbenton Children's Centre Advisory Board, GMB Trade Union, GMB Regional Committee, GMB Regional Council, Longbenton Tenants and Residents Association, Association of Labour Councillors, The Labour Party, Co-operative Party, Innisfree Social Club, West Moor Social Club, Chair of The Parks Indoor Bowling Club, Treasurer of Innisfree Bowling Club, Secretary, North Tyneside Constituency Labour Party, President Longbenton Juniors, Parliamentary Assistant – Mary Glindon MP – Employed, GMB Northern Region, North Tyneside Constituency Labour Party, Relative who receives an Adult Care package at the Percy Hedley Foundation, Tyne & Wear Concessionary Travel Pass Metro Gold Card, Member of Tyne and Wear Pension Scheme.
Councillor L Darke	GMB Trade Union, Longbenton Tenants and Residents Association, Association of Labour Councillors, The Labour Party, Innisfree Social Club, Cats Protection League, Royal Society Protection Cruelty to Animals, Tyne and Wear concessionary travel pass, Metro Gold Card, Member of the Tyne and Wear Pension Scheme.
Councillor S Day	Labour Party Member, UNITE, Member of the National Trust, Member of Whitley Bay Bridge Club, Full time Parliamentary Researcher for Alan Campbell MP, The Labour Party (Tynemouth CLP).
Councillor M A Finlay	Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE), Port of Tyne Health Authority, Member of the North Tyneside Fostering Panel, Victor Mann Foundation Trust, Governor of St Columba's RC School, Wallsend, Member of Caravan Club, Caravan and Camping Club, Member of National Trust, Member of English Heritage, Member of the Liberal Democrat Party, Member of the Tyne and Wear Pension Trust, Member of St Columba's RC Church.
Councillor C A Gambling	Tyne and Wear Fire Authority, Richard Allan Memorial Trust, Village Hotel, Clubs – Gala, Labour Party Member, UNITE Acts, Association of Labour Councillors, Employed by UNISON, Tynemouth Labour Party.
Councillor R Glindon	Station Developments Ltd, North East Regional Employers Organisation, Member of Local Government Pension Scheme, Nexus concessionary bus pass, Labour Party, GMB.
Grayson I R	School Governor – Valley Gardens School, The Labour Party, National Union of Teachers, The Co-operative Party, Teacher, Kenton School, Newcastle, Partner – The Chocolate Fountain Experts, Newcastle LA Monkseaton Labour Party.
Councillor M Green	Tyne and Wear ITA Scrutiny Committee, Association of NE Councils (Sub), ANEC (Substitute), Seaton Burn College Governors, Woodlawn Special School Governors, Northumbria Healthcare Trust, Labour Party, Association of Labour Councillors, Seaton Burn Partnership, Wideopen Forum, Member of the Fabian Society, Holder of Tyne and Wear

Concessionary Travel Permit and Metro Card, Member of Tyne and Wear Pension Scheme, Relative in Sheltered Accommodation.

- Councillor J L L Harrison Personal interest in relation to the items of business set out on the Council agenda. Has paid the Council Tax for the property that he lives in, as he has done in previous years, and therefore considered he was eligible to take part in the discussion and vote on those matters. Member of the Labour Party, Member of UNISON Trade Union, Member of the Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH), Director of Linskill and North Tyneside Community Trust, Executive Committee Member of Coping with Cancer NE, Rules Standards and Training Officer, Nexus – Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Executive, The Labour Party, Family member receives Health Care package from North Tyneside Council, Tyne and Wear Pension Scheme, Innisfree Social Club.
- Councillor S Hill Community – Trade Union, Labour Party, Co-operative Party Compass, Unlock Democracy, Palestine Solidarity Campaign, Electoral Reform Society, Labour Campaign for Electoral Reform, Equal Pay Action Limited, Director of Equal Pay Action Ltd, Campaign for Labour Party Democracy, Local Government Pension Scheme, Burma Solidarity Campaign, AV Yes Campaign, Amnesty International, Israel Committee Against House Demolition – UK.
- Councillor E Hodson Joint Street Lighting PFI Project Committee, Joint Tyne and Wear Local Access Forum, Newcastle Airport Local Authority Holding Company – Alternative Director, Northumbria Regional Flood Defence Committee, Tyne and Wear Integrated Transport Authority, Cabinet Member for the Green Environment and Transport, Member of the Conservative Party.
- Councillor Janet Hunter Benton Dene Primary School, NEREO, Percy Hedley Foundation, Tyne Met College, NCVS, Labour Party, UNITE, Tyne and Wear Concessionary Travel Pass Gold Card.
- Councillor John Hunter Member of Labour Party, Lindisfarne Social Club – member of Committee, High Howdon Social Club, Bus Pass.
- Councillor M Huscroft LEA Governor – Richardson Dees Primary School, Foundation Governor – St Columba’s Primary School, Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors, North Tyneside Liberal Democrats, Member of Lindisfarne Social Club, Member of St. Columba’s RC Church (Eucharistic Minister and Reader), Investments in Cooperative Financial Services, Manchester, Tyne and Wear Bus and Metro Pass, relative employed by another authority – may be involved in future shared services
- Councillor M J Huscroft Chairman/Member of Wallsend Charitable Trust (Victor Mann), Tyne and Wear Development Company Limited (Directors), Port of Tyne Health Authority (Substitute Member), Member Lindisfarne Social Club, Wallsend Town Centre Residents’ Group, Groves Residents Group, Balmorals Residents Group, Carville Residents Group, Kings Estate Resident Association, Rising Sun User Group, Liberal Democrats

Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors, Shelter Campaign for the Homeless, Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child, Union of Shop Distributed and Allied Workers, The Personal Finance Society, The Chartered Institute of Insurance, North East Branch of the Magistrates Association, RC Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle (Lay Leader), Parish of Our Lady & St Columba (Member of Advisory Group), Family members attend St Bernadette School, Wallsend, and St Thomas More, North Shields, PACE Trustees Limited (as part of the Co-operative Pension Scheme), Tigerford Limited, North Tyneside Liberal Democrats, Investments in Cooperative Financial Services, Manchester, Tyne and Wear Bus and Metro Pass, family member employed by another authority – may be involved in future shared services, LEA Governor of St Bernadette’s Primary School.

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| Councillor D Lilly | North Tyneside Creative Partnership Board, Northern Council of Education Authority, Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education – Chair, Board Member NT Learning Trust, Health and Wellbeing Board LSCB, Corporate Parenting Committee, The Conservative Party, Schoolmaster - The Kings School Tynemouth. |
| Councillor F Lott | Tyne and Wear Integrated Transport Authority, Association of North East Councils, Member of the Labour Party, Association of Labour Councillors, The Caravan Club, Member of the Local Government Pension Scheme, Holder of Tyne and Wear Concessionary Travel Permit and Metro Gold Card |
| Councillor M Madden | VODA North Tyneside – Director Trustee, USDAW Trade Union Wallsend Memorial Trustee, Walking with Project Management Committee Member, The Labour Party, Chief Officer Wallsend People’s Centre, 10 Frank Street, Nexus Concessionary Bus Pass, Tyne and Wear Pension Scheme. |
| Councillor P Mason | North Tyneside Conservative Federation, relatives who are North Tyneside Council house tenants. |
| Councillor D McGarr | Member of the Labour Party, Killingworth Social Club, Your Homes Newcastle, Community Care Alarm Services, Telecare Consultant – Employed. |
| Councillor M McIntyre | Member of the Conservative Party, Member of Conservative Councillors Association, Self Employed Surveyor & Property Developer. |
| Councillor P McIntyre | Member of the Conservative Party, PCS Trade Union, Councillors Conservative Association, Friends of Brierdene – Member, Employed by Department of Work and Pensions – North Shields Jobcentre Plus. |
| Councillor J McLaughlin | Self-employment Co-ordinator. |
| Councillor D McLellan | Conservative Party Member. |

Councillor L Miller	Contours Gym Membership, North Tyneside Council, North Tyneside Conservative Party Employed - Practice Manager, Appleby Medical Group, Hawkeys Lane, North Shields, Tyne and Wear Pension Scheme.
Councillor S E Mortimer	Member of Cullercoats Education Trust, Tynemouth Blind Welfare Society, Governor Monkhouse Primary School, Chairman of North Shields Area Forum, Tyne Port & Health Authority, British Resorts and Destinations Association, Association of North East Councils, Member of Advisory Group for Action for Blind, Member of Conservative Party, Member of Conservative Councillors Association, Association of North East Councils, Friend of Segedunum, Member of St George's Church Council, Friend of St George's Church, Beamish Open Air Museum Tyne and Wear Archives & Museums, North East Region Employers Organisation, Children in Poverty Regional Advisory Group, Holder of Gold Travel Pass.
Councillor T Mulvenna	Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority, West Allotment Community Centre & Boys Club North Tyneside Valley Outreach Project, MG Owners Club, Member of Labour Party, Tyne and Wear Pension Scheme.
Councillor A Normand	PETE Member, LEAPS – Founder Member and Anti Bullying Officer on management committee, Member of UNISON, Local Government Pension Scheme, General Social Care Council – registered Social Worker, Gateshead Council – Employee, Labour Party Member, Member of Village Hotel Newcastle, St Cuthbert's School, North Shields – parent of a pupil, Board Member for The Meadows in North Shields.
Councillor D Ord	Liberal Democrats, North Tyneside Liberal Democrats.
Councillor J O'Shea	Valuation Tribunal for England, Dementia Care Partnership (Trustee), Valuation Tribunal Service (Non Executive Director), The Labour Party, Tyne and Wear Pension Scheme.
Councillor G Partis	Substitute Member – Tyne and Wear Economic Development Joint Committee, Member of the Tyne and Wear Pension Committee, Member of Tyne and Wear Trading Standards Joint Committee, Association of North East Councils – Substitute, Member of Joint Street Lighting PFI Project Committee – Substitute, Newcastle Airport Local Holding Company – Alternate Director – Substitute, Tyne and Wear Archives and Museums Joint Committee – Member, Tyne and Wear Development Company (Directors) – Substitute Member, Member of Tyne and Wear Pension Scheme, Member of Whitley Bay Young People's Centre, Member of North East Branch of Royal Military Police Member of Conservative Party, Member of CCA, Holder of Concessionary Bus Travel Pass, relative lives in North Tyneside Council property, relative works for the Council.
Councillor N Peggs	Member of Conservative Party, Employed by Birch Tree Northern Ltd, Member of Pension Scheme, Gold Card Bus Pass Holder.

Councillor B Pickard	Labour Party, Communications Workers Union, Prospect Trade Union, Association of Labour Councillors, Human Resources Manager, British Telecommunications.
Councillor M G Rankin	School Governor – South Wellfield First School, Fabian Society, Labour Party, IBOA – The Finance Union, Relationship Director – Barclays Corporate, Partner employed by North Tyneside Council in a politically restricted post.
Councillor Redfearn N	Governing Body of Tyne Met College, Kettlewell Education Foundation, Member of National Union of Teachers, Member of Labour Party, Member of Association of Labour Councillors, Member of Co-op Party, Holder of Tyne and Wear Concessionary Travel Pass & Gold Card.
Councillor J Rutherford	Labour Party Member, USDAW Member, U Turn, Wallsend, Wallsend Memorial Hall & People's Centre.
Councillor D A Sarin	Member of the Conservative Party.
Councillor B E Stevens	Member of Association of North East Councils, Tyne Port Health Authority, Tyne and Wear Archives & Museum Joint Committee, Robert Ashmore Redpath Education Foundation, Member of the Conservative Party.
Councillor L A Spillard	Member of UNITE the Union, Employed as PA to Area Commercial Director, HSBC Bank plc, Member of Labour Party, Tyne and Wear Pension Fund.
Councillor J J Stirling	St Joseph's Primary School – Governor, NEPO, Tyne & Wear Archives Joint Committee, North Shields YMCA Voting Member, Labour Party GMB Trade Union, North Shields Catholic Club.
Councillor A T Waggott-Fairley	Member of Village Hotel Gym, Member of Bracco Italiano Society, Member of West Allotment C.I.U. Club, Member of Labour Party, Member of General Municipal and Boilermakers Union, Member of South East Northumberland Credit Union, Member of N.E. Co-operative Society, Managing Director of Samstar Enterprises Ltd, Holystone, Local Government Pension Fund.
Councillor J Walker	Member of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, Member of West Moor Residents Association, North Tyneside, Member of Diabetes UK a charity, Member of Labour Party, Santander Bank, Member of Local Government Pension Scheme.
Councillor J Wallace	Joint Street Lighting PFI Project Committee, NEPO Executive Member, Tyne and Wear Pension Committee – substitute member, Tyne and Wear Development Company Ltd : Director of company and member of company, Association of North East Councils, Local Government Association, Newcastle Airport Local Authority Holding Company, Tyne and Wear Economic Development Joint Committee, Member of

The Friends of Brierdene, Member of Conservative Party, The Freedom Association, Senate, The Taxpayers' Alliance, Royal Grammar School Bursaries Appeal Committee, Beverley Park Tennis Club, Tyne and Wear Development Company (Directors of Company) – Substitute, Law Society, Tyne and Wear Pensions Scheme, Director of A/W Limited.

Councillor G C Westwater Chairman of Port of Tyne Health Authority, Tyne and Wear Trading Standards Committee, Member of Conservative Party, Member of Independent Democratic Union (IDU), Member of Newcastle upon Tyne NHS Trust, Insurance Underwriter – employed by Automobile Association (AA), Northumberland Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority.

C115/02/12 2012-2015 Council Strategic Plan and Budget Setting Process: 2012/13 Budget Submission to the Authority (incorporating the Housing Revenue Account and associated Business Plan)

The Chair explained the procedure that would be followed for the meeting.

The Council received a report which set out the Elected Mayor and Cabinet's draft Strategic Plan and estimates of amounts for all aspects of the Elected Mayor and Cabinet's proposed spending and resource plans for the General Fund Budget Revenue Budget (including the Dedicated Schools Grant), the 2012-2022 Capital Plan (including the prudential indicators for 2012/13 in accordance with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's (CIPFA's) Prudential Framework and a proposed Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy in line with capital finance regulations), the Treasury Management Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2012/13. The report also set out the proposed Council Tax level for 2012/13 that would be required to fund the spending plans outlined in the report.

The report also presented the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan and Budget for 2012-15 and the proposed housing rent, garage rent and service charge increases for 2012/13, and the housing element of the Capital Plan and associated prudential indicators.

The Chair informed the Council that the proposals relating to the Housing Revenue Account Budget for 2012/13 would be dealt with separately.

In relation to the General Fund budget for 2012/13, Council Tax level and the 2012-2022 Capital Plan overall, the reconvened full Council on 21 February 2012 would be asked to give detailed consideration to, and approve, the Elected Mayor and Cabinet's draft Council Strategic Plan and estimates of amounts, at which time all outstanding information should have been assessed and information on the police and fire authority precepts should have been received by the Council. As noted in the Cabinet Reports of 28 November 2011 and 18 January 2012, Members had been made aware that the formal 2012/13 Budget Setting meeting of the Northumbria Police Authority would not take place until 22 February 2012.

The Council received the Elected Mayor and Cabinet's proposals at the meeting in accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) England Regulations 2001. In moving the Elected Mayor and Cabinet's proposals relating to the Housing Revenue Account Budget for 2012/13, Councillor P Mason, Cabinet Member for Housing, referred to

a letter sent to all Members on 1 February 2012 giving notification of final amendments for the HRA made under delegated authority to the Mayor.

Notification had been received from the Government on the final determination figures and these indicated a reduction of £1.641 million in the debt settlement figure, from £129.834 million to £128.193 million, that the Council would be required to pay on 28 March 2012. This equated to an estimated interest saving of approximately £65,000 per annum. Accordingly, the Mayor proposed to increase revenue contributions to the Housing Capital Plan to fund environmental improvement works in the sum of £65,000.

It was then moved by Councillor P Mason and seconded by Councillor M McIntyre that:

‘In relation to the Elected Mayor and Cabinet’s proposals for the Housing Revenue Account, Council:

- ‘(a) Agree the estimates of amounts in relation to the 2012/13 Housing Revenue Account budget proposals and associated Business Plan, including an assessment in relation to the current year’s budget monitoring information (2011/12) and note the Housing Revenue Account Chief Finance Officer’s statement to Council;
- (b) Increase individual Council rents as outlined in Section 10.0 of Annex 1 to meet the Government’s revised rent restructure formula requirements, following notification received by the Council of the final Housing Revenue Account Subsidy Determination, and in line with the national assumptions related to the move to self-funding;
- (c) Note the ongoing issues in relation to Housing Self Financing;
- (d) Increase Housing Garage Rents by 5.6%;
- (e) Increase Housing Service Charges by 5.6%, except for the Warden Services charge which needs to be amended to reflect the changing nature of service, from a social care role to a property orientated “landlord” service. This will result in the removal of the warden support service charge for all sheltered tenants i.e. a reduction of £9.44 per week, and a proposed increase in the landlord element charge from £4.12 to £9.00 per week. The net effect of this is a reduction of charge to £4.32. Those tenants in sheltered accommodation on housing benefit, which is approximately 80% would pay neither of these charges); and,
- (f) Agree the Housing (HRA) Capital Plan for 2012-2022 and associated prudential indicators.’

An amendment was moved by Councillor J M Allan and seconded by Councillor N Redfearn as follows:

“The Labour Group recommends that:

The recommended Housing Revenue Account budget of the Council as set down in Annex 1, Section 10 and Appendix N(i) and N(ii) of this report to Council, together with the associated Business Plan be amended as follows:

‘That this matter be deferred for at least one week from tonight to:

- Enable any relevant Equality Impact Assessment in respect of the Housing Revenue Account to be provided; and
- To provide evidence to the Opposition Groups that the Mayor and Cabinet have considered appropriate Equality Impact Assessments prior to the Cabinet submitting its proposals for the Housing Revenue Account to Council.

We feel that the most sensible course of action is to defer for these matters to be considered and the relevant information provided as soon as possible.”

The amendment, on being put to the meeting, was approved by 40 votes to 20 votes.

A further amendment was moved by Mrs L Arkley, Elected Mayor and seconded by Councillor M McIntyre, as follows:

‘That this matter be deferred until 9th February 2012 to:

- Enable relevant Equality Impact Assessments in respect of the Housing Revenue Account to be circulated to all Members of the Council;
- Ensure information is received and read by all Members of the Council prior to setting the Housing Revenue Account budget on 9th February 2012; and
- Ensure that evidence is provided to all Members of the Council that Cabinet has given due regard to the Council’s equality duties under the Equalities Act 2010 in proposing its Housing Revenue Account budget.’

Two Members present requested a recorded vote on the further amendment in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13 (5).

Votes for the amendment

Mrs L Arkley, Elected Mayor, Councillors Mrs G Barrie, K Barrie, Mrs J M Bell, L Birkenfield, E F J Hodson, D W Lilly, M McIntyre, Mrs P McIntyre, Mrs J McLaughlin, D McLellan, P Mason, L J Miller, Mrs S E Mortimer, G Partis, N Peggs, D Sarin, Mrs B Stevens, Mrs J A Wallace and G C Westwater.

Votes against the amendment

Councillors J M Allan, A Arkle, G Brett, P Brooks, B Burdis, W Caithness, K Conroy, D E Corkey, A Cowie, S L Cox, C Croft, E N Darke, L Darke, S Day, M A Finlay, C A Gambling, R Glindon, I Grayson, M A Green, J L L Harrison, S Hill, Janet Hunter, John Hunter, M Huscroft, M J Huscroft, F Lott, D McGarr, M L Madden, T Mulvenna, A Normand, D Ord, J O’Shea, C B Pickard, M Rankin, N Redfearn, J Rutherford, L A Spillard, J J Stirling, A Waggott-Fairley and J Walker.

The further amendment, on being put to the meeting, was defeated by 40 votes to 20 votes.

The motion, as amended, on being put to the meeting, was approved by 39 votes to 20 votes.

The Chair announced that the meeting stood adjourned to a future date to enable the necessary information to be provided in relation to the Housing Revenue Account.

C116/02/12 Common Seal

Resolved that the Common Seal be affixed to all deeds and documents required for carrying into effect the various decisions of the Council made since its last meeting.