

City of Durham

At the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the **COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DURHAM** held in the Town Hall, Durham, on Tuesday, 6th May, 2008 at 12 noon.

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cowper, Marsden, Plews and Taylor.

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 Martin moved and Councillor M.J.A. Smith seconded:-

“That Councillor James Grenville Holland, 23 Albert Street, Western Hill, Durham, DH1 4RL, be and is hereby appointed 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 Lodge moved and Councillor Moderate seconded:-

“That Councillor Ronald Gardiner Dicke, 8 Camsell Court, Durham Moor, DH1 5FQ be and is hereby appointed Deputy Mayor of this City for the ensuing Municipal Year”.

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

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12.25 p.m. AND RESUMED AT 12.33 p.m.

5. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

After being robed and invested with the Chain of Office and Seal, Councillor James Grenville Holland made and delivered to the Executive Director 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 County Durham Society for the Blind and Partially Sighted.

6. PAST MAYOR AND MAYORESS JEWELS

The Mayor presented to Councillor Wynn and Mrs. Fisher 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 Simpson, seconded by Councillor Simmons and supported by Councillor Lodge it was:

Resolved: That the Council tenders to Councillor Wynn and Mrs. Fisher 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 Mayoress of this City since May, 2007.

8. ADDRESS BY RETIRING MAYOR

Councillor Wynn 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 Meetings of the Council held on 26th February, 2008 and 5th March, 2008, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

10. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that a full programme of civic events would take place throughout the year. In view of this been the final year of the City Council, Members were asked to unite and do so with pride.

11. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

Resolved: That the following Officers be appointed:-

(a)	Pant Master	Head of Environment & Leisure Services.
(b)	Billet Master	North Area Divisional Commander, Durham Constabulary.
(c)	Macebearer	Mr. B. Petre.
(d)	Swordbearer	Mr. J. Fleetham.
(e)	Deputy Bearer	Mr. D. Baker.
(f)	Assistant Deputy Bearer	Mr. F. Bilton.

Report of the Director of Corporate Services

12. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO OUTSIDE BODIES

(a) UNIVERSITY, NEW COLLEGE, POLICE AND CITY LIAISON GROUP

The Leader of the Council had requested that the Portfolio Holder for Communities replace the Chair of Cabinet as one of the City of Durham Council representatives on the above mentioned outside body.

Resolved: That the changes in the appointments be approved.

(b) HENRY SMITH'S CHARITY

Due to Councillor Walker resigning from the Liberal Democrat Party a replacement representative was required.

Resolved: That Councillor Lightley be appointed as the City Council's representative on the Henry Smith's Charity to replace Councillor Walker.

(c) CHARITIES OF JANE FINNEY & JANE SMITH

The term of office of Councillor Rae as a Trustee on the abovementioned Charity expired on 13th February, 2008 and instructions were requested as to her replacement.

Resolved: That Councillor Simmons be appointed to serve as the Council's representative on the Charities of Jane Finney and Jane Smith.

(d) DURHAM CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU

The term of office of Councillors Howarth, Southwell and Young as City Council representatives on the abovementioned outside body expired on 30th April, 2008 and instructions were requested as to their replacement/reappointment.

Resolved: That Councillors Howarth, Southwell and Young be reappointed to serve as the Council's representatives on the abovementioned outside body.

Report of the Head of Legal and Strategic Services

13. EXECUTIVE PROCEDURE RULES

In accordance with 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.

The Leader had decided to reduce the number of members on Cabinet to 9, being 7 Liberal Democrats members, 1 Labour member and 1 Independent member. The delegations in the portfolios of the Leader and Deputy Leader had been amended, with a number of minor and consequential amendments being made to other portfolios. A copy of the proposed amended scheme of delegation had been circulated.

The Leader of the Council indicated at the Meeting that the Deputy Leader would be taking over the duties of the Environment Portfolio.

Resolved: That the scheme of delegations be approved and amendments made to the City Council's Constitution as appropriate.

14. POLITICAL BALANCE

In view of the fact that a number of Members had resigned from their political parties, it had been necessary to recalculate the political balance on a number of committees and panels. A copy of the political balance of the council was circulated.

As a consequence of the above, a copy of the proposed membership of the council's various committees was circulated.

Resolved: That the membership of the Councils Panels and Committees be as set out in Appendix A.

**15. STANDARDS COMMITTEE
(Min 15, 3rd May, 2005)**

Three independent members of the public sit on the Standards Committee. At Council on the 3rd May, 2005, it was resolved that Mrs. Tina Naples and Mr. Doug Hollingworth would sit as independent members with their term of office to expire in May 2008. In view of local government review, it was proposed that all three independent members be reappointed to

the Standards Committee until 31st March, 2009. This would minimise recruitment costs to the council and ensure that it had a properly constituted Standards Committee.

Resolved: That Mr. B. Ingleby, Mrs. T. Naples and Mr. D. Hollingworth be appointed as independent members to the Standards Committee until 31st March 2009.

16. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Standards Committee had prepared an annual report on their activities in the last year, a copy of which had been circulated for information.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

17. MAYOR'S BODYGUARD

Mr. D. Watson, was duly sworn in as a Member of the Mayor's Bodyguard.

Members and Officers warmly applauded.

18. PRESENTATION OF MAYORAL SERVICE MEDALS

The Mayor presented Mayoral Services Medals to Mr. Bilton and Major Gazzard, 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

REPRESENTATIONS ON COMMITTEES AND PANELS 2008/2009

CABINET

Comprising 9 Members – Leader of Council, plus 6 Liberal Democrat Members,
1 Labour Member
1 Independent Member

Chairman – Councillor Reynolds
Vice Chairman – Councillor Woods

Liberal Democrat Members

Councillors Jackson, Pitts, Reynolds, Southwell, Thomson, Van Zwanenberg and Woods

Labour Member

Councillor Bell

Independent Member

Councillor Moderate

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Comprising 15 Members – 8 Liberal Democrat Members
5 Labour Members
2 Independent Members

Chairman – Councillor Hopgood
Vice Chair – Councillor Howarth

Liberal Democrat Members

Councillors Colledge, Freeman, Hopgood, Howarth, Simpson, Walton, Wilkes and Wilkinson

Labour Members

Councillors Carr, Kelly, McDonnell, Mitchell and Turnbull

Independent Members

Councillors Rae and Robinson

POLICY SCRUTINY

Comprising 13 Members – 7 Liberal Democrat Members
4 Labour Members
2 Independent Members

Chairman – Councillor Wilkes
Vice Chair - Councillor Freeman

Liberal Democrat Members

Councillors Freeman, Lightley, Martin, Simmons, Simpson, Wilkes and Wynn.

Labour Members

Councillors Cowper, Kellett, McDonnell and Thompson

Independent Members

Councillor Walker and Wolstenholme

ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY PANEL

Comprising 13 Members – 7 Liberal Democrat Members
4 Labour Members
2 Independent Members

Chair – Councillor Simpson
Vice Chair – Councillor Wilkinson

Liberal Democrat Members

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

Labour Members

Councillors Carr, Kelly, Mitchell and Turnbull.

Independent Members

Councillors Rae and Wolstenholme

COMMUNITY SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL

Comprising 13 Members – 7 Liberal Democratic Members
4 Labour Members
2 Independent Members

Chair – Councillor Howarth
Vice Chair – Councillor Walton

Liberal Democrat Members

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

Labour Members

Councillors Cowper, Laverick, McDonnell and Taylor.

Independent Members

Councillors Robinson and Smith

ECONOMIC SCRUTINY PANEL

Comprising 13 Members – 7 Liberal Democratic Members
4 Labour Members
2 Independent Members

Chair – Councillor Hopgood
Vice Chair – Councillor Colledge

Liberal Democrat Members

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

Labour Members

Councillors Bartle, Marsden, Plews and Stoddart.

Independent Members

Councillors Smith and Walker

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

Comprising 23 Members – 12 Liberal Democrat Members
7 Labour Members
4 Independent Members

Chair – Councillor Norman
Vice Chair – Councillor Simmons

Liberal Democrat Members

Councillors Crooks, Freeman, Guy, Holland, Howarth, Kinghorn, Norman, Pitts, Simmons, Simpson, Southwell and Young

Labour Members

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

Independent Members

Councillors Dickie, Rae, Smith and Walker

LICENSING PANEL

Comprising 15 Members – 8 Liberal Democrat Members
5 Labour Members
2 Independent Members

Chair – Councillors Mrs Smith
Vice Chair – Councillor Kinghorn

Liberal Democrat Members

Councillors Crooks, Kinghorn, Lightley, Smith, Walton, Wilkinson, Wynn and Young

Labour Members

Councillors Bartle, Kellett, Marsden, Stoddart and Turnbull

Independent Members

Councillors Lodge and Wolstenholme

APPEALS PANEL

Comprising 5 Members – 3 Liberal Democrat Members
1 Labour Member
1 Independent Member

Chair – Councillor Wynn
Vice Chair – Councillor Jackson

Liberal Democrat Members

Councillors Jackson, Wynn and Young

Labour Members

Councillor Bartle

Independent Members

Councillor Robinson

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Comprising 4 City Council Members – 2 Liberal Democrat Members
1 Labour Member
1 Independent Member

Chair – Mr B Ingleby
Vice Chair – Mrs T Naples

Liberal Democrat Members
Councillors Holland, Simpson

Labour Member
Councillor Thompson

Independent Member
Councillor Lodge

Parish Councillors – Councillor Anderson and Councillor Mrs Hudson
Independent Members – Mr Ingleby, Mr Hollingworth, Mrs Naples

AUDIT OVERVIEW

Comprising 5 Members – 3 Liberal Democrat members
1 Labour Member
1 Independent Member

Chair – Councillor Lightley
Vice Chair – Councillor Martin

Liberal Democrat Members
Councillors Jackson, Martin and Lightley

Labour Member
Councillor Kellett

Independent Member
Councillor Dickie