### **Borough of North Tyneside**

#### 19 May 2016

At the Extraordinary meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Tyneside duly convened and held on Thursday 19 May 2016 immediately following the Annual Council Meeting in the Chamber at Quadrant at which a quorum of members were present, that is to say:

#### Present

Councillor D McGarr (In the Chair) N Redfearn (Elected Mayor)

Councillor J Allan Councillor A Arkle Councillor A Austin Councillor K Barrie Councillor K Bolger **Councillor B Burdis** Councillor C A Burdis Councillor J Cassidy Councillor K A Clark Councillor D Cox Councillor S L Cox Councillor N Craven Councillor EN Darke Councillor L Darke Councillor C Davis Councillor S Day Councillor D Drummond Councillor P Earley Councillor R Glindon Councillor S Graham Councillor M A Green Councillor M Hall Councillor J L L Harrison Councillor E F J Hodson **Councillor Janet Hunter** 

**Councillor John Hunter** Councillor M Huscroft Councillor C Johnson Councillor K Lee Councillor F Lott Councillor W Lott Councillor G Madden Councillor M Madden Councillor P Mason Councillor Mrs P McIntyre Councillor D McMeekan Councillor A McMullen Councillor L Miller Councillor T Mulvenna Councillor A Newman Councillor P Oliver Councillor J O'Shea Councillor N A Percy Councillor C B Pickard Councillor M Reynolds Councillor L Spillard Councillor J Stirling Councillor M Thirlaway Councillor A Waggott-Fairley Councillor J I Walker Councillor Mrs J A Wallace

# C19/05/16 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Bell, L Bell, P Brooks, I Grayson, N J Huscroft, K Osborne, M Rankin and F Weetman.

## C20/05/16 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest and no dispensations in relation to registerable personal interests reported.

## C21/05/16 Result of Referendum on Future Governance Arrangements

At the Council meeting held on 21 January 2016, the Council had agreed to hold a referendum on whether to change the model of governance in North Tyneside.

A report detailing the results of the referendum held on 5 May 2016 was now submitted, as follows:

Question	Number of Votes
By a mayor who is elected by Voters. This is how the Council is run now	32,546
By one or more Committees made up elected Councillor. This would be a change from how the Council is run now	23,703

A total of 56,605 votes had been cast in the referendum. 356 ballot papers had been rejected because the voters had not completed their ballot papers correctly.

The majority of votes cast (57.5%) were in favour of retaining the current model of governance – a Mayor who was elected by Voters.

The Local Government Act 2000 provided that a further referendum to change the Authority's model of governance may not be held a period of 10 years; i.e. not before 2026.

It was moved by N Redfearn, Elected Mayor and seconded by Councillor B Pickard that:

"Council note that the result of the referendum held on 5 May 2016 was to retain the current mayoral model of governance in North Tyneside."

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

# C22/05/16 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.