

# Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Extraordinary meeting

**19 March 2012**

Present: Councillor C B Pickard (Chair)  
Councillors J M Allan, J Bell, B Burdis, C Croft,  
C Gambling, R Glindon, J Harrison, F Lott,  
D McLellan, G Partis, M Rankin and N Redfearn.

Church Representative - Rev M Vine

## **OV74/03/12 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L Birkenfield, and G Brett.

## **OV75/03/12 Substitute Members**

Pursuant to the Council's Constitution, the appointment of the following substitute members was reported:

Councillor C Croft for Councillor G Brett  
Councillor G Partis for Councillor L Birkenfield

## **OV76/03/12 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

## **OV77/03/12 Advice on Responsibility for Delivery and Implementation of the Council Plan and Budget.**

The extraordinary meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee had been convened to enable the Committee to receive advice on the responsibility for delivery and implementation of the Council Strategic Plan and Budget.

An invitation was made to all Members of the Council to attend and hear the advice that was provided by Mr James Goudie QC.

The Members that took up the invitation to attend were Councillors W Caithness, A Cowie, S Cox, L Darke, M Green, S Hill, Janet Hunter, John Hunter, M J Huscroft, M Madden, D McGarr, J McLaughlin, A Normand, J O'Shea, N Peggs, D Sarin and B Stevens.

A briefing note (Guidance on the responsibility for decision making under Mayor and Cabinet Executive arrangements) that had been received by all Members on 1 March 2012 Council meeting had been updated and re-circulated in advance of the meeting. Attached to the briefing note were background reference documents that provided further assistance to Members.

Mr James Goudie QC presented his advice and the Members in attendance were given the opportunity to ask questions.

At the conclusion of the questions it was suggested that a further briefing be provided detailing the advice given by Mr Goudie and how it relates to North Tyneside Council. That the briefing be reviewed by Mr Goudie QC before its submission to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on the 2 April 2012. That the advice briefing be circulated to all Members of the Council. It was seconded and agreed by the Members of the Committee.

**Agreed** that a further briefing detailing the advice of Mr James Goudie QC be circulated to all Members of the Council and placed on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agenda for 2 April 2012 for discussion.