

Local Government Act 1972

Borough of North Tyneside

14 March 2013

(Reconvened for 21 March 2013)

At the reconvened meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Tyneside held on Thursday 21 March 2013 in The Chamber at Quadrant at which a quorum of Members were present, that is to say: -

Present

Councillor F Lott (In the Chair)

Councillor J M Allan	Councillor John Hunter
Councillor B Burdis	Councillor M Huscroft
Councillor W Caithness	Councillor M J Huscroft
Councillor K A Conroy	Councillor N J Huscroft
Councillor A Cowie	Councillor C Johnson
Councillor S Cox	Councillor M Madden
Councillor L Darke	Councillor T Mulvenna
Councillor S Day	Councillor D Ord
Councillor M Finlay	Councillor K Osborne
Councillor C A Gambling	Councillor C B Pickard
Councillor R Glindon	Councillor J Pickard
Councillor M A Green	Councillor L A Spillard
Councillor S Hill	Councillor J J Stirling
Councillor Janet Hunter	Councillor A Waggott-Fairley

In attendance via Skype: Councillor J Munby

C168/03/13 Chair's Remarks

The Chair announced that this was the reconvened meeting of Council following the adjournment of the Council meeting held on 14 March 2013.

The remaining agenda items to be considered at this reconvened meeting were items 9 to 19 as listed on the previously circulated agenda.

C169/03/13 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs L Arkley, Elected Mayor, and Councillors A Arkle, G Bell, P Brooks, D Corkey, E N Darke, C Davis, S Graham, I Grayson, J Harrison, D Lilly, G Madden, D McGarr, A McMullen, A Normand, P Oliver, J O'Shea, M Rankin, N Redfearn, J Walker and G Westwater.

The Chair announced that he had received an email dated 20 March 2013 from the Conservative Group Leader, Councillor Mrs J Wallace, in the following terms:

'With regret I find that I must offer the apologies of the Conservative Group for the reconvened Council meeting to be held tomorrow evening, 21 March.

Unfortunately, the meeting clashes with a long-standing engagement for the Group which begins at 7pm in Whitley Bay, (After the Council meeting was closed last week, I thought the commitment for the Group began at 7.30pm, rather than 7pm).

The absence of our Group is not intended to be disrespectful or discourteous, and I hope you will convey our apologies to the meeting.'

C170/03/13 Pay Policy Statement 2013/14

The Chair informed the Council that a recommendation to approve the Pay Policy Statement for 2013/14 had been moved and seconded at the meeting held on 14 March 2013.

An amendment was moved by Councillor B Pickard and seconded by Councillor J Allan that:

'The Pay Policy Statement for 2013/14 be approved as an interim Policy Statement, to be reviewed at the next Ordinary Council meeting in June 2013.'

The amendment, on being put to the meeting, was approved by 24 votes to 0 votes.

Two Members present requested a recorded vote on the motion, as amended, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13(5).

Votes for the motion, as amended

Councillors J M Allan, B Burdis, W Caithness, K A Conroy, A Cowie, S L Cox, L Darke, M Finlay, C A Gambling, R Glendon, M A Green, S Hill, Janet Hunter, John Hunter, M Huscroft, M J Huscroft, N J Huscroft, C Johnson, F Lott, M Madden, T Mulvenna, K Osborne, C B Pickard, J Pickard, L A Spillard, J J Stirling and A Waggott-Fairley.

Votes against the motion, as amended

No votes were cast against the motion, as amended.

(nb Councillors S Day and D Ord were not present at the time the vote was taken).

The Motion, as amended, on being put to the meeting, was approved by 27 votes to 0 votes.

C171/03/13 Programme of Meetings 2013/14

In the absence of a Mover and a Seconder, the Council agreed to defer this report to the next Full Council Meeting.

C172/03/13 Appointment of Chair of Audit Committee

In the absence of a Mover and a Seconder, the Council agreed to defer this report to the next Full Council Meeting.

C173/03/13 Establishment of Health and Wellbeing Board

The Council received a report on the establishment of a Health and Wellbeing Board in accordance with the legislative requirements to set up the Board by 1 April 2013.

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

“The Council:

- (1) establish a Health and Wellbeing Board to undertake those core statutory functions set out in Section 1.6.1 of the report;
- (2) agree the membership of the Board as set out in Section of 1.7.2 of the report; and
- (3) request the Head of Law and Governance to prepare a further report to enable the Council to determine the terms of reference for the Board, procedural rules and any other related governance and constitutional matters.”

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

“it is recommended to Cabinet that all political groups be represented on the Health and Wellbeing Board as has been the case with regard to the Shadow Board.”

The amendment, on being put to the meeting, was approved by 26 votes to 0 votes.

The motion, as amended, on being put to the meeting, was unanimously agreed.

In response to a Member’s query, it was confirmed that the nomination of Councillors onto the Board was the responsibility of the Elected Mayor. Members requested that it be

recorded that the amendment referred to above regarding the representation by all political groups on the Health and Wellbeing Board received the support of all Members present.

C174/03/13 Review of Allocation of Seats on Committees

In the absence of a Mover and a Seconder, the Council agreed to defer this report to the next Full Council Meeting.

C175/03/13 Applications for University Places – Response to Motion

As a result of a Council motion on 29 November 2012, a report was submitted explaining the circumstances which had led to a reduction of the number of young people from North Tyneside applying for university places.

Council was recommend to ‘note the further information contained in this Addendum Report.’

A procedural motion was moved by Councillor J Allan and seconded by Councillor J Stirling that:

“the report be deferred to the next Ordinary meeting to enable discussion with the Cabinet Member present.”

The procedural motion, on being put to the meeting, was approved by 24 votes to 3 votes.

C176/03/13 Council Strategic Plan and 2012/13 Budget – Implementation Plan

In the absence of a Mover and a Seconder, the Council agreed to defer this report to the next Full Council Meeting.

C177/03/13 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.

C178/03/13 Chair’s Announcements

The Chair informed Council of recent events and functions he had attended and referred to some forthcoming events, including the following:

- Jean Pierre D’Arbourment of HMS Destroyer
- Aiden Fryer of HMS Doubtless
- Citizenship Ceremony
- Mayor of South Tyneside celebrations
- Mayor of Hartlepool
- At Homes – raising £500 for charity

- Fund raising event at Lindisfarne Club on 12 April
- Town Twinning arrangements - discussions to take place about a request to twin with Menorca as part of an overall review of twinning arrangements

This would be the last meeting of full Council attended by Wendy Innes, Senior Legal Manager, Law and Governance before she retired from the Council. On behalf of the Council, the Chair thanked her for all of her work and services to the Council.

Councillor Allan on behalf of the Labour Group and Councillor M J Huscoft on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Group each extended their good wishes to Ms Innes.

C179/03/13 Questions by Members of the Council

1. The following question was asked of the Elected Mayor by Councillor J Allan:

‘Can the Mayor update Council on what her views are of a member of her cabinet who used the social network to describe Whitley Bay in a derogatory manner?’

Councillor Allan signalled his intention to submit a written supplementary question following receipt of the Mayor’s response to his question.

At this point, the Chair announced that the meeting was closed and that, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10(13)(d), responses to the question submitted by Councillor Allan would be provided to all Members in writing.

The Chair requested that it be noted in the minutes that the business of the Council meeting was completed at 6.35 pm, and that the absence of all members of the Conservative Group from the meeting demonstrated a degree of disregard for the Council, the people of North Tyneside and officers of the Council.