Local Government Act 1972

Borough of North Tyneside

2 February 2017

At the Extraordinary meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Tyneside duly convened and held on Thursday 2 February 2017 at 6.00pm in the Chamber at Quadrant at which a quorum of members were present, that is to say:

<u>Present</u>

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

Councillor A Arkle Councillor N J Huscroft Councillor A Austin Councillor C Johnson Councillor K Lee Councillor K Barrie Councillor F Lott Councillor G Bell Councillor L Bell Councillor W Lott Councillor G Madden Councillor B Burdis Councillor M Madden Councillor C Burdis Councillor J Cassidy Councillor P Mason Councillor D Cox Councillor Mrs P McIntyre Councillor S L Cox Councillor D McMeekan Councillor N Craven Councillor A McMullen Councillor EN Darke Councillor L Miller Councillor L Darke Councillor T Mulvenna Councillor S Day Councillor A Newman Councillor D Drummond Councillor K Osborne Councillor P Earley Councillor J O'Shea Councillor R Glindon Councillor C B Pickard Councillor S Graham Councillor M Rankin Councillor I Grayson Councillor M Reynolds Councillor M A Green Councillor L Spillard Councillor M Hall Councillor J Stirling Councillor J L L Harrison Councillor M Thirlaway 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 F Weetman

C72/02/17 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Allan, K Bolger, P Brooks, K A Clark, C Davis, P Oliver and A Percy.

C73/02/17 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

The Chair reminded all Members of the Council of an email 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, dispensations had been 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 had been circulated to all Members.

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 C74/02/17):

<u>Item 3 – 2017-2020 Financial Planning and Budget Process: 2017/18 Budget and Council Tax Requirement Submissions to the Authority</u>

Councillor M Madden – non-registerable personal interest – VODA Board Member.

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 A Waggott - Fairley – non-registerable personal interest – trustee of the North Tyneside Carers Centre.

Councillor G Bell - non-registerable personal interest – daughter is employed by North Tyneside Council.

Councillor L Bell - non-registerable personal interest – daughter is employed by North Tyneside Council.

Councillor T Mulvenna – non-registerable personal interest – family members are employed by Kier North Tyneside.

Councillor L Spillard – non-registerable personal interest – family member is employed by North Tyneside Council.

Councillor M Rankin – non-registerable personal interest – wife is employed by North Tyneside Council.

Councillor R Glindon – non-registerable personal interest – daughter in law is employed by North Tyneside Council.

Councillor D McGarr – non-registerable personal interest – wife is employed by North Tyneside Council.

Councillor M Thirlaway – non-registerable personal interest – father is employed by Kier North Tyneside.

C74/02/17 2017-2020 Financial Planning and Budget Process: 2017/18 Budget and Council Tax Requirement Submission to the Authority

The Chair announced that the purpose of the meeting was to enable the Cabinet to submit to Council their proposals for the estimates of amounts for the calculation of the Council Tax requirement for 2017/18. 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 Cabinet's estimates of amounts for the 2017/18 General Fund Revenue Budget started the Council's process in setting the Council Tax levels.

The Cabinet's proposals were submitted to the meeting but would be moved and seconded at the reconvened Council meeting on 16 February 2017. There was an opportunity for Members to ask questions about the Cabinet's proposals at the meeting.

Between the submission of the proposals to the meeting and the consideration that would take place at the Council meeting on 16 February 2017, Members were able to submit objections to the Cabinet's proposals. Any objections received would be considered at the reconvened meeting on 16 February 2017.

Members were now in receipt of the report containing the Cabinet's proposals in relation to the Council Tax Requirement and 2017/18 General Fund Revenue Budget.

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources invited the Head of Finance to give a presentation on the 2017-20 Financial Planning and Budget Process, following which he introduced the Cabinet's budget proposals.

The Chair invited Members to ask questions on the 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 Cabinet's proposals, the Chair announced that the meeting stood adjourned until 16 February 2017.