

City of Durham

At an Extraordinary Meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Town Hall, Durham, on Thursday, 29th June, 2006, at 5.30 p.m.

Present: The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Durham, Councillor Lodge (in the Chair) and Councillors Bell, Carr, Colledge, Cummings, Dickie, Freeman, Graham, Hawgood, Holland, Hopgood, Howarth, Jackson, Kinghorn, Leake, McDonnell, Moderate, Pitts, Rae, Reynolds, Shaw, Simmons, Simpson, Southwell, Stoddart, Syer, Thomson, Turnbull, van Zwanenberg, Walker, Walton, Woods, Wynn and Young.

109. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cowper, Crathorne, Gibbon, Gill, Griffin, Hepplewhite, Lightley, Marsden, Norman, Robinson, Rochford, Smith, Taylor and Wolstenholme.

The Leader and Members congratulated the Mayor on his M.B.E. Members and Officers warmly applauded.

Report of the Director of Legal and Administration Services

110. CHANGES TO COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

As a consequence of the Director of Legal and Administration Services report to Cabinet on 17 May 2006 that neither the Mayor nor the Deputy Mayor could be Cabinet members, the following changes to Committee appointments were proposed:-

Cabinet

Councillor Thomson to replace Councillor Wynn
Councillor Dickie to replace Councillor Lodge

Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Moderate to replace Councillor Dickie

Policy Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Leake to replace Councillor Moderate
Councillor Wynn to replace Councillor Thomson

Environment Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Leake to replace Councillor Dickie

Licensing Panel

Councillor Lodge to replace Councillor Dickie
Councillor Wynn to replace Councillor Thomson

The Director of Legal and Administration Services reported at the Meeting that there was no change to Appeals Panel as Councillor Lodge was currently a Member of the Panel.

Resolved: That the replacement appointments be approved.

111. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The under mentioned changes were proposed:-

County Durham Association of Local Authorities (formerly known as County Joint Committee) –

Leader and Deputy Leader – post holders rather than named Councillors

Local Authority Forum of the Arts Council –

Councillor Holland as Portfolio Holder for Economic Development & Culture, to replace Councillor Wynn

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Central Durham Crematorium Joint Committee –

Councillor Thomson to replace Councillor Wynn

Resolved: That the replacement appointments be approved.

112. PORTFOLIO HOLDER APPOINTMENTS

The Leader had responsibility for deciding the allocation of executive responsibilities set out in the City Council's Constitution. With immediate effect the Leader had made the following changes to Portfolio Holder responsibilities:-

Housing - Councillor Thomson

Finance - Councillor Southwell

All other Portfolios remain unchanged.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

Report of Director of Strategic Resources

113. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2006

The Director of Strategic Resources submitted a comprehensive report that showed the main financial results for the year ended 31st March, 2006. The report summarised the income and expenditure incurred by the Council, and highlighted any changes in the financial position of the Council that occurred during the year.

The report had been considered at a Special Meeting of the Audit Overview Committee prior to submission to Council to enable Members to ask questions and go through the details of the accounts.

Members thanked the Audit Overview Committee and Officers' for an excellent job of producing the accounts so quickly.

Resolved: That the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st Mach, 2006 be approved.

114. STATEMENT OF INTERNAL CONTROL

The Director of Strategic Resources submitted a comprehensive report in relation to the Statement of Internal Control included in the 2005/2006 Statement of Accounts.

Resolved: That the Statement of Internal Control included in the 2005/2006 Statement of Accounts be approved.

The Meeting terminated at 5.45 p.m.

Mayor