

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Ordinary Meeting of the County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 20 February 2013 at 10.00 am**

### **Present:**

#### **Councillor L Marshall in the Chair**

Councillors P Charlton (Vice-Chairman), J Alvey, B Alderson, J Armstrong, B Arthur, B Avery, J Bailey, A Bainbridge, B Bainbridge, D Barnett, A Bell, E Bell, J Bell, R Bell, J Blakey, G Bleasdale, D Bowman, D Boyes, P Brookes, B Brunskill, D Burn, C Carr, J Chaplow, J Cordon, A Cox, R Crooks, R Crute, K Davidson, M Dixon, N Foster, D Freeman, P Gittins, B Graham, B Harrison, N Harrison, S Henig, M Hodgson, G Holland, K Holroyd, A Hopgood, L Howells, S Hugill, J Hunter, E Huntington, G Huntington, S Iveson, O Johnson, P Jopling, A Laing, J Lee, J Lethbridge, C Marshall, D Marshall, N Martin, E Mavin, P May, J Moran, D Morgan, D Myers, A Napier, A Naylor, M Nicholls, J Nicholson, B Ord, R Ord, M Plews, C Potts, G Richardson, J Robinson, S Robinson, C Robson, J Rowlandson, A Shield, J Shiell, J Shuttleworth, M Simmons, D J Southwell, B Stephens, D Stoker, P Stradling, P Taylor, T Taylor, K Thompson, L Thomson, R Todd, E Tomlinson, J Turnbull, Andy Turner, Allen Turner, C Vasey, C Walker, M Wilkes, J Wilkinson, M Williams, A Willis, M Wood, C Woods, R Yorke, B Young and R Young

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Barker, D Brown, J Brown, M Campbell, J Docherty, D Farry, J Gray, D Hancock, R Liddle, D Maddison, C Magee, J Maslin, E Murphy, B Myers, L O'Donnell, M Potts, A Savory, W Stelling, O Temple, G Tennant, B Wilson, J Wilson and S Zair.

Prior to the formal start of the meeting the Chairman reported with great sadness the following deaths:

- County Councillor Enid Paylor who served on the County Council from 2008-2012 and previously on Sedgfield Borough Council from 2003 to 2007.
- Former Durham City Councillor Councillor Maggie Robinson who served on the City Council from 1999-2008.
- Former Wear Valley District Councillor Joan Jopson who served on the District Council from 1991-1995 and was Chairman of the Council in her final year of office.

Members stood for a moment's silence as a mark of respect.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2013 were confirmed by the Council as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to Councillor B Bainbridge being shown as in attendance.

## **2 Declarations of Interest**

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services made reference Council Tax setting which was Item No. 10 on the agenda for the meeting. Members of the Council had been invited to apply for a dispensation on the basis of their tenancies or interest in land within County Durham which would give rise to a declarable prejudicial interest.

Almost all Members had applied for and had been granted a dispensation. Any Members who had not applied for a dispensation were advised to leave the meeting during the discussion of this item.

Councillors Brookes and Hovvels declared an interest in Item No. 14 on the agenda as Members of Trimdon Parish Council.

## **3 Chairman's Announcements**

### **Proceedings Relating to Budgetary Items**

The Chairman proposed that under rule 13.4 of the Council's Rules of Procedure Group Leaders be allowed more than the allotted five minutes when discussing the budget.

#### **Resolved:**

That the proposal be approved.

### **South Asian Festival – 7 March**

The Chairman reported that over 50 schools in the County had links with schools in Central and South Asia. These lay principally in Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal and had been developed by the Council's international relations team and funded by government departments and the British Council's Connecting Classrooms scheme.

To celebrate these links, over half of the linked schools in County Durham would be taking part in a series of workshops to explore the cultural diversity of the region. Members were most welcome to join the Chairman to take part and to observe during the day.

### **International Women's Day**

The Chairman reported that International Women's Day, which was an annual event, took place on 8 March with the theme being set nationally. It was celebrated throughout the world in different ways. This year the theme was 'The Gender Agenda: Gaining Momentum' and this year female pupils from County Secondary Schools had been invited to County Hall to enjoy inspirational and educational workshops which ranged from a make-up artist to the stars, to a Church of England Vicar and from Chinese crafts to Bollywood Dancing. Eighty girls were registered to

attend the event which aimed to inspire them and help them believe that anything was possible in their futures.

The event would begin with a welcome from the Chairman and Mrs Sue Snowdon. This would be Mrs Snowdon's very first duty in her new role as she had been appointed as the first female Lord Lieutenant of County Durham and would succeed Sir Paul Nicholson who was retiring from office on 7 March.

### **Japanese Day of Culture**

The Chairman reminded Council of the Japanese Day of Culture which was taking place in the Durham Room. There would be a Japanese gift wrapping workshop, origami, Japanese etiquette and basic conversation.

### **Agenda**

The Chairman reported that Item No. 15 had been withdrawn from the agenda and would be considered at a future meeting of the Council.

## **4 Leader's Report**

The Leader welcomed Councillor Napier to the meeting on his return from a period of ill-health.

The Leader informed Council that he had attended an event at the Baltic on Friday 15 February regarding the North East Economic Review chaired by Lord Adonis. The event had emphasised the importance of greater joint working between all seven Local Authorities in the LEP area.

The Leader expressed disappointment that Rural Sparsity Funding, which had been announced for County Durham, had subsequently been withdrawn. The funding was to have been spent on flood alleviation works. However, the Council had identified £250,000 from Corporate Contingencies to spend on a two-year preventative inspection and maintenance programme, which would complement schemes being carried out by the Environment Agency.

The Leader congratulated both Stanley AAP and Town Council on a recent community event which had attracted 1,600 local residents to decide priorities for the community budget.

## **5 Questions from the Public**

The Chairman informed Council that some questions had been received from a member of the public who had been advised, in writing, by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, that the questions related to issues that had been covered in correspondence which had now been closed. The questioner had been referred to the Local Government Ombudsman.

## **6 Petitions**

No petitions had been submitted for debate.

## **7 Report from the Cabinet**

The Council noted a report on issues considered by Cabinet on 16 January and 6 February 2013.

## **8 Budget 2013/14**

The Council considered a report of the Corporate Director of Resources which provided information on the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of reserves in accordance with the requirements of Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003.

**Moved** by Councillor Napier, **Seconded** by Councillor Henig and

### **Resolved:**

That the Council have regard to the report when approving the budget and the level of Council tax for 2013/14.

## **9 General Fund Medium Term Financial Plan, 2013/14 - 2016/17 and Revenue and Capital Budget 2013/14**

The Council considered a report from Cabinet which detailed budget recommendations for 2013/14 and the Medium Term Financial Plan 2013/14 to 2016/17.

In moving adoption of the Cabinet report, Councillor Henig made a statement on the Budget and Precept for 2012/13, summarised as follows:

The Medium Term Financial Plan had been built on the last two years of unprecedented levels of cuts in Government funding. Anticipated cuts in funding for the period 2011/12 to 2014/15 had originally been announced at a level of 28% in 2010, but this had now increased to 35% to 36%, with the possibility that this would increase to 40% by 2017/18. Government spending cuts had been administered unfairly, with affluent areas of the Country, including West Oxfordshire and Windsor and Maidenhead, experiencing smaller levels of cuts than more deprived areas. Cuts would amount to £200m by 2017/18, and at this level, the Council would not be able to deliver the same level of services as it had on 2009/10.

Proposed savings for 2013/14 were shown in Appendix 2 of the report.

Despite the level of cuts, the Council would achieve the following in 2013/14:

- For the fourth consecutive year, the County Council's element of council tax bills would stay the same.
- The Adult Social Care budget would increase by £1m.
- All households in receipt of council tax benefit would be protected under the local council tax support scheme, despite a 10% cut in government funding.
- The highways winter maintenance programme would be protected in order to keep the main highways infrastructure open for the public.

A key priority for the Council was its capital programme, to stimulate regeneration and job creation across the county. In line with the Council's key priority to stimulate regeneration and job creation, an additional £3.25m of revenue had been allocated to fund prudential borrowing to invest in new and current capital projects amounting to £159m in 2013/14 with a total programme for the period 2013/14 to 2016/17 of £315m.

A full list of new projects was shown at Appendix 7 of the report, and included £1m on the Town Centres Programme, £1.5m on two new household waste recycling centres at Crook and Stainton Grove, near Barnard Castle, £1.4m on a new customer access point in Stanley and £2m on Villa Real bridge..

Referring to public consultation, the Leader informed Council that in December 2012 an extensive consultation exercise had led to over 1,500 people giving their views on how the council had managed spending reductions, their impact to date and providing ideas for further future reductions. This consultation showed that there was a high level of satisfaction with how the council had managed spending reductions, and comments from the consultation were considered during the budget process.

Councillor Henig thanked all staff involved in the process of preparing the budget.

In seconding the adoption of the Cabinet report, Councillor Napier added his thanks to all involved in the budget process. Government cuts had fallen disproportionately in those areas which least could afford them yet the Council had managed to achieve savings of £21m, as shown at Appendix 2 of the report, to achieve a balanced budget for 2013/14. The Council had unanimously endorsed the protection of 65,000 Council Tax Benefit households to ensure they were no worse off in this respect when Welfare Reform measures were introduced, had achieved no Council Tax increase for the fourth year running and had increased the Adult Social Care budget by £1m. The Council's Capital Programme, which amounted to £315m over the period of the MTFP was designed to generate jobs and stimulate the economy of the County.

An Amendment was **Moved** by Councillor Martin and **Seconded** by Councillor Southwell as follows:

***Highways Maintenance (Capital) Budget 2013/14***

*In order to make inroads into the capital highways maintenance backlog, the Council should invest an extra £1.3 million in 2013/14.*

***Improving Customer Service in the Contact Centre***

*In order to provide a 'fit for purpose' telephone service to our customers by increasing opening times and reducing waiting times, an additional 8 customer service operatives be recruited to the Customer Services Team.*

*Additional cost = £150,000 - Funded by stopping publishing the County Durham News - Annual saving = £150,000.*

***Increase the funding to Citizen Advice Bureau by £50,000***

*Funded by withdrawing the clothing allowance for the Chairman and Vice Chairman and reducing the amount of remuneration for 'special responsibility allowances' to elected members.*

***Invest a further £300,000 a year into the public transport subsidy budget to improve bus routes and the frequency of buses for the public***

*Funded by reducing casual car mileage rates for employees and councillors to 45 pence a mile.*

***Introduce a 3 year pilot programme at a cost of £250,000 a year to improve career opportunities for young people. The service would be provided by the Regeneration and Economic Development Service in schools and would support the new role of secondary schools as being the sole support for providing careers advice to young people.***

*The £750,000 cost over the 3 years to be funded from general reserves.*

***Introduce a 3 year pilot programme at a cost of £1 million a year in order to support employment and business development. The service would be provided by the Regeneration and Economic Development Service and would provide support and advice to new business start-ups on the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI) model.***

*The £3 million cost over the 3 years to be funded from general reserves.*

***Add £1,500,000 of expenditure to the 2013/14 capital programme to fund up to 20 new minor schemes using the criteria along the lines of the former 'Urban and Rural Renaissance Initiative' programme.***

*To be funded from the as yet uncommitted £10,500,000 capital budget in 2014/15 which could be brought forward into 2013/14 with the subsequent revenue cost of £150,000 to fund the borrowing to be met from the 2013/14 revenue contingency budget.*

Upon a vote being taken, the Amendment was **lost**.

An Amendment was **Moved** by Councillor R Bell and **Seconded** by Councillor A Bainbridge as follows:

***In respect of the Cabinet's 2013/14 Revenue Budget:-***

*That free car parking be provided for the first 2 hours across the whole of the county apart from in the City of Durham. This would cost an estimated £610,000 a year and would be funded by:*

- Stopping the publication of County Durham News but retain the Events Guide and Guide to Services. This would result in an annual saving of £150,000.*
- Reducing the Corporate Contingency budget for one year only in 2013/2014, saving £460,000.*

*The contingency budget would be replenished in 2014/2015 by commencing a programme of Unitising all back office, and support service functions during 2013 including:*

- *Policy, planning and performance (estimated full year effect saving £500,000)*
- *Business Support and administration (estimated full year effect saving £500,000)*
- *Communications and marketing (estimated full year effect saving £500,000)*

At this point a recorded vote was requested in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16.4. The result of the vote was as follows:

### **For the Amendment**

Councillors A Bainbridge, B Bainbridge, B Barnett, R Bell, B Brunskill, B Harrison, N Harrison, K Holroyd, S Hugill, J Hunter, P Jopling, E Mavin, P May, G Richardson, J Rowlandson, A Shield, D Stoker and K Thompson.

### **Against the Amendment**

Councillors B Alderson, J Alvey, J Armstrong, B Arthur, B Avery, E Bell, J Bell, J Blakey, G Bleasdale, D Bowman, D Boyes, P Brookes, C Carr, J Chaplow, P Charlton, J Cordon, R Crooks, R Crute, K Davidson, M Dixon, N Foster, D Freeman, P Gittins, B Graham, S Henig, M Hodgson, L Hovvells, E Huntington, S Iveson, O Johnson, A Laing, J Lee, J Lethbridge, L Marshall, D Marshall, C Marshall, J Moran, D Morgan, D Myers, A Napier, A Naylor, M Nicholls, J Nicholson, B Ord, R Ord, M Plews, C Potts, J Robinson, C Robson, J Shiell, J Shuttleworth, B Stephens, P Stradling, P Taylor, R Todd, E Tomlinson, J Turnbull, Allen Turner, Andy Turner, C Vasey, C Walker, A M Williams, A Willis, R Yorke, B Young and R Young.

### **Abstentions**

Councilors D Burn, G Holland, A Hopgood, N Martin, M Simmons, D Southwell, T Taylor, L Thomson, M Wilkes, J Wilkinson, M Wood and C Woods

The Amendment was **lost**.

An Amendment was **Moved** by Councillor R Bell and **Seconded** by Councillor A Bainbridge as follows:

***In respect of the Medium Term Financial Plan 2014/15 to 2016/17, in order to reduce the forecasted £51m funding shortfall across this 3 year period:-***  
*That the Council continues to protect front line services and commission corporate management team to deliver savings by:*

1. *Carrying out a senior pay review of first, second, third and fourth tier officers. Saving 10% of the wages bill would yield £500,000 per year recurring saving.*
2. *Carrying out a strategic value for money review of all Service Direct services including the option to outsource. Saving 1% of the current Gross*

*Expenditure of £146 million would yield £1,500,000 per year recurring saving.*

3. *Reduce the levels of sickness absence from an average of 10 days a year to 8 days a year, by implementing a Performance Management Culture making managers and staff more accountable for sickness absence. This reduction would yield efficiency savings of £1.8 million per year and £200,000 per year recurring cashable savings.*

Upon a vote being taken, the Amendment was **lost**.

An Amendment was **Moved** by Councillor Shuttleworth and **Seconded** by Councillor Arthur as follows:

***Highways Maintenance (Revenue)***

*In order to improve the roads and pathways across the county, an extra £1,040,000 of revenue patching work should be carried out every year to repair and make good the increasing numbers of pot holes across the county.*

*Additional cost = £1,040,000*

*Funded by:*

- (i) *reducing the corporate risk contingency budget = £440,000*
- (ii) *downsizing the corporate policy and communications team to 3 employees = £600,000*

***Gully Cleaning (Revenue)***

*In order to reduce the risks of flooding, invest £150,000 a year in cleaning out gullies more regularly.*

*Additional cost = £150,000*

*Funded by stopping publishing the County Durham News – Annual saving = £150,000*

***Highways Maintenance (Capital)***

*In order to make inroads into the capital highways maintenance backlog, the Council should invest an extra £4 million a year, every year across the medium term financial plan from 2014/15.*

*Additional cost to the capital programme = £4 million a year*

*Funded by £400,000 a year of the £2 million prudential borrowing already earmarked in the medium term financial plan to fund new capital schemes*

Upon a vote being taken, the Amendment was **lost**.

Upon a further vote being taken it was

**Resolved**

That the report of the Cabinet and its recommendations be adopted in full.



## 10 Council Tax setting in order to meet the County Council's Budget Requirement for 2013/14

The Council considered a report from Cabinet which detailed the information to calculate and set the Council tax for the Council's area for 2013/14 (for report see file of Minutes).

The Corporate Director of Resources informed Council of an amendment to the report at Appendices 4 and 5. At Appendix 4 the Council Tax Band D for Whorlton and Westwick Parish should read 1,314.20, with appropriate adjustments to other Council Tax Bands, and at Appendix 5, the Council Tax Band D for Whorlton and Westwick Parish should read 1,561.12, with appropriate adjustments to other Council Tax Bands.

**Moved** by Councillor Henig, **Seconded** by Councillor Napier that the report of the Cabinet and its recommendations, as amended, be adopted, and with it the setting of the Council Tax.

### **Resolved:**

That the following be adopted:

- (a) It be noted that on 19 December 2012 the Cabinet calculated the Council Tax Base 2013/14;
  - i) for the whole Council area as 128,205.0 band D equivalent properties [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; and
  - ii) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix 3.
- (b) the Council Tax Requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2013/14 (excluding Parish precepts and the Charter Trustees for the City of Durham) is £164,469,066.
- (c) the following amounts be calculated for 2013/14 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
  - i) being the aggregate of the gross expenditure which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils: £1,154,100,578.
  - ii) being the aggregate of the gross income which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act: £979,649,046.
  - iii) being the amount by which the aggregate at (c) i) above exceeds the aggregate at (c) ii) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act): £174,451,532.

- iv) being the amount at (c) iii) above (Item R), all divided by Item T ((a) i) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act as the basic amount of its Council Tax at Band D for the year (including Parish precepts: £1,360.72.
- v) being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34 (1) of the Act: (total of all Parish precepts including Charter Trustees): £9,982,466.
- vi) being the amount at (c) iv) above less the result given by dividing the amount at (c) v) above by Item T ((a) i) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax at Band D for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates: £1,282.86.

- (d) it be noted that for 2013/14 County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Authority has recommended the following amounts will be in the precept issued to the County Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Act, as shown in the table below:

**COUNTY DURHAM AND DARLINGTON FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
60.30	70.35	80.40	90.45	110.55	130.65	150.75	180.90

- (e) It be noted that for 2013/14 Durham Police and Crime Commissioner has recommended that the following amounts will be in the precept issued to the County Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Act, as shown in the table below:

**DURHAM POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
104.31	121.70	139.08	156.47	191.24	226.01	260.78	312.94

- (f) the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2013/14 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

**DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
855.24	997.78	1,140.32	1,282.86	1,567.94	1,853.02	2,138.10	2,565.72

**AGGREGATE OF COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENTS  
(excluding Parish, Town Council and Charter Trustees)**

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1,019.85	1,189.83	1,359.80	1,529.78	1,869.73	2,209.68	2,549.63	3,059.56

- (g) the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2013/14 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 522B Local Government Finance Act 1992.
- (h) the County Council, in accordance with Section 11A (4) of the Act sets a 0% discount for Second and Empty Furnished Homes.
- (i) the County Council, in accordance with Section 11A (4A) of the Act sets a 0% discount for dwellings defined in Classes C or D.
- (j) the County Council, in accordance with Section 11B (1b) of the Act sets a 150% premium for Long Term Empty Homes for 2013/14.
- (k) the Chief Executive be instructed to publish a notice in accordance with Section 38 (2) of the Act, relating to the amounts of council tax set.
- (l) the Chief Executive be instructed to publish a notice in accordance with Section 11A (6) and 11B (6) of the Act, relating to the discount set.

## **11 Housing Revenue Account Medium Term Financial Plan 2013/14 to 2017/18 and 2013/14 Budget**

The Council considered a report from Cabinet which provided details of the Cabinet's budget recommendations in respect of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) for 2013/14 to 2017/18 and the 2013/14 budget (for report see file of Minutes).

Councillor Wilkes commended the Cabinet Portfolio Holder on work done on some housing within the County but hoped sufficient investment was available for improvements to other properties, particularly garages and council owned land.

**Moved** by Councillor Robson, **Seconded** by Councillor Napier and

### **Resolved:**

That the report of the Cabinet and its recommendations be adopted in full.

## **12 Council Plan and Service Plans 2013 - 2017**

The Council considered a report of the Assistant Chief Executive that sought approval of the Council Plan 2013-2017

**Moved** by Councillor Henig, **Seconded** by Councillor Napier and

### **Resolved:**

That the recommendation contained in the report be approved.

**13 Interim arrangements for the discharge of functions for the period between the County Council elections and the reconstitution of Council Bodies**

The Council considered a report from the Head of Legal and Democratic Services which sought delegated authority for the discharge of County Council functions in the period between the County Council elections and the reconstitution of Council bodies.

**Moved** by Councillor Napier, **Seconded** by Councillor Henig, and

**Resolved:**

That the recommendations detailed in the report be approved.

**14 Request for Reduction of Council Size - Trimdon Parish Council**

The Council considered a report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services regarding a request from Trimdon Parish Council to reduce the number of Parish Councillors on the Parish Council from 21 to 13 (for copy see file of Minutes).

**Moved** by Councillor Nichols, **Seconded** by Councillor Laing and

**Resolved:**

That an order be made to reduce the number of Parish Councillors on Trimdon Parish Council from 21 to 13.

Councillors Brookes and Hovvels rejoined the meeting.

**15 Members' Allowances Scheme 2013/14**

The Council considered a report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services that sought agreement to a members allowance scheme for 2013/14, having due regard to the recommendation of the Independent Remuneration Panel.

Councillor Henig, reiterated the personal view he had expressed in previous years that the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel would be better determined at national level and it was incorrect for a Council to vote on its own allowances scheme.

**Moved** by Councillor Napier, **Seconded** by Councillor Henig and

**Resolved:**

That the current Members Allowances Scheme be adopted for 2013/14.

**16 Proposed Amendments to the Planning Code of Practice Section of the Constitution**

The Council considered a report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services which recommended amendments to the Planning Code of Conduct which were necessary as a consequence of changes made to the Ethical Standards Regime by the Localism Act 2011.

**Moved** by Councillor Foster, **Seconded** by Councillor Davidson, and

**Resolved:**

That the recommendation in the report be approved.

**17 Proposals to Rationalise Committee Functions in Dealing with Planning Applications for Wind Turbines**

The Council considered a report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Economic Development which proposed amendments to the Council's constitution to ensure that decisions on applications for wind turbines of a certain size and scale were dealt with by the appropriate planning committee.

**Moved** by Councillor Foster, **Seconded** by Councillor Davidson and

**Resolved:**

That the recommendation in the report be approved.

**18 New Byelaws for Acupuncture, Tattooing, Semi-permanent Skin Colouring, Cosmetic Piercing & Electrolysis**

The Council considered a report of the Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought approval to adopt legislation that would enable the creation of new byelaws in respect of acupuncture, tattooing, semi-permanent skin colouring, cosmetic piercing and electrolysis.

**Moved** by Councillor B Young, **Seconded** by Councillor Carr, and

**Resolved:**

That the recommendations in the report be approved.

**19 Motions on Notice**

Having regard to the length of time Council business had taken to transact, Councillor Wilkes informed the Council he would withdraw his Motion and submit it to the next meeting of the Council.

**20 Questions from Members**

There were no questions from Members.