City of Durham

At the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the **COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DURHAM** held in the Town Hall, Durham, on Tuesday, 23rd May, 2007 at 12 noon.

Present: The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Durham, Councillor Lodge (in the Chair) and Councillors Bartle, Bell, Carr, Crooks, Dickie, Guy, Holland, Hopgood, Howarth, Jackson, Kellett, Kinghorn, Laverick, Lightley, McDonnell, Marsden, Martin, Mavin, Mitchell, Moderate, Norman, Pitts, Plews, Rae, Reynolds, Robinson, Simmons, Simpson, D Smith, M.J.A. Smith, Stoddart, Taylor, Thompson, Thomson, Turnbull, van Zwanenberg, Walton, Wilkes, Wilkinson, Wolstenholme, Woods, Wynn and Young.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Colledge, Cowper, Freeman, Kelly, Southwell and Walker.

2. RECORDING OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Resolved: That in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 23, the Council consents to the taking of photographs during the Annual Council Meeting.

3. ELECTION OF MAYOR

Notice having been duly given, Councillor Simpson moved and Councillor Simmons seconded:-

"That Councillor Robert William Wynn, 50 Crossgate, Durham, DH1 4PS, be and is hereby elected Mayor of this City for the ensuing Municipal Year".

The MOTION on being put, was CARRIED and it was RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY.

4. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Notice having been duly given, Councillor van Zwanenberg moved and Councillor M Smith seconded:-

"That Councillor James Grenville Holland, 23 Albert Street, Western Hill, Durham, DH1 4RL, be and is hereby appointed Deputy Mayor of this City for the ensuing Municipal Year"

On the Motion being put before the Council, Councillor Holland was declared duly appointed as Deputy Mayor.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12.25 p.m. AND RESUMED AT 12.45 p.m.

5. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

After being robed and invested with the Chain of Office and Seal, Councillor Robert William Wynn made and delivered to the Chief Executive the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Mayor, occupied the Chair and addressed the Council and indicated that his Charity Appeal was in aid of Bowes Lyon Day Hospital.

6. PAST MAYOR AND MAYORESS JEWELS

The Mayor presented to Councillor Lodge and Mrs. McKenna the past Mayor and Mayoress Jewels as souvenirs to commemorate their year of Office.

7. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR

On the Motion of Councillor Dickie, seconded by Councillor Moderate and supported by Councillor Bell it was:

Resolved: That the Council tenders to Councillor Lodge and Mrs. McKenna its sincere thanks for the courteous, efficient and admirable manner in which they have discharged the important and exacting duties of the Office of Mayor and Consort of this City since May, 2006.

8. ADDRESS BY RETIRING MAYOR

Councillor Lodge expressed his appreciation to Members of the Council, the Staff and the Bodyguard for the courtesy they had shown and the assistance which he had been given to make his Year of Office a success.

9. MINUTES

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 26th February, 2007, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

10. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that the date for the Civic Dinner was 28th March, 2008. He also announced that Councillor Simpson had agreed to chair the Mayor's Appeal Committee.

11 APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL (MINUTES 9, 20th MAY, 2003, 313, 2nd NOVEMBER, 2004 &11, 3rd MAY, 2005)

Resolved: That in accordance with Articles 4.2(d) and 7.3(d) of the Constitution, Councillor Reynolds be re-elected Leader of the Council for the municipal years 2007 to 2009.

12. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL (MINUTES 10, 20th MAY, 2003, 12, 3rd MAY, 2005 & 139, 11th JULY, 2006)

Resolved: That Councillor Woods be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the municipal years 2007 to 2009.

13. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

Resolved: That the following Officers be appointed:-

(a)	Pant Master	Executive Director.

(b) Billet Master North Area Divisional Commander, Durham

Constabulary.

(c) Macebearer
 (d) Swordbearer
 (e) Deputy Bearer
 (f) Assistant Deputy Bearer
 Mr. B. Petre.
 Mr. J. Lindsley.
 Mr. J. Fleetham.
 Mr. D. Baker.

14. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS

Councillor Lodge moved deferral of this item for further consideration of the appointment of opposition members to Chair and Vice-Chair appointments in relation to Scrutiny.

Councillor Bell Seconded.

The AMENDMENT on being put was declared LOST.

(a) Cabinet

Resolved: (i) That, the political representation on the Cabinet be the Leader of the Council, 7 Liberal Democrat Members, 1 Labour Member and 1 Independent Member.

(ii) That the membership be as follows:-

Liberal Democrat Members:

Councillors Jackson, Pitts, Rae, Reynolds, Southwell, Thomson, van Zwanenberg and Woods.

Labour Member:

Councillor Bell.

Independent Member:

Councillor Dickie.

- (iii) That Councillor Reynolds be elected Chairman of the Cabinet.
- (iv) That Councillor Woods be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Cabinet.
- (v) That in accordance with Article 7.4(d) of the Constitution, the Members be appointed for a 2 year period, until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May, 2009.

(b) Scrutiny Committee

Resolved: (i) That the political representation on the Scrutiny Committee be 8 Liberal Democrat Members, 3 Labour Members and 1 Independent Member.

(ii) That the membership be as follows:-

Liberal Democrat Members:

Councillors Colledge, Freeman, Hopgood, Howarth, Simpson, Walton, Wilkes and Wolstenholme.

Labour Members:

Councillors McDonnell, Mitchell and Robinson.

Independent Member:

Councillor Moderate.

- (iii) That Councillor Hopgood be elected Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee.
- (iv) That Councillor Howarth be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee.
- (v) That the Members be appointed for a 2 year period, until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May, 2009.

(c) Policy Scrutiny Panel

Resolved: (i) That the political representation on the Policy Scrutiny Panel be 7 Liberal Democrat Members, 4 Labour Members and 1 Independent Member.

(ii) That the membership be as follows:-

Liberal Democrat Members:

Councillors Freeman, Lightley, Martin, Simmons, Walker, Wilkes, and Wolstenholme.

Labour Members:

Councillors Cowper, Kellett, McDonnell and Thompson.

Independent Member:

Councillor Lodge.

- (iii) That Councillor Wilkes be elected Chairman of the Policy Scrutiny Panel.
- (iv) That Councillor Freeman be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Policy Scrutiny Panel.
- (v) That the Members be appointed for a 2 year period, until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May, 2009.

(d) Environment Scrutiny Panel

Resolved: (i) That the political representation on the Environment Scrutiny Panel be 7 Liberal Democrat Members, 4 Labour Members and 1 Independent Member.

(iii) That the membership be as follows:-

Liberal Democrat Members:

Councillors Colledge, Crooks, Martin, Mavin, Simpson, Wilkinson and Wolstenhome.

Labour Members:

Councillors Carr, Kelly, Mitchell and Turnbull.

Independent Member:

Councillor Moderate.

- (iii) That Councillor Wolstenholme be elected Chairman of the Environment Scrutiny Panel.
- (iv) That Councillor Simpson be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Environment Scrutiny Panel.
- (v) That the Members be appointed for a 2 year period, until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May, 2009.

(e) Community Services Review Panel

Resolved: (i) That the political representation on the Community Services Scrutiny Panel be 7 Liberal Democrat Members, 4 Labour Members and 1 Independent Member.

(iii) That the membership be as follows:-

Liberal Democrat Members:

Councillors Crooks, Howarth, Lightley, Mavin, Norman, Walton and Young.

Labour Members:

Councillors Laverick, Robinson, D. Smith and Taylor.

Independent Member:

Councillor Moderate.

- (iii) That Councillor Howarth be elected Chairman of the Community Services Scrutiny Panel.
- (i) That Councillor Walton be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Community Services Scrutiny Panel.
- (v) That the Members be appointed for a 2 year period, until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May, 2009.

(f) Economic Review Panel

Resolved: (i) That the political representation on the Economic Scrutiny Panel be 7 Liberal Democrat Members and 5 Labour Members.

(iii) That the membership be as follows:-

Liberal Democrat Members:

Councillors Colledge, Guy, Hopgood, Lightley, Simmons, Simpson and Wilkes.

Labour Members:

Councillors Carr, Kelly, Mitchell, Stoddart and Turnbull.

- (iii) That Councillor Hopgood be elected Chairman of the Economic Scrutiny Panel.
- (iv) That Councillor Colledge be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Economic Scrutiny Panel.
- (v) That the Members be appointed for a 2 year period, until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May, 2009.

(g) Development Control Committee

Resolved: (i) That the political representation on the Development Control Committee be 14 Liberal Democrat Members, 8 Labour Members and 1 Independent Member.

(ii) That the membership be as follows:-

Liberal Democrat Members:

Councillors Crooks, Freeman, Guy, Holland, Howarth, Kinghorn, Norman, Rae, Simmons, Simpson, Southwell, Walker, Wolstenholme and Young.

Labour Members:

Councillors Bell, Carr, Cowper, Laverick, Marsden, Plews, Stoddart and Taylor.

Independent Members:

Councillor Lodge.

- (iii) That Councillor Norman be elected Chairman of the Development Control Committee.
- (iv) That Councillor Simmons be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Development Control Committee.
- (v) That the Members be appointed for a 2 year period, until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May, 2009.

(h) Licensing Panel

Resolved: (i) That the political representation on the Licensing Panel be 9 Liberal Democrat Members, 5 Labour Members and 1 Independent Member.

(ii) That the membership be as follows:-

Liberal Democrat Members:

Councillors Kinghorn, Lightley, Smith, Walker, Walton, Wilkinson, Wolstenholme, Wynn and Young.

Labour Members:

Councillors Bartle, Kellett, Marsden, Stoddart and Turnbull.

Independent Member:

Councillor Lodge.

- (iii) That Councillor Smith be elected Chairman of the Licensing Panel.
- (iv) That Councillor Kinghorn be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Licensing Panel.
- (v) That the Members be appointed for a 2 year period, until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May, 2009.

(i) Appeals Panel

Resolved: (i) That the political representation on the Appeals Panel be 3 Liberal Democrat Members, 1 Labour Members and 1 Independent Member.

(ii) That the membership be as follows:-

Liberal Democrat Members:

Councillors Jackson, Walker and Wynn.

Labour Members:

Councillors Robinson.

Independent Member:

Councillor Dickie.

- (iii) That Councillor Walker be elected Chairman of the Appeals Panel.
- (iv) That Councillor Jackson be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Appeals Panel.
- (v) That the Members be appointed for a 2 year period, until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May, 2009.

(j) Standards Committee

Resolved: (i) That the political representation on the Standards Committee be 2 Liberal Democrat Members, 1 Labour Member and 1 Independent Member, together with 2 Parish Councillors and 3 Independent Members of the Public.

(ii) That the political membership be as follows:-

Liberal Democrat Members:

Councillors Holland and Simpson.

Labour Member:

Councillor Thompson.

Independent Member:

Councillor Moderate.

(iii) That the Members be appointed for a 2 year period, until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May, 2009.

(k) Audit Overview Committee

Resolved: (i) That the political representation on the Audit Overview Committee be 3 Liberal Democrat Members and 1 Labour Member and 1 Independent Member.

(ii) That the membership be as follows:-

Liberal Democrat Members:

Councillors Jackson, Martin and Walker.

Labour Members:

Councillor D. Smith.

Independent Member:

Councillor Dickie.

- (iii) That Councillor Walker be elected Chairman of the Audit Overview Committee.
- (iv) That Councillor Martin be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Audit Overview Committee.
- (v) That the Members be appointed for a 2 year period, until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May, 2009.

15. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES – BIENNIAL& PERIODIC APPOINTMENTS

Councillor Bell moved and Councillor Mitchell seconded that Councillor Kelly be appointed to the East Durham Groundwork Trust, Councillor Laverick be appointed to the Neil Griffin Opportunities for Youth Trust and Councillor Mitchell be appointed to Durham Heart of the City Ltd.

The AMENDMENT on being put was declared LOST.

Councillor Reynolds moved and Councillor Pitts seconded that the appointments be moved as set out on the agenda.

The AMENDMENT on being put was CARRIED and it was RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY.

Resolved: (I) That the Members named in Appendix 'A' be appointed to represent the City Council on the various Outside Bodies for a two year period, until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May, 2009.

(ii) That the Members named in Appendix 'B' be appointed to represent the City Council on the various Outside Bodies.

Report of the Director of Legal and Administration Services

16. EXECUTIVE PROCEDURE RULES

In accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 1.2 of the Executive Procedure Rules, the Leader was required to present to Annual Council a written record of delegations made by him for inclusion in the Council's Scheme of Delegations, at Part 3 of the Constitution.

A number of changes had been made to the current scheme of delegations and these were circulated.

Resolved: That the Scheme of Delegations, as now amended, be approved and the appropriate amendments be made to the City Council's Constitution.

17. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME

Further to Minute 531, 26th February 2007, Full Council considered the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on Members' Allowances and had agreed that the Council formally approve and adopt the recommendations contained in the report, subject to one amendment.

Resolved: That the Constitution be amended to reflect the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel and Full Council as set out in the circulated Appendix.

18. SCRUTINY REPORTS

At the Scrutiny Committee held on the 22nd March 2007, the following panel reports were agreed:-

Policy Scrutiny Panel

- Working with Parish Councils
- Telephone Communications Systems Update Report
- Sickness Absence Report of Review

Community Services Scrutiny Panel

Scrutiny of Gypsy/Traveller Sites

Economic Scrutiny Panel

Scrutiny of Tourism in the City of Durham

Resolved: That the reports be submitted for consideration at the Next Cabinet meeting.

Note: Councillor Lightley declared a personal interest in the undermentioned item and remained in the Meeting during consideration thereof.

19. CONFERMENT OF FREEDOM OF ENTRY TO THE CITY, ON THE RIFLES REGIMENT

Notice having been duly given, Councillor Lodge moved and Councillor Lightley seconded:-

"That in recognition of the long and close association between the City of Durham Council and the Durham Light Infantry, and an acknowledgement of the incorporation of the Durham Light Infantry within The Rifles Regiment, the City Council confer upon The Rifles Regiment, the right, privilege and honour of marching through the streets of Durham on ceremonial occasions with swords drawn, bayonets fixed, drums beating, bands playing and colours flying".

The MOTION on being put, was CARRIED and it was RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY.

20. PRESENTATION OF MAYORAL SERVICE MEDALS

The Mayor presented Mayoral Services Medals to Mr. Fleetham, Mr. Petre, Mr. Patience and Mr. Philips, Members of the Bodyguard, in recognition of their service to successive Mayors.

Members and Officers warmly applauded.

The Meeting terminated at 1.20 p.m.

Mayor



BIENNIAL APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2007/2009

The term of office of the Representatives on the Organisations listed will expire in May, 2007. Members are asked to agree to the Representatives as listed until May, 2009.

Body	Representative
Esh Winning Community Association – Management Committee (6A)	Councillor Wilkinson
Esh Winning Family Care Association – Executive Committee (6B)	Councillor Guy
The Bow Trust (Durham) Ltd. (8)	Councillor Freeman
National Housing & Town Planning Council Northern Regional Committee (15)	Portfolio Member for Housing
Northern Sport (16)	Portfolio Member for Environment & Leisure and Head of Environment & Leisure
Age Concern Durham County (24)	Councillors Kinghorn & Young
National Society for Clean Air (Northern Division) (26)	Portfolio Member for Environment & Leisure together with Councillors Dickie, Kellett and Wolstenholmne and the Head of Environment & Leisure
North Regional Home Safety Council (32)	Portfolio Member for Community Development together with Councillor Lightley and the Head of Environment & Leisure
Durham Community Association - Management Committee (35)	Councillor Simpson
The Business Club (41)	Portfolio Member for Economic Development & Culture together with Chair of Economic Scrutiny and the Head of Community Services
Local Authority Forum of the Arts Council (42B)	Councillor Pitts & the Director of Durham City Arts

Body	Representative
County of Durham Association of Local Authorities (47)	The Leader of the Council and the Deputy Leader of the Council
(a)Durham County Pension Fund (b) Regional Arts Council	Councillor Jackson Portfolio Holder for Economic Development & Culture
(c) Early Years Development	Councillor M. J.A. Smith
Northern Regional Brass Band Trust - General Management Committee (49)	Councillor Kinghorn
City of Durham Sports Forum (50)	Portfolio Member for Environment & Leisure and the Chairman of Community Services Scrutiny Panel and Councillor Simpson
Museums Sub-Committee of the University of Durham (Former Old Fulling Mill Museum Management Committee) (51)	Councillor Norman
Durham County Association for the Disabled Executive Committee (53)	Councillor Crooks
U.K. Athletics (55)	Portfolio Member for Environment & Leisure and the Chairman of Community Services Scrutiny Panel and the Head of Environment & Leisure
Gilesgate Comprehensive School Shared Use Facilities –	
(a) Joint Shared Use Liaison Committee	Pelaw & Gilesgate Ward Councillors
(b) Community Association Committee (59A)	Councillors Laverick and Thompson and the Head of Community Services
Laurel Avenue Shared Use Facilities –	
(a) Joint Shared Use Liaison Committee	Pelaw & Gilesgate Ward Councillors
(b) Community Association Committee (59B)	Councillors Mitchell & Thompson and the Head of Community Services
Durham Police – Community Group (60)	Councillors Kinghorn & Walton
Association of North East Councils' (61a)	Leader of the Council Substitute: Deputy Leader of the Council

Body	Representative
North East Regional Assembly (61b)	Deputy Leader of the Council Substitute Leader of the Council
Association for Public Service Excellence & Associated Bodies (Formerly the Association of Direct Labour Organisations)	Portfolio Member for Housing and the Head of Property Services
(a) Leisure Management Working Group (65)	Portfolio Member for Environment & Leisure and the Head of Environment & Leisure
Durham City Arts Ltd. (71)	No nominations required
Coalfields Communities Campaign (Northern Region) (78)	Leader of the Council and the Portfolio Member for Economic Development & Culture and the Head of Community Services
Durham City Access Group (79)	Portfolio Member for Environment & Leisure and the Head of Property Services
ENCAMS (Formerly Tidy North Regional Consultative Committee) (80)	Portfolio Member for Environment & Leisure and the Chairman of the Environment Scrutiny Panel and the Head of Environment & Leisure
Executive Officers Group for the Chester-le-Street and City of Durham Community Safety Partnership (Formerly the City of Durham Community Safety Steering Group) (84)	Portfolio Member for Community Development together with the Chief Executive and the Community Safety Officer
National Association of Councillors North Region Management Committee and General Management Committee (85)	Councillor Jackson
Sustainable Waste Management Strategy for County Durham - Joint Steering Group (89)	Portfolio Member for Environment & Leisure and the Head of Environment & Leisure



APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES PERIODIC APPOINTMENTS DUE FOR RENEWAL

The term of office of the undermentioned Representatives on the Organisations listed will expire on the dates indicated in the Report. Members are asked to agree to the Representatives as listed.

Body	Representative
North East Regional Employers' Organisation (12)	Deputy Leader of the Council and the Portfolio Holder for Human Resources Terms of Office ends 30 th June, 2008 (Minute 353, 6 th December, 2004)
Durham County Council Valuation & Community Charge Tribunal (17)	Councillor Walker Term of Office ends 31 st May, 2010
Durham Citizens Advice Bureau (22)	Councillors Howarth, Southwell & Young Term of Office ends 30 th April, 2009
Lord Crew's Apprenticeship Fund & Durham Education Foundation – Representative Trustees (28A)	Councillors Jackson and Lodge Term of Office ends 31 st May, 2011
Henry Smith's Charity (28B)	Councillors Cowper, Simpson and Walker Term of Office 31 st May 2008
Charities of Jane Finney and Jane Smith (28C)	Councillor Rae Term of Office ends 13 th February, 2008
Bishop Cosin's Almshouses Trustees (31A)	Councillors Freeman, Plews, Robinson and Wynn Term of Office ends 30 th April, 2008
Sherburn Hospital Representative Govenors (31B)	Councillor Lightley Term of Office ends August 2010
Central Durham Joint Crematorium Committee (33)	Councillors Dickie, Jackson, Pitts, Reynolds, Southwell, Thomson, van Zwanenberg and Woods Term of Office ends 31st May, 2011

Body	Representative
The Local Government Association (47B)	
(a) General Assembly	Leader of the Council Term of Office ends July, 2008 (Minute 353 6th December, 2004)
(b) Rural Commission	Councillor Jackson Term of Office ends June, 2008
© Urban Commission	Councillor Southwell Term of Office ends June, 2008
Durham Rural Community Council (58A)	Councillor Walton No fixed Term of Office
Ruth First Educational Trust	Councillor Holland Tern of Office expires 31 st July, 2009
University, New College, Police & City Liaison Group (formerly City/University Liaison Group) (74)	Chairman & Vice-Chairman of Cabinet; Elvet Ward Councillors; Nevilles Cross Ward Councillors; St. Nicholas Ward Councillors; Pelaw & Gilesgate Ward Councillors; together with the Chief Executive No fixed Term of Office (Minute 353 6th December, 2004)
The East Durham Groundwork Trust (83)	Councillors Crooks and Wilkinson Term of Office expires 31 st July, 2009
Neil Griffin Opportunities for Youth (86)	Councillors Howarth and Norman Term of Office 30 th April, 2011
Sheraton Park (New College) Liaison Committee (87)	Chairman & Vice-Chairman of Development Control Committee & Nevilles Cross Ward Councillors and the Head of Community Services No fixed Term of Office
The South East Durham Concordat (Environmental Services) Joint Best Value Review – Joint Committee (88)	Leader of the Council, Portfolio Members for Corporate Affairs & Procurement & Environment & Leisure. No fixed Term of Office (Minute 353 6th December, 2004)
Durham City Forum	Leader of the Council No Fixed Term of Office (Min 496 21 st February, 2005)
Durham Villages Regeneration Ltd	Councillor Reynolds; Councillor Southwell; Councillor Bell and the Chief Executive No Fixed Term of Office (Min 629 8th March, 2004 and Min 426 17th January, 2005)

Body	Representative
Durham Housing Partnership Ltd	Councillor Southwell No Fixed Term of Office (Min 151(c) 21 st July, 2003)
Durham Heart of the City Ltd	Councillor Wynn, Chief Executive and the Director of Strategic Resources No Fixed Term of Office (Min 151(b) 21st July, 2003 & 563(b) 9th February, 2004)
Chester-le-Street & City of Durham Enterprise Agency (64)	The Portfolio Member for Economic Development & Culture and Councillor Lightley and the Head of Community Services No Fixed Term of Office