

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At an **Ordinary Meeting** of the County Council held in the **Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham** on **Wednesday 18 October 2023** at **10.00 am**

Present:

Councillor J Nicholson (Chair) in the Chair

Councillors M Abley, R Adcock-Forster, V Andrews, J Atkinson, P Atkinson, A Batey, K Batey, A Bell, R Bell, C Bihari, G Binney, J Blakey, D Boyes, D Brown, L Brown, J Charlton, I Cochrane, B Coult, R Crute, S Deinali, T Duffy, K Earley, J Elmer, L Fenwick, C Fletcher, O Gunn, D Hall, C Hampson, D Haney, A Hanson, K Hawley, P Heaviside, T Henderson, S Henig, J Higgins, L A Holmes, C Hood, A Hopgood, L Hovvels, D Howarth, J Howey, C Hunt, G Hutchinson, A Jackson, M Johnson, N Jones, P Jopling, C Kay, B Kellett, C Lines, L Maddison, R Manchester, C Marshall, C Martin, E Mavin, L Mavin, B McAloon, S McDonnell, M McGaun (Vice-Chair), D McKenna, M McKeon, I McLean, S McMahan, J Miller, P Molloy, D Mulholland, D Oliver, R Ormerod, E Peeke, R Potts, P Pringle, J Purvis, J Quinn, S Quinn, A Reed, G Richardson, I Roberts, K Robson, K Rooney, J Rowlandson, E Scott, J Scurfield, K Shaw, A Shield, J Shuttleworth, M Simmons, A Simpson, G Smith, T Smith, M Stead, W Stelling, A Sterling, D Stoker, T Stubbs, A Surtees, D Sutton-Lloyd, P Taylor, F Tinsley, S Townsend, C Varty, A Watson, M Wilkes, M Wilson, S Wilson, D Wood, R Yorke and S Zair

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E Adam, C Bell, J Cairns, R Charlton-Lainé, M Currah, K Fantarrow, J Griffiths, D Nicholls, S Robinson, A Savory and M Walton

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chair announced with great sadness two deaths, former County Councillor and Alderwoman Joan Maslin and former County Councillor and Alderwoman Edna Hunter

Joan was elected to Durham County Council in May 2008 and served until May 2017. She was also elected to Easington District Council in 1979 and served for 30 years until April 2009.

Edna was elected to Durham County Council in 1997 and served until 2008. In May 2007 Edna made history by becoming the first female Chair of the County Council.

Members stood for a moments silence out of respect to Joan and Edna.

1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2023 were confirmed by the Council as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2 To receive any declarations of interest from Members

There were no declarations of interest in relation to any items of business on the agenda.

3 Chair's Announcements

The Chair informed Council that since the last Council meeting, she had attended various events, including attending The Mindful Garden at Park View Academy on 21 September 2023, visiting The Faith Museum at the Auckland Project on 27 September 2023 and attending a 100th birthday party for a local lady on 7 October 2023 at the Haswell and District Mencap premises.

The Chair was pleased to announce the following which had taken place since the last Council meeting:

- The construction of a £37million primary and secondary school campus that would provide "world-class" facilities for more than a thousand County Durham children was underway. The campus would accommodate new buildings for Belmont C of E Primary School and Belmont Community School, on Buckinghamshire Road. The three-storey secondary school and two-storey primary school would be built on the existing sports field, before the current buildings were demolished. The project would ensure school provision in Belmont kept pace with growing demand for places.
- County Durham entries had thrived in this year's Northumbria in Bloom competition. Judges for the annual awards, which were run by the Royal Horticultural Society, visited the county earlier this year and they were clearly impressed by what they saw, as entries from across the county dominated winners' lists in several categories.

Among the many successes were the following entries submitted by the County Council and local partners:

- Durham City - Gold and winner in the Small City category
- Chester-le-Street - Silver in the Large Towns category
- Riverside Park and Wharton Park - Gold in the Best Parks category

- Durham BID - Gold and winner in the Best Town Centre Retail Area/Business Improvement Districts category
- St Cuthbert's Hospice - Gold and winner in the Best Care/Residential/Convalescent Home/Hospice or Day Centre category
- Durham Botanic Gardens - Gold and winner in the Best Tourist or Visitor Attraction or Country Estate category
- Crook Hall and Gardens - Gold in the Best Tourist or Visitor Attraction or Country Estate category
- St Cuthbert's RC Church in Chester-le-Street - Gold and winner in the Best Religious Establishment category
- Durham Cathedral - Gold in the Best Religious Establishment category
- St Margaret's Allotments - Gold in the Best Allotments category
- Lumley Castle - Silver in the Best Hotel category

There were also accolades for entries from local communities, town and parish councils and schools, with Durham Gilesgate Primary School scooping yet another win, Seaham taking first place in the Coastal Resort category and Stanley getting Gold in the Large Town category.

The Chair placed on record her thanks to all of the community groups, schools, local councils, businesses and organisations that came together to showcase their efforts for this year's competition.

Finally, the Chair extended a warm welcome to facilitators of Climate FRESK. Climate Fresk 'Quiz Version' was a stimulating educational game concerning Climate Change first developed in France and was now being rolled out globally.

The Climate Fresk was on display in Council Foyer and Members were encouraged to see what was being offered, ask questions to the facilitators and feedback information on groups or individuals in their area who may be interested in participating.

4 Leader's Report

Councillor A Hopgood, Leader of the Council, reminded Members that there was just a month to go until Durham City welcomed back Lumiere.

Transforming the familiar landscape of the city into a spectacular canvas for the work of world-renowned artists, was the highlight of the Council's cultural programme. This year, visitors could expect yet another dazzling display, with highlights including, an immersive light and sound display in the nave of Durham Cathedral and the transformation of the exterior of Durham University's Ogden Centre.

The festival would also be extending its reach outside of the city with four artworks interacting with buildings and public spaces in Bishop Auckland.

Lumiere was a fantastic event for visitors and was also a cornerstone of the Council's commitment to culture-led regeneration. More than one million visitors had made their way to the City to enjoy the artworks and soak up the atmosphere since the first festival 14 years ago. A large proportion of these visitors had come from outside the county, whether from the wider north east, the rest of the UK or overseas. Many would have chosen to stay in the City or county, supporting businesses and helping the tourism sector grow. Last year, for the first time ever, tourism contributed more than £1 billion pound to the county's economy.

The Council's cultural events were key to attracting tourists and enabled the Council to showcase what the wider county had to offer visitors. The recent annual Durham Book Festival attracted thousands in person and online.

The Leader was confident that Lumiere would once again, prove even bigger and better than the last, and hoped all Members were able to visit the festival.

5 Questions from the Public

There were no questions from the public.

6 Petitions

There were no petitions for consideration.

7 Report from the Cabinet

The Council noted a report from the Cabinet which provided information on issues considered at its meeting held on 13 September 2023 (for copy see file of Minutes).

The Chair informed Council that no questions had been received on the report from Cabinet.

8 Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme proposal for 2024/25

The Council considered a report of the Corporate Director of Resources which sought approval for the continuation of the current Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (LCTRS) for a further year into 2024/25, which would continue the protection afforded to all claimants in line with what their

entitlement would have been under the former Council Tax Benefit system (for copy see file of Minutes)

The proposals were considered by Cabinet at their meeting on 12 July 2023 and it was resolved to recommend to Council the continuation of the scheme into 2024/25.

The Corporate Director of Resources informed Council that the scheme would continue as it was, with one procedural change for the additional earnings disregard for those Working Age claimants receiving Universal Credit. This would see them qualifying for an additional income disregard they had previously not received which would increase the cost of the scheme by £115,000 and provide this additional level of support to over 600 claimants, maintaining the scheme in line with the spirit of the national Council Tax Benefit system.

In **Moving** the report Councillor R Bell, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance informed Council that Durham County Council remained the only council in the north east to have a scheme that continued to provide support equal to that which was available under the old Council Tax Benefit scheme.

However, the decision came at a cost in terms of lost council tax revenues in terms of working age households compared to virtually every other council in the country. However, on balance, it was the right decision for next year, particularly in light of the current squeeze on households income and budgets. The cost of the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme was around £63.5 million, with 38% of the 54,000 cases being pensioners who must be protected in any event.

As always, the Scheme would be reviewed in a year's time and the administrative burden being created through multiple changes in circumstances for those households on Universal Credit would be carefully monitored.

In **Seconding** the report Councillor A Shield, Portfolio Holder for Equality and Inclusion thanked officers and Councillor Bell for the report and paid tribute to the staff who administered the scheme and who had worked tirelessly to support vulnerable people during the last year.

All members, past and present, could be proud that Durham County Council had been able to retain a Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme that retained support to vulnerable and disadvantaged households equal to that which was available under the old Council Tax Benefit scheme. Durham was one of only of only a handful of councils across the country and the only authority in the north east which continued to retain a Local Council Tax Reduction

Scheme at the same level as was the case under the former national Council Tax Benefit system.

Councillor Shield welcomed the amendments to the additional income disregard procedures that were contained in the proposed scheme next year. This would help maintain support in line with the spirit of the national Council Tax Benefit system.

Councillor R Crute informed Council that he was pleased to endorse the extension of the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme but sought an assurance that the proposed change to the additional earnings disregard rule for those Working Age Customers in receipt of Universal Credit would not have an adverse impact on Working Age Universal Credit claimants. The Corporate Director of Resources replied that the proposed procedural change would benefit people and confirmed that it would not have an adverse effect on any claimant.

Resolved:

That the recommendations in the report be approved.

9 Report of the Audit Committee for the period September 2022 to August 2023

The Council noted a report of the Chair of the Audit Committee which informed the Council of the work of the Audit Committee during the period September 2022 to August 2023 and how the Committee continued to provide good governance across the Council (for copy see file of Minutes).

Councillor A Watson, Chair of the Audit Committee provided an update on the work of the Committee during the period outlined in the report.

Through careful consideration and challenge of a wide range of officer reports presented, the Audit Committee had fulfilled its role in gaining assurances as to the adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's governance, risk management framework and internal control environment.

The report set out details of the various meetings that had been held over the last twelve months and the issues that had been considered. There were three key areas of the Committee's work during the period that Councillor Watson drew attention to:

The first area related to the work of Internal Audit. The Audit Committee continued to promote and champion the work of Internal Audit across the organisation. As such, the Committee agreed the Internal Audit Strategy, Charter and an internal audit plan proposed by the Chief Internal Auditor and Corporate Fraud Manager, Tracy Henderson.

Updates were provided to the committee on a quarterly basis. Councillor Watson was satisfied that the committee provided the appropriate challenge to this process, with a number of officers attending the Committee to provide explanations and answer questions across the year.

The second area related to the External Audit of the Council's Statement of Accounts. In July 2023 the Committee received a report from the Corporate Director of Resources which presented the draft un-audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023. The draft accounts were certified and published on the County Council's website on 31 May and provided to external audit within the statutory deadline.

A verbal progress update on External Audit of the 2022/24 accounts was subsequently presented to Audit Committee in September 2023 and the final statement of accounts would be presented to a Special meeting of the Audit Committee in October 2023 meeting for review/approval.

Finally, Councillor Watson drew the Council's attention to the continuing good work of the Council's Corporate Fraud Team. The Protecting the Public Purse reports the Committee had considered demonstrated, across the Council, the counter fraud activity that was being completed in order to acknowledge, prevent and pursue fraud under the Council's Counter Fraud and Corruption Strategy. The Committee had acknowledged fraud as a strategic risk and that prevention was indeed better than cure.

In addition to investigating concerns, the Fraud Team also utilised a range of counter fraud initiatives to protect the Council and the Community using its Fraud Communication Strategy and Awareness Campaign.

The Council had an excellent local and national profile for their work in this area. They had developed strong partnerships with other public sector organisations which continued to enhance the reputation that the Council had.

The report also sought approval to extend the term of office of the current two co-opted Audit Committee members until 30 April 2024, with a recruitment exercise to be undertaken prior to that date to secure co-opted members from 1 May 2024 onwards. The existing appointees would be free to re-apply for these roles in open competition with any other applicants.

In summary, whilst the report was largely for information, Councillor Watson considered the effectiveness of the Audit Committee to be excellent. Council was requested to note the work of the Audit Committee during the period September 2022 to August 2023 and Councillor Watson **Moved** the proposals to extend the terms of office for the two co-opted Independent

Persons to 30 April 2024, subject to a recruitment exercise being concluded in advance of that date to appoint co-opted members for a three-year period from May 2024.

Councillor L Fenwick **Seconded** the proposals to extend the terms of office for the two co-opted Independent Persons to 30 April 2024, subject to a recruitment exercise being concluded in advance of that date to appoint co-opted members for a three-year period from May 2024.

Councillor R Bell, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance thanked Councillor Watson for his report and paid tribute to the work of our Audit Committee over the last year. Councillor Bell also thanked the officers who furnished the Committee with the many detailed reports it considered which allowed it to provide robust overview and assurance of the Council's corporate and financial governance arrangements, and risk management and internal control frameworks.

Resolved:

That the report be noted and the recommendation be approved.

10 Request for Dispensation Under Section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 - Report of Corporate Director of Resources

The Council considered a report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services which requested approval for a dispensation for Councillor C Bell who was currently unable to attend any Council meetings due to ill-health (for copy see file of Minutes).

Moved by Councillor A Shield, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Equality and Inclusion, **Seconded** by Councillor J Charlton.

Resolved:

That the recommendation in the report be approved.

11 Motions on Notice

The Chair informed Council that there were two Motions for consideration.

Moved by Councillor C Martin, **Seconded** by Councillor D Haney

Council notes that many people who experience long-term homelessness and transient housing may have multiple and complex needs, including mental health difficulties, family breakdown, trauma, past criminal offending, and substance dependency. Homelessness (in particular street homelessness) has serious adverse effects on mental and physical health.

Council supports the production of a revitalised homelessness strategy and believes that access to good quality housing is a human right.

Council believes that a key part of the strategy should include a 'Housing First' approach, so that those with multiple and complex needs are supported to prevent and relieve homelessness, in line with Housing Link's principles of Housing First. Providing this intense support to people with multiple and complex needs provides good value to the tax payer, as it is proven to be effective in reducing longer term demands on healthcare, policing, and other public services.

Therefore, Council would welcome a long-term commitment to commissioning of Housing First provision as the effective and efficient homelessness reduction strategy for multiple and complex needs in any new homelessness strategy brought for Council for approval.

Council requests that the portfolio holder and council officers, working with stakeholders, write to local MPs and the Secretary of State to support additional funding to deliver a joined-up policy of increasing Housing First provision across all councils in the UK.

Councillors R Ormerod and Councillor A Shield addressed Council in support of the Motion.

An Amendment was **Moved** by Councillor K Shaw, **Seconded** by Councillor A Surtees

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recognises the previous administrations homelessness strategy which enabled it to be recognised as the fifth highest performing authority in dealing with homelessness in the country and for which it was commended by government, and it will build upon best practice as it draws up the new homelessness strategy that is currently out for public consultation as it believes that access to good quality housing is a human right.

Council believes that a key part of the strategy should include a 'Housing First' approach, so that those with multiple and complex needs are supported to prevent and relieve homelessness, in line with Housing Link's principles of Housing First **and it will look at the barriers within the Durham Key**

Options policy which prevent people with complex needs accessing social housing to identify how greater access can be achieved and how working with stakeholders it can then successfully help to deliver the strategy.

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Councillor C Marshall addressed Council in support of the Amendment.

Councillor M Wilkes, Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods and Climate Change informed Council he could not support the Amendment.

Upon a vote being taken the Amendment was **Lost**

A named vote on the Substantive Motion was requested.

A further vote was taken on the Substantive Motion.

For

Councillors M Abley, R Adcock-Forster, V Andrews, J Atkinson, P Atkinson, A Batey, K Batey, A Bell, R Bell, C Bihari, G Binney, J Blakey, D Boyes, D Brown, L Brown, J Charlton, I Cochrane, B Coult, R Crute, S Deinali, T Duffy, K Earley, J Elmer, L Fenwick, C Fletcher, O Gunn, D Hall, C Hampson, D Haney, A Hanson, K Hawley, P Heaviside, T Henderson, S Henig, J Higgins, L Holmes, C Hood, A Hopgood, L Hovvels, D Howarth, J Howey, C Hunt, G Hutchinson, A Jackson, M Johnson, N Jones, P Jopling, C Kay, C Lines, L Maddison, R Manchester, C Marshall, C Martin, E Mavin, L Mavin, B McAloon, S McDonnell, M McGaun, D McKenna, M McKeon, I McLean, S McMahan, J Miller, P Molloy, D Mulholland, J Nicholson, D Oliver, R Ormerod, E Peeke, R Potts, P Pringle, J Purvis, J Quinn, S Quinn, A Reed, G Richardson, I Roberts, K Robson, K Rooney, J Rowlandson, E Scott, J Scurfield, K Shaw, A Shield, J Shuttleworth, M Simmons, A Simpson, G Smith, T Smith, M Stead, W Stelling, A Sterling, D Stoker, T Stubbs, A

Surtees, D Sutton-Lloyd, P Taylor, F Tinsley, S Townsend, A Watson, M Wilkes, M Wilson, S Wilson, D Wood, R Yorke and S Zair.

Abstain

Councillor C Varty.

The Substantive Motion was **Carried**.

Councillor R Crute **Moved** a Motion without Notice that Standing Order 10.7 be suspended to extend the time for debating Motions on Notice by up to one hour. **Seconded** by Councillor D Wood.

The Council agreed the suspension of Standing Order 10.7 which related to the time allowed for the discussion of Motions.

Moved by Councillor S Deinali, **Seconded** by Councillor L Fenwick.

This Council condemns the Conservative Governments decisions since 2010 to cut capital spending on school improvements and its failure to adequately fund schools across County Durham.

The Council will write to the Secretary of State for Education outlining these views.

An Amendment was **Moved** by Councillor M Wilkes.

This Council ~~calls on~~ ~~condemns~~ the ~~Conservative~~ **current and all future Governments** decisions since 2010 to cut **to increase** capital spending on school improvements and its failure to adequately fund schools across County Durham. The Council will **agrees to** write to the Secretary of State for Education, outlining these views. **the need for additional funding both for ongoing repairs and capital rebuilds to our schools; whilst acknowledging that the joint administration running this council has invested more council funding into school rebuilds in the last two years than at any equivalent time under the previous administration.**

Councillor C Marshall challenged the validity of the amendment by Councillor Wilkes on the grounds that he considered it to be factually incorrect. The previous administration invested hundreds of millions of pounds in new schools through the local authority 'Building Schools for the Future' programme.

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services replied that the test for whether or not an amendment was valid related to the addition or deletion or insertion of words and whether or not the amendment negated the original motion. It would not be appropriate for the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to

make an assessment on a political statement and therefore the amendment was valid. Members may well take issue and debate and vote against its content.

Councillor Wilkes on a point of clarification informed Council that the amendment stated Council funding and BSF was not necessarily Council funding, it was from central government.

The Amendment was **Seconded** by Councillor D Sutton-Lloyd.

Councillor C Bihari spoke against the amendment and urged Members to support the original Motion.

Councillor C Kay spoke against the amendment.

Councillor T Stubbs informed Council he could not support the original Motion and would be supporting the amendment.

Councillor L Mavin informed Council she would be supporting the amendment.

Councillor J Quinn spoke in support of the amendment.

Councillor F Tinsley informed Council he would not be supporting the amendment because he believed it was right to condemn Government underinvestment.

Councillor D Mulholland informed Council he would not be supporting the amendment and supported the original motion.

Councillor S Wilson spoke against the amendment.

Councillor R Bell spoke in favour of the amendment which he considered to be positive and forward looking.

Councillor S Quinn informed Council she could not support the amendment.

Councillor C Marshall spoke against the amendment and in support of the motion which he considered to be straight forward. Councillor Marshall requested a named vote.

Councillor A Batey informed Council she would be supporting the original motion.

Councillor M McKeon spoke in support of the original motion.

Councillor T Henderson spoke in support of the amendment.

Councillor O Gunn informed Council she opposed the amendment and supported the original motion which condemned the Government's investment into schools in County Durham.

Councillor D Wood informed Council that he supported the original motion and urged all Members to vote against the amendment.

Councillor P Taylor spoke against the amendment and in support of the original amendment.

Councillor J Howey spoke in support of the amendment which she would be supporting.

Councillor A Hopgood spoke in support of the amendment and considered the motion to have no substance.

Councillor L Holmes spoke against the motion and in support of the amendment.

A named vote on the Amendment was requested.

For

Councillors M Abley, A Bell, R Bell, J Blakey, D Brown, L Brown, J Charlton, B Coult, T Duffy, J Elmer, D Haney, P Heaviside, T Henderson, L Holmes, C Hood, A Hopgood, J Howey, C Hunt, G Hutchinson, A Jackson, N Jones, P Jopling, C Lines, L Maddison, C Martin, E Mavin, L Mavin, S McDonnell, M McGaun, P Molloy, J Nicholson, D Oliver, R Ormerod, E Peeke, R Potts, J Quinn, A Reed, G Richardson, K Robson, K Rooney, J Rowlandson, E Scott, A Shield, J Shuttleworth, M Simmons, A Simpson, M Stead, W Stelling, A Sterling, D Stoker, T Stubbs, D Sutton-Lloyd, A Watson, M Wilkes and S Zair.

Against

Councillors R Adcock-Forster, V Andrews, J Atkinson, P Atkinson, A Batey, K Batey, C Bihari, G Binney, D Boyes, I Cochrane, R Crute, S Deinali, K Earley, L Fenwick, C Fletcher, O Gunn, D Hall, C Hampson, A Hanson, K Hawley, S Henig, J Higgins, L Hovvels, D Howarth, M Johnson, C Kay, R Manchester, C Marshall, B McAloon, D McKenna, M McKeon, I McLean, S McMahan, J Miller, D Mulholland, P Pringle, J Purvis, S Quinn, I Roberts, J Scurfield, K Shaw, G Smith, T Smith, A Surtees, P Taylor, F Tinsley, S Townsend, C Varty, M Wilson, S Wilson, D Wood and R Yorke.

The Amendment was carried and therefore became the Substantive Motion.

A named vote on the Substantive Motion was requested

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The Substantive Motion was **carried**.

12 Questions from Members

There were no questions from Members.