

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Council Chamber,
Council Offices,
Spennymoor

Friday,
18 May 2007

Time: 11.00 a.m.

Present: Councillor Mrs. L. Hovvels (Mayor) and

Councillors Mrs. A.M. Armstrong, B.F. Avery J.P, Mrs. D. Bowman, D.R. Brown, J. Burton, V. Chapman, D. Chaytor, Mrs. K. Conroy, Mrs. P. Crathorne, V. Crosby, T.F. Forrest, Mrs. B. Graham, A. Gray, G.C. Gray, Mrs. J. Gray, D.M. Hancock, J.E. Higgin, A. Hodgson, G.M.R. Howe, J.G. Huntington, Mrs. S. J. Iveson, Mrs. I. Jackson, J.M. Khan, B. Lamb, Mrs. E. Maddison, C. Nelson, B.M. Ord, Mrs. C. Potts, J. Robinson J.P, A. Smith, B. Stephens, K. Thompson, T. Ward, W. Waters, J. Wayman J.P and Mrs E. M. Wood

Apologies: Councillors W.M. Blenkinsopp, T. Brimm, Mrs. L. M.G. Cuthbertson, D. Farry, P. Gittins, B. Haigh, Mrs. S. Haigh, Mrs. I. Hewitson, T. Hogan, Mrs. H.J. Hutchinson, D.A. Newell, Mrs. E.M. Paylor and A. Warburton

MAYORS ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Mayor referred to her year in office, which she had found to be extremely busy and most enjoyable.

She had attended many events and had been most impressed and touched by the variety of people she had been privileged to meet. They included centenarians as well as couples celebrating notable wedding anniversaries. She had tried to involve schools and young people throughout her civic year and had enjoyed the occasions when they had visited the Council Offices to learn about a Mayor's role and how the Council functions and the services provided.

Specific reference was made to her nominated charities the Learning Library, Spennymoor and Little Hands, Kenya, for which she had raised £12,788 during her term in office. She thanked the local community, business sector and members of staff for their support and generosity.

Councillor Mrs. Hovvels presented Jackie Heslop, Manager of The Learning Library, and Helen Rolfe, representative of Little Hands, Kenya with cheques. Both Jackie Heslop and Helen Rolfe expressed their thanks and appreciation for the donations.

She also expressed her thanks to Councillor Brian Hall for the support and assistance he had given her throughout the past year .

C.1/07

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

C.2/07

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR

RESOLVED : That Councillor Mrs. S.J. Iveson be elected Mayor for the 2007/08 Municipal Year.

Councillor Mrs. Iveson signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Mayor and took the Chair.

Councillor Mrs. Iveson said that it was an honour and a tremendous privilege to accept the position of Mayor and she would endeavour to carry out the duties with dignity and commitment that the position merits.

Her chosen charity for the year would be the Children's Diabetes Trust Fund, which was a fund for children with diabetes who were suitable to be treated with insulin pumps.

She presented Councillor Mrs. Hovvells with a gift to commemorate her year in office and acknowledge the commitment she had shown in carrying out her duties.

C.3/07

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

RESOLVED : That Councillor J. Robinson, JP., be elected Deputy Mayor for the 2007/08 Municipal Year.

Councillor J. Robinson, JP., signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Deputy Mayor.

C.4/07

APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

RESOLVED : That Councillor Mrs. A.M. Armstrong be elected Leader of the Council for the 2007/08 Municipal Year.

C.5/07

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

RESOLVED : That Councillor V. Crosby be elected Deputy Leader of the Council for the 2007/08 Municipal Year.

C.6/07

ELECTION OF BOROUGH COUNCILLORS - 3rd MAY 2007 RESULTS OF POLL

Consideration was given to a report of the Returning Officer detailing the results of the Borough Council Elections held on 3rd May 2007. (For copy see file of Minutes).

RESOLVED : That the report be received.

C.7/07

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Executive seeking approval to amend the Council's Constitution in respect of the remit of the Employment Issues Panel. (For copy see file of Minutes).

Members noted that the proposals for change, detailed in the appendix to the report, reflected the additional responsibilities placed on the Panel in relation to the retirement policies that had been agreed by Cabinet at its meeting on 26th April 2007.

RESOLVED : *That the amendments set out in the Appendix be approved and the Council's Monitoring Officer be directed to :*

- a) *Amend the Constitution accordingly and make all necessary and consequential amendments.*
- b) *Publish an amended version on the Council's website.*

C.8/07

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT 1989 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (COMMITTEES AND POLITICAL GROUPS) REGULATIONS 1990

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Executive regarding the allocation of seats on Committees to Political Groups in accordance with the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990. (For copy see file of Minutes).

The report also set out the membership of political groups following the Local Elections on 3rd May 2007.

- RESOLVED :**
1. *That the allocation of seats to political groups be in accordance with the schedule attached to the report. (Appendix A).*
 2. *That the membership of political groups be noted. (Appendix B).*

CABINET, COMMITTEES, PANELS, FORUMS, WORKING PARTIES AND GROUPS: MEMBERSHIP 2007/08

C.9/07

CABINET

RESOLVED : *That the Cabinet comprises the following Members :*

Councillor Mrs. A.M. Armstrong	Strategic Leadership
Councillor Mrs. K. Conroy	Community Health
Councillor V. Crosby	Social Regeneration & Partnership
Councillor Mrs. B. Graham	Leisure & Culture
Councillor A. Hodgson	Environment
Councillor Mrs. L. Hovvells	Learning & Employment
Councillor J.M. Khan	Safer Communities
Councillor D. A. Newell	Planning & Development
Councillor W. Waters	Housing

C.10/07 STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP - OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED : That the Strategic Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee comprises the following Members:

Chairman : Councillor A. Gray
Vice-Chairman: Councillor B.F. Avery J.P.

Members : Councillor D.R. Brown
Councillor V. Chapman
Councillor D. Farry
Councillor T.F. Forrest
Councillor Mrs. J. Gray
Councillor B. Haigh
Councillor T. Hogan
Councillor Ms. I. Jackson
Councillor B.M. Ord

C.11/07 HEALTHY BOROUGH WITH STRONG COMMUNITIES - OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED : That the Healthy Borough With Strong Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee comprises the following Members:

Chairman : Councillor J.E. Higgin
Vice-Chairman: Councillor Mrs. P. Crathorne

Members : Councillor W.M. Blenkinsopp
Councillor D. Bowman
Councillor J. Burton
Councillor Mrs. S. Haigh
Councillor Mrs. H.J. Hutchinson
Councillor Mrs. E.M. Paylor
Councillor K. Thompson
Councillor T. Ward
Councillor J. Wayman, J.P.
Councillor Mrs. E.M. Wood

Plus 2 Co-optees (non-voting)

C.12/07 PROSPEROUS AND ATTRACTIVE BOROUGH - OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED : That the Prosperous and Attractive Borough Overview and Scrutiny Committee comprises the following Members:

Chairman : Councillor G.C. Gray
Vice-Chairman: Councillor B. Lamb

Members : Councillor Mrs. L. Cuthbertson
Councillor P. Gittins
Councillor D.M. Hancock
Councillor Mrs. I. Hewitson
Councillor G.M.R. Howe
Councillor Mrs. E. Maddison
Councillor B. Stephens
Councillor J. Robinson, J.P.
Councillor A. Smith
Councillor A. Warburton

Plus 2 Co-optees (non-voting)

C.13/07

AUDIT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED : *That the Audit Committee comprises the following Members:*

Chairman : Councillor D. Chaytor
Vice-Chairman: Councillor J.G. Huntington

Members : Councillor T.D. Brimm
Councillor C. Nelson
Councillor Mrs. C. Potts
Councillor B. Stephens
Mr B. Argyle (Co-Opted Member - Non Voting)

C.14/07

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

RESOLVED : *That the Development Control Committee comprises the following Members :*

Chairman : Councillor A. Smith
Vice-Chairman: Councillor B. Stephens

Members : All Members of the Council

C.15/07

LICENSING COMMITTEE 1

RESOLVED : *That the Licensing Committee 1 comprises the following Members:*

Chairman : Councillor C. Nelson
Vice-Chairman: Councillor T. Ward

Members : Councillor W.M. Blenkinsopp
Councillor Mrs. P. Crathorne
Councillor Mrs. L. Cuthbertson
Councillor Mrs. B. Graham
Councillor A. Gray
Councillor D.M. Hancock
Councillor Mrs. I. Hewitson

Councillor J.E. Higgin
Councillor A. Hodgson
Councillor T. Hogan
Councillor Mrs. L. Hovvels
Councillor J.G. Huntington
Councillor J.M. Khan
Councillor B. Lamb
Councillor Mrs. E.M. Paylor
Councillor J. Robinson, JP.
Councillor K. Thompson

C.16/07

LICENSING COMMITTEE 2

RESOLVED : That the Licensing Committee 2 comprises the following Members :

Chairman : Councillor T. F. Forrest
Vice-Chairman: Councillor Mrs. J. Gray

Members : Councillor Mrs. D. Bowman
Councillor D.R. Brown
Councillor J. Burton
Councillor Mrs. K. Conroy
Councillor P. Gittins
Councillor G.C. Gray
Councillor Mrs. S. Haigh
Councillor G.M.R. Howe
Councillor Ms. I. Jackson
Councillor Mrs. E. Maddison
Councillor Mrs. C. Potts
Councillor A. Warburton
Councillor W. Waters

C.17/07

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED : That the Standards Committee comprises the following Members:

Chairman Mr. L. Petterson (Independent Co-optee)

Members Councillor A. Gray
Councillor T. Hogan
Councillor Mrs. L. Hovvels
Councillor Mrs. E. Maddison
Councillor J. Wayman, J.P.
Mr.I. Jamieson (Independent Co-optee)

Plus 1 Parish/Town Council Representative

C.18/07

APPEALS/REVIEW PANEL

RESOLVED : That the Appeals/Review Panel comprises the following Members:

Chairman : To be appointed at each meeting.

Members
Councillor W.M. Blenkinsopp
Councillor T. Brimm
Councillor V. Chapman
Councillor Mrs. K. Conroy
Councillor Mrs. P. Crathorne
Councillor V. Crosby
Councillor D. Farry
Councillor G. C. Gray
Councillor Mrs. J. Gray
Councillor Mrs. I. Hewitson
Councillor G.M.R. Howe
Councillor J.G. Huntington
Councillor J. M. Khan
Councillor C. Nelson
Councillor Mrs. E.M. Paylor
Councillor Mrs. C. Potts
Councillor J. Robinson, J.P.
Councillor T. Ward
Councillor J. Wayman, J.P.

A Panel of 3 Members to be selected as and when required by the Chief Executive.

C.19/07

CHIEF OFFICER APPOINTMENTS PANEL

RESOLVED : That the Chief Officer Appointments Panel comprises the following Members:

Chairman: Councillor Mrs A.M. Armstrong

Members:
Councillor V. Crosby
Councillor T. F. Forrest
Councillor Mrs. B. Graham
Councillor T. Hogan
Councillor Ms. I. Jackson
Councillors Mrs. E.M. Wood

C.20/07

EMPLOYMENT ISSUES PANEL

RESOLVED : That the Employment Issues Panel comprises the following Members:

Chairman: Councillor A. Hodgson

Members:
Councillor A. Gray
Councillor G. C. Gray
Councillor D.M. Hancock

Councillor Mrs. H.J. Hutchinson
Councillor Mrs. E. Maddison
Councillor A. Smith

C.21/07 PERSONNEL APPEALS PANEL

RESOLVED : *That the Personnel Appeals Panel comprises the following Members:*

Chairman: Councillor Mrs. A. Armstrong

Members Councillor W.M. Blenkinsopp
Councillor V. Chapman
Councillor P. Crathorne
Councillor V. Crosby
Councillor Mrs. B. Graham
Councillor G.C. Gray
Councillor Mrs. J. Gray
Councillor T. Hogan
Councillor B. M. Ord
Councillor Mrs. E.M. Paylor
Councillor J. Wayman, J.P.

C.22/07 AREA 1 FORUM

RESOLVED : *That the Area 1 Forum comprises the following Members:*

(All Members representing the Spennymoor, Low Spennymoor and Tudhoe Grange, Middlestone and Tudhoe Wards, together with representatives from Town and Parish Councils and other organisations as appropriate)

Chairman : Councillor A. Smith
Vice-Chairman : Councillor C. Nelson

Members : Councillor Mrs. A.M. Armstrong
Councillor Mrs. B. Graham
Councillor A. Gray
Councillor J.M. Khan
Councillor Mrs. E.Maddison
Councillor B.M. Ord
Councillor K. Thompson
Councillor W. Waters
Councillor Mrs. E.M. Wood

C.23/07 AREA 2 FORUM

RESOLVED : *That the Area 2 Forum comprises the following Members :*

(All Members representing the Bishop Middleham and Cornforth, Broom, Chilton, and Ferryhill Wards, together with representatives from Town and Parish Councils and other organisations as appropriate).

Chairman : Councillor Mrs. C. Potts
Vice-Chairman : Councillor Mrs. P. Crathorne

Members : Councillor B.F. Avery, J.P.
Councillor T.D. Brimm
Councillor Mrs. K. Conroy
Councillor D. Farry
Councillor T.F. Forrest
Councillor J.E.Higgin
Councillor .A. Hodgson
Councillor B. Lamb
Councillor D.A. Newell

C.24/07

AREA 3 FORUM

RESOLVED : *That the Area 3 Forum comprises the following Members :*

(All Members representing the Fishburn & Old Trimdon, Sedgfield, New Trimdon & Trimdon Grange Wards, together with representatives from Town and Parish Councils and other organisations as appropriate)

Chairman : Councillor J. Burton
Vice-Chairman : Councillor T. Ward

Members : Councillor D.R. Brown
Councillor D. Chaytor
Councillor Mrs. L. Hovvels
Councillor J. Robinson, J.P.
Councillor J. Wayman, J.P.

C.25/07

AREA 4 FORUM

RESOLVED : *That the Area 4 Forum comprises the following Members :*

(All Members representing the Byerley, Sunnydale and Thickey Wards, together with representatives from Town and Parish Councils and other organisations as appropriate)

Chairman : Councillor B. Stephens
Vice-Chairman : Councillor V. Chapman

Members : Councillor D.M. Hancock
Councillor G.M.R. Howe
Councillor J.G. Huntington
Councillor Ms. I. Jackson

C.26/07

AREA 5 FORUM

RESOLVED : *That the Area 5 Forum comprises the following Members :*

(All Members representing the Greenfield Middridge, Neville & Simpasture, Shafto St. Marys, West and Woodham Wards, together with representatives from Town and Parish Councils and other organisations as appropriate)

Chairman : Councillor Mrs. D. Bowman
Vice-Chairman : Councillor G.C. Gray

Members : Councillor W.M. Blenkinsopp
Councillor V. Crosby
Councillor Mrs. L. Cuthbertson
Councillor P. Gittins
Councillor Mrs. J. Gray
Councillor B. Haigh
Councillor Mrs. S. Haigh
Councillor Mrs. I. Hewitson
Councillor T. Hogan
Councillor Mrs. H.J. Hutchinson
Councillor Mrs. S.J. Iveson
Councillor Mrs. E.M. Paylor
Councillor A. Warburton

C.27/07

BOROUGH/PARISH RELATIONS WORKING PARTY

RESOLVED : *That the Borough/Parish Relations Working Party comprises the following Members :-*

Chairman: To be appointed at the first meeting of the Working Party
Vice Chairman: To be appointed at the first meeting of the Working Party
Members:

Councillor Mrs. A.M. Armstrong
Councillor Mrs. K. Conroy
Councillor V. Crosby
Councillor Mrs. B. Graham
Councillor Mrs. L. Hovvels
Councillor A. Hodgson
Councillor J.G. Huntington
Councillor Mrs. H.J. Hutchinson
Councillor Mrs. S. J. Iveson
Councillor J.M. Khan
Councillor D.A. Newell
Councillor J. Robinson, J.P.
Councillor A. Smith
Councillor W. Waters

Plus representatives of all Town and Parish Councils/Meetings.

C.28/07

REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS 2007/2008

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Executive in respect of representation on outside organisations. (For copy see file of Minutes)

RESOLVED : *That representation on outside organisations for 2007/08 be as follows :*

Strategic Leadership (Councillor Mrs. A.M. Armstrong)

Organisation	Additional Membership/ Substitution/Notes
Association of Councillors (Northern Branch)	
Association of North East Councils	Deputy Leader acting as substitute
Association of Public Service Excellence.	
County Durham Association of Local Authorities	Together with the Deputy Leader
Local Government Association (Assembly)	
Local Government Association (Rural Commission)	
Local Government Association Special Interest Group (New Towns)	
North East Regional Assembly	
North East Regional Assembly – Regional Development Forum	

Community Health Portfolio (Councillor Mrs. K. Conroy)

Organisation	Additional Membership/ Substitution/ Notes
Council for Age Concern (Durham County)	
North Regional Home Safety Council	
Sedgefield Partnership Board for Services to Vulnerable Adults	Substitute Councillor Mrs. A. M. Armstrong
Supporting People Cross Authority Members' Group	Together with Cabinet Members for Safer Communities (Councillor J.M. Khan) and Housing (Councillor W. Waters)

Leisure & Culture Portfolio (Councillor Mrs. B. Graham)

Organisation	Additional Membership/ Substitution/ Notes
Durham County Sports Association for the Disabled	
National Playing Fields Association (Northern Steering Committee)	
North East Museums, Libraries and Archives Service	
North East Sport	
Northern Arts Local Authority Forum	
Northumbria Tourist Board (Local Authority Meeting)	
Sedgefield Arts and Recreation Community Association (Ceddesfeld Hall).	
The Hackworth Society	

Housing Portfolio (Councillor W. Waters)

Organisation	Additional Membership/ Substitution/ Notes
National Housing and Town Planning Council (Regional Executive Committee)	Together with Cabinet Member for Social Regeneration & Partnership (Councillor V. Crosby)
Northern Housing Consortium Ltd	Appointed as 'observer'

Safer Communities Portfolio (Councillor J.M. Khan)

Organisation	Additional Membership/ Substitution/ Notes
Local Police/Public Consultative Committee	Together with Councillor G.C. Gray

Learning & Employment Portfolio (Councillor Mrs L. Hovvels)

Organisation	Additional Membership/Substitution/ Notes
Aycliffe Learning Town Partnership	
County Durham Life Long Learning Partnership	
ITeC North East Limited	Together with Councillor D. Chaytor
Newton Aycliffe Town Centre Forum	Together with Councillor Mrs. J. Gray
Sildon and Sedgfield Development Agency - Board (SASDA)	Together with Leader of the Council (Councillor Mrs A.M. Armstrong)
Spennymoor Town Centre Forum	Together with Councillors A. Gray and A. Smith

Social Regeneration & Partnership Portfolio (Councillor V. Crosby)

Organisation	Additional Membership/ Substitution/ Notes
Coalfield Communities Campaign	Councillor Mrs. L. Hovvels acting as substitute)
Cornforth Partnership (Management Committee)	Together with Councillors A. Hodgson and T.D. Brimm
County Durham and Darlington SRB Programme Partnership Board	
County Durham Compact Implementation Group	
County Durham Strategic Partnership	
Fishburn Community Skill Centre Project	Together with Councillor T. Ward
Groundwork East Durham (Board)	Councillor A. Hodgson
LGA Member Task Group – Gypsies and Travellers	
Local Area Agreement Interim Board	

Sedgefield and District Advice and Information Service (Management Committee)	Together with Councillors B. F. Avery, J.P., G.C. Gray, J.M. Khan and Mrs. C. Potts
Sedgefield Borough Local Strategic Partnership	
Trimdon 2000 Partnership Steering Group	

Environment Portfolio (Councillor A. Hodgson)

Organisation	Additional Membership/ Substitution/ Notes
Institute of Solid Wastes Management	
Investigation of Air Pollution (Standing Conference)	
ENCAMS (Formerly Keep Britain Tidy Group)	Together with Cabinet Member for Social Regeneration & Partnership (Councillor V. Crosby)
National Society for Clean Air	Together with Cabinet Member for Social Regeneration & Partnership Councillor V. Crosby)
Sustainable Waste Management Strategy for County Durham Joint Steering Group	

Additional Representation

Organisation	Membership
Chilton Community College Association (Management Committee)	Councillors for the Chilton Ward (Councillors B.F. Avery, J.P., T.F. Forrest and Mrs. C. Potts)
County Durham and Tees Valley Strategic Health Authority (Strategic Alliances Group)	Cabinet Member for Community Health (Councillor Mrs. K. Conroy) Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor A. Hodgson) acting as substitute as and when necessary.
County Durham E-Government Partnership Joint Committee	Councillor D. A. Newell with Councillor J.M. Khan acting as substitute.
Durham County Councils Health Scrutiny Committee	Councillors A. Gray and Mrs. P. Crathorne

Durham Rural Community Council	Councillor A. Hodgson
Durham Tees Valley Airport Consultative Committee	Councillor J. Robinson, J.P.
Environmental Services Joint Committee	Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor A. Hodgson) Cabinet Member for Social Regeneration and Partnership (Councillor V. Crosby)
Greenfield School (Newton Aycliffe) Shared Use Scheme (Management Committee)	Councillor Mrs. B. Graham
Jubilee Fields Community Association	Councillor V. Chapman
Koolkash Management Board	Leader of the Council (Councillor Mrs. A.M. Armstrong) Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture (Councillor Mrs. B. Graham) and Councillor J. Robinson, J.P.
Locomotion Management Board	Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture (Councillor Mrs. B. Graham) Cabinet Member for Social Regeneration and Partnership (Councillor V. Crosby) Director of Leisure Services Plus 3 Representatives of the National Railway Museum
Middlestone Moor Youth Centre Committee	Councillor C. Nelson
Nature Reserve Management Committee - Cow Plantation, Spennymoor	Councillor A. Smith
Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre (Management Committee)	Councillor G.C. Gray
North East Region Employers' Organisation	Councillors A. Gray and V. Crosby
North East Regional Employers Organisation – Member Development Forum	Councillor A. Gray
Northern Regional Brass Band Trust	Councillor W. Waters
Sedgefield Borough Twinning Association	Mayor Councillor Mrs. S.J. Iveson (President of the Association) Councillors Mrs. D. Bowman, G.C. Gray, Mrs. L. Hovvels, B. Lamb, J. Robinson, J.P. and T. Ward
Spennymoor Youth and Community Association (Management Committee)	Councillor A. Gray

Trimdon Community College Association (Management Committee)	Councillors J. Burton, D. Chaytor and T. Ward
Joint Durham Councils Transport Scrutiny Review Group	Councillors J. E. Higgin and A. Gray

C.29/07

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS 2007/2008

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Executive regarding the programme of meetings for the 2007/08 Municipal Year. (For copy see file of Minutes).

RESOLVED : That Cabinet, Committees, Panels, Forums and Working Parties meet on the dates and times set out in the report for the Municipal Year 2007/08.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

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