

Local Government Act 1972

Borough of North Tyneside

4 February 2016

At the Extraordinary meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Tyneside duly convened and held on Thursday 4 February 2016 at 6.00pm in the Chamber at Quadrant at which a quorum of members were present, that is to say:

Present

Councillor G Bell (In the Chair)

N Redfearn (Elected Mayor)

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| Councillor J M Allan | Councillor C Johnson |
| Councillor A Arkle | Councillor D Lilly |
| Councillor Mrs A Austin | Councillor F Lott |
| Councillor L Bell | Councillor W Lott |
| Councillor K L Bolger | Councillor G Madden |
| Councillor B Burdis | Councillor P Mason |
| Councillor C A Burdis | Councillor D McGarr |
| Councillor J Cassidy | Councillor Mrs P McIntyre |
| Councillor S L Cox | Councillor D McMeekan |
| Councillor EN Darke | Councillor A McMullen |
| Councillor L Darke | Councillor LJ Miller |
| Councillor C Davis | Councillor Mrs S E Mortimer |
| Councillor S Day | Councillor T Mulvenna |
| Councillor D Drummond | Councillor A Newman |
| Councillor P Earley | Councillor K Osborne |
| Councillor R Glindon | Councillor N A Percy |
| Councillor S Graham | Councillor C B Pickard |
| Councillor I Grayson | Councillor J Pickard |
| Councillor M A Green | Councillor M Rankin |
| Councillor M Hall | Councillor M Reynolds |
| Councillor J L L Harrison | Councillor L A Spillard |
| Councillor E F J Hodson | Councillor J Stirling |
| Councillor Janet Hunter | Councillor M Thirlaway |
| Councillor John Hunter | Councillor A Waggott-Fairley |
| Councillor M Huscroft | Councillor J I Walker |
| Councillor N J Huscroft | Councillor Mrs J A Wallace |

C88/02/16 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K Barrie, P Brooks, K Clark, M Madden, J Munby, P Oliver and J O'Shea.

C89/02/16 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

The Chair reminded all Members of the Council of the letter from the Head of Law and Governance sent to all Members which set out the position with regard to interests in meetings of the Cabinet/Council that dealt with the Budget proposals.

In relation to a Registerable Personal Interest held where a Member had been appointed by the Authority to an outside body or bodies, a dispensation may be granted to allow them to participate and vote at any meeting. Where Members had been granted such dispensations, they were not required to declare these registerable personal interests or the grant of dispensations at this meeting.

A list of the appointments to the Authority's Outside Bodies and dispensations granted to Members in respect of these appointments was available for inspection if required.

Members who had any further interests were invited to declare them.

The following additional declarations of interest were made in relation to the item below (Minute C90/02/16):

Item 3 – 2016-2019 Financial Planning and Budget Process: 2016/17 Budget and Council Tax Requirement Submission to the Authority

Councillor K Bolger – registerable personal interest – employed by a partner of North Tyneside Council based at one of the Community First Centres.

Councillor B Burdis – non-registerable personal interest – brother-in-law is employed by North Tyneside Council.

Councillor C Burdis – non-registerable personal interest – brother is employed by North Tyneside Council.

Councillor E N Darke – non-registerable personal interest – a member of the Tyne and Wear Pension Fund.

Councillor D Drummond – registerable personal interest - employee of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service; non-registerable personal interest – a member of the Tyne and Wear Pension Fund, and wife is employed by North Tyneside Citizens Advice Bureau,

Councillor R Glendon – non-registerable personal interest – a member of the Tyne and Wear Pension Fund, and daughter-in-law is employed by North Tyneside Council.

Councillor L Miller – non-registerable personal interest – employed at a GP practice in the Borough.

Councillor J LL Harrison declared his position with regard to his appointments to the Authority's outside bodies and the dispensations granted to him in respect of these appointments.

C90/02/16 2016-2019 Financial Planning and Budget Process: 2016/17 Budget and Council Tax Requirement Submission to the Authority

The Chair announced that the purpose of the meeting tonight was to enable the Elected Mayor and Cabinet to submit to Council their proposals for the estimates of amounts for the calculation of the Council Tax requirement for 2016/17. The General Fund Revenue Budget proposals on which these calculations would be based were submitted to Council in support of these estimates.

The submission of the Elected Mayor and Cabinet's estimates of amounts for the 2016/17 General Fund Revenue Budget started the Council's process in setting the Council Tax levels.

The Elected Mayor and Cabinet's proposals were submitted to this meeting but would be moved and seconded at the reconvened Council meeting on 18 February 2016. There was an opportunity for Members to ask questions about the Cabinet's proposals at this meeting.

Between the submission of the proposals to this meeting and the consideration that would take place at the Council meeting on 18 February 2016, Members were able to submit objections to the Cabinet's proposals. Any objections received would be considered at the reconvened meeting on 18 February 2016.

Members were now in receipt of the report containing the Cabinet's proposals in relation to the Council Tax Requirement and 2016/17 General Fund Revenue Budget.

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources introduced the Elected Mayor and Cabinet's budget proposals.

The Chair invited Members to ask questions on the Elected Mayor and Cabinet's proposals. He indicated that questions would be responded to verbally as far as possible at the meeting. However, if there were any questions of a technical nature that could not be answered at the meeting, a written response would be provided to all Members of the Council.

Following the completion of questions on the Elected Mayor and Cabinet's proposals, the Chair announced that the meeting stood adjourned to 18 February 2016.