

## **Local Government Act 1972**

### **Borough of North Tyneside**

**29 November 2012  
(Reconvened to 24 January 2013)**

At the Reconvened meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Tyneside duly convened and held on Thursday 24 January 2013 at 6.00pm in the Chamber at Quadrant at which a quorum of members were present, that is to say:

#### **Present**

Councillor F Lott (In the Chair)  
Mrs L Arkley (Elected Mayor)

Councillor J M Allan	Councillor N J Huscroft
Councillor A Arkle	Councillor C Johnson
Councillor A Austin	Councillor D W Lilly
Councillor K Barrie	Councillor G Madden
Councillor G Bell	Councillor M Madden
Councillor P Brooks	Councillor P Mason
Councillor B Burdis	Councillor D McGarr
Councillor W Caithness	Councillor Mrs P McIntyre
Councillor K A Conroy	Councillor J McLaughlin
Councillor D Corkey	Councillor A McMullen
Councillor A Cowie	Councillor L J Miller
Councillor S Cox	Councillor Mrs S E Mortimer
Councillor E N Darke	Councillor T Mulvenna
Councillor L Darke	Councillor A Normand
Councillor C Davis	Councillor P Oliver
Councillor S Day	Councillor D Ord
Councillor M Finlay	Councillor K Osborne
Councillor C A Gambling	Councillor J O'Shea
Councillor R Glindon	Councillor C B Pickard
Councillor S Graham	Councillor J Pickard
Councillor M A Green	Councillor M G Rankin
Councillor J L L Harrison	Councillor N Redfearn
Councillor S Hill	Councillor D Sarin
Councillor E Hodson	Councillor L A Spillard
Councillor Janet Hunter	Councillor J J Stirling
Councillor John Hunter	Councillor A Waggott-Fairley
Councillor M Huscroft	Councillor J I Walker
Councillor M J Huscroft	Councillor Mrs J A Wallace
	Councillor G Westwater

### **Presentation of Whitley Bay Town Cup**

Prior to the commencement of the reconvened Council meeting the Chair announced that the Whitley Bay Town Cup Sub-Committee had agreed to award the Cup for 2012 to the charity *Angels of the North* in recognition of its outstanding service to the community of Whitley Bay since its formation in 2005; its wide range of fundraising activities and beneficiaries ensured its work benefited the whole of the town.

Mr Hari Shukla on behalf of the charity responded appropriately, thanking the Council for the award and also for its support.

### **C106/11/12 Chair's Remarks**

The Chair made the following remarks:

Councillor J Munby would continue to be absent from meetings of full Council as previously indicated (Minute C97/11/12 refers), whilst officers attempted to resolve this issue.

This was the reconvened meeting of Council following the adjournment of the Council meeting held on 29 November 2012. The scheduled Council meeting would take place following the conclusion of the reconvened meeting.

The remaining agenda items to be considered at this reconvened meeting were items 7 (Motion 6 only); 10, 11; 12; 13; 14 and 15. Members Questions (agenda item 16) had been responded to in writing.

Item 12 – Council Strategic Plan and 2012/13 Budget Implementation Plan - had been updated and circulated for the scheduled (second) Council meeting. Council was therefore asked to note the report at this stage and reserve any discussion on the updated Plan for the second meeting.

Council agreed.

In relation to items 14 and 15, both the Elected Mayor and the Chair had agreed to postpone making their announcements until the second meeting.

The Chair also advised Council that an additional Extraordinary meeting of the Council would take place on Thursday 7 February 2013 to consider a report on the Academy proposals for Priory Primary and Kings Schools. This meeting would take place immediately following the Council meeting that was scheduled to be held that evening to receive the Cabinet's estimates of amounts for the calculation of the Council Tax requirement for 2013/14.

### **C107/11/12 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors I R Grayson and J Munby.

[The Chief Executive was unable to attend this evening. In her capacity as Head of Paid Service, Fiona Rooney was seated next to the Elected Mayor for the Council meeting.]

### **C108/11/12 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest reported in respect of any item of business at this meeting.

### **C109/11/12 Motions**

#### **(6) A Motion with notice, signed by Councillors M J Huscroft, N J Huscroft and D Ord was submitted for consideration by Council**

It was moved by Councillor M J Huscroft and seconded by Councillor D Ord that:

‘This Council requests the Cabinet to bring forward proposals to increase expenditure on roads and pavements over the next 10 years to eliminate the backlog of repairs, as reported to Cabinet on 12th November 2012, (as highlighted in the Asset Management Plan).

To meet this proposal Cabinet is requested to increase capital expenditure in the local Transport plan capital works by £2.5m per year, and to continue with the £1m Area Forum Road and Pavement recovery programme to the year 2022/23.’

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12(22)(e), a procedural motion was moved by Councillor J O’Shea and seconded by Councillor J Stirling that:

“The matter be deferred until the Mayor and Cabinet’s budget proposals are available.”

The procedural motion, on being put to the meeting, was approved by 38 votes to 18 votes.

### **C110/11/12 Response to Council Motion: Studio Schools**

In response to a Motion approved by Council at its meeting on 25 October 2012, Council considered a report which detailed the proposals for a Studio School currently being considered

It had been requested that the report should include:

- a. the details of the working groups and those that have been directly involved with the preparation and drafting of the submission report;
- b. what reports have been commissioned as part of the considerations of any working Group;
- c. the details of any impact assessment undertaken and their findings;

- d. detailed information on the risk assessments undertaken;
- e. the connectivity of the Learning Village Phase Two and the Studio School and are they one and the same or are they two different schemes.

The purpose of this report was to fully update the Council on all of the above points.

It was moved by Councillor D Lilly and seconded by Councillor Mrs J A Wallace that:

“Council notes the approach to exploring proposals for a Studio School.”

The motion, on being put to the meeting, was unanimously approved.

### **C111/11/12 Risk Management issues associated with the Business and Technical Packages**

The Council received a report which detailed the management implications associated with the business and technical packages as requested at the Council meeting held on 27 September 2012. The report also set out the documentation considered by Cabinet in the decision making process relating to the procurement of the two packages.

It was moved by Councillor Mrs J Wallace and seconded by Councillor D Lilly that:

“Council:

- (1) notes the approach to risk management taken during the procurement of the packages; and
- (2) notes the planned approach to the ongoing management of risk during the implementation of the packages.”

During discussions a Member requested that written details of the risk register, including value for money and benchmarking considerations, should be provided to all Members. The Head of Paid Service confirmed that a written response would be provided.

A Member requested that clarification regarding the options available to the Council in relation to the termination of the contract as set out in the report be provided. The Cabinet Member for Finance confirmed that a written response would be provided.

A further request was made to the Cabinet Member for Finance to provide financial information relating to the levels of service and costs of services once they were outsourced and evidence of comparable services. The Cabinet Member for Finance confirmed that written response would be provided.

It was moved by Councillor B Pickard and seconded by Councillor J Stirling that:

“This item be referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for further consideration”.

The Motion to refer the matter to Overview and Scrutiny Committee, on being put to the meeting, was approved by 42 votes to 13 votes.

An amendment was moved by Councillor N J Huscroft and seconded by Councillor M Huscroft that:

“The Cabinet considers setting up a Monitoring Committee with all party membership to monitor all red risk issues on a six weekly basis.”

The further amendment, on being put to the meeting, was approved by 46 votes to 13 votes.

The following substantive motion, on being put to the meeting, was approved by 46 votes to 13 votes:

“(1) This item be referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for further consideration; and  
(2) the Cabinet considers setting up a Monitoring Committee with all party membership to monitor all red risk issues on a six weekly basis.”

### **C112/11/12 Council Strategic Plan and 2012/13 Budget – Implementation Plan**

Council agreed to note the report at this stage and reserve any discussion on the updated version of the Implementation Plan as included in the agenda for the second meeting of the Council immediately following this reconvened meeting.

### **C113/11/12 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.