

Durham County Council

At the **Annual Meeting** of the County Council held in the **Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham** on **Wednesday 25 May 2022** at **10.00 a.m.**

Present:

Councillor W Stelling in the Chair

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Atkinson, I Cochrane, K Hawley, D Howarth and I McLean

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chair reported with regret the death of former Durham County Councillor and recently made Alderwoman Geraldine Bleasdale who represented the Seaham Electoral Division from 2008 to 2021. Geraldine was also a former Seaham Member for Easington District Council between 1995 and 2009. Members stood for a moments silence out of respect to Geraldine.

1 Election of Chair

Moved by Councillor R Bell, **Seconded** by Councillor Sexton that Councillor B Bainbridge be elected Chair for the ensuing year.

Moved by Councillor Tinsley, **Seconded** by Councillor McKeon that Councillor O Gunn be elected Chair for the ensuing year.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor Bainbridge be elected to the Office of Chair of the Council for the ensuing year.

Councillor B Bainbridge subscribed the Statutory Declaration accepting the Office.

Councillor Stelling vacated the Chair.

Councillor B Bainbridge in the Chair

In accepting the Office of Chair of the Council Councillor Bainbridge informed Council that it would be an honour and privilege to carry out such a role. Councillor Bainbridge informed the Council that the charities of her choice would be The Great North Children's Hospital Foundation and Haswell and District Mencap.

2 Presentation to Retiring Chair

The Chair paid tribute to the services of Councillor Stelling during his term of office and presented a Past Chairman's Medal to Councillor Stelling incorporating the Council's Coat of Arms as a token of the Council's appreciation of his services during his period of office.

Further tributes to Councillor Stelling's ambassadorial service, the diligent, exceptional, professional and dignified way he had conducted himself during his term of office both locally, regionally, nationally and internationally were given by Councillor Hopgood (Leader of the Council and Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group), Councillor R Bell (Deputy Leader of the Council and Leader of the Conservative Group), Councillor Shield (Leader of the Durham Group), Councillor Shuttleworth (Leader of the Durham County Council Independent Group), Councillor Marshall (Leader of the Labour Group) and Councillor Maddison (Leader of the Spennymoor and Tudhoe Independent Group).

In response, Councillor Stelling thanked both the incoming Chair and all Councillors for the presentation and expressed his appreciation to all who had supported and assisted him during the year and thanked Councillor Bainbridge for her support as Vice-Chair.

3 Election of Vice-Chair

Moved by Councillor Shield, **Seconded** by Councillor Wilkes that Councillor J Nicholson be elected Vice-Chair for the ensuing year.

Moved by Councillor J Miller, **Seconded** by Councillor McKeon that Councillor L Hovvels be elected Vice-Chair for the ensuing year.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor J Nicholson be elected to the Office of Vice-Chair of the Council for the ensuing year.

Councillor J Nicholson subscribed the Statutory Declaration accepting the Office.

In accepting the Office of Vice-Chair of the Council Councillor Nicholson informed Council that it would be an honour and privilege to carry out such a role.

4 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2022 were confirmed by the Council as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

5 Declarations of Interest

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

6 Chair's Announcements

The Chair extended a warm welcome to Councillor George Smith, the recently elected Member for the West Auckland Division.

The Chair informed Members that photographs would be taken during the course of the meeting and that the traditional Council photograph would be taken at the end of the meeting.

The Chair reminded all Members of their obligations under the Code of Conduct and asked that all Members address each other in the correct manner during meetings and show respect at all times.

The Chair reminded all Members of the need to complete and return their Declaration of Interests form.

Finally, the Chair thanked Dave Wafer, Head of Transport and Contract Services who was leaving the Council on 27 May 2022 after 37 years' service and Ros Layfield, Democratic Services Manager who was leaving on 21 June 2022 after 39 years' service.

The Chair thanked Dave and Ros for their service to the Council. Thanks to Dave and Ros were given by Councillor Hopgood (Leader of the Council and Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group), Councillor R Bell (Deputy Leader of the Council and Leader of the Conservative Group), Councillor Shuttleworth (Leader of the Durham County Council Independent Group), Councillor Shield (Leader of the Durham Group), Councillor Marshall (Leader of the Labour Group) and Councillor Maddison (Leader of the Spennymoor and Tudhoe Independent Group).

7 Leaders Announcement of Deputy Leader and Cabinet Members

Councillor Hopgood, Leader of the Council, informed Council that the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Members would remain unchanged from 2021/22.

8 Annual Review of the Constitution

The Council considered a report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services which presented the Constitution, as updated following the annual review, for adoption by the Council.

Moved by Councillor Hopgood, **Seconded** by Councillor R Bell and

Resolved:

That:

- (a) the proposed changes to the Constitution be approved, to take immediate effect;
- (b) the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be requested to publish the amended Constitution on the Council's website.

9 Appointment of Council Bodies and allocation of seats to Political Groups under Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989

The Council considered a report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services regarding the appointment of Council Bodies and Allocation of Seats to Political Groups under Sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (for copy see file of Minutes).

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services informed the Council of the following amendments to Appendix 3 of the report:

- Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – the Conservative Group would move from 5 seats to 4 seats and the Durham Group would move from 3 seats to 4 seats;
- Children and Young People’s Overview and Scrutiny Committee - the Conservative Group would move from 4 seats to 5 seats and the Durham Group would move from 3 seats to 2 seats

Moved by Councillor Hopgood, **Seconded** by Councillor R Bell and

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained in the report be agreed.

10 Appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs

Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of the following Committees were moved and seconded:

Appeals and Complaints Committee

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor T Duffy be appointed Chair of the Appeals and Complaints Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor K Shaw be appointed Chair of the Appeals and Complaints Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor T Duffy be appointed Chair of the Appeals and Complaints Committee.

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor E Mavin be appointed Vice-Chair of the Appeals and Complaints Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor C Fletcher be appointed Vice-Chair of the Appeals and Complaints Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor E Mavin be appointed Vice-Chair of the Appeals and Complaints Committee.

Audit Committee

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor A Watson be appointed Chair of the Audit Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor T Smith be appointed Chair of the Audit Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor A Watson be appointed Chair of the Audit Committee.

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor L Fenwick be appointed Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee.

Resolved:

That Councillor L Fenwick be appointed Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee.

Chief Officer Appointments Committee

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor A Hopgood be appointed Chair of the Chief Officer Appointments Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor C Marshall be appointed Chair of the Chief Officer Appointments Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor A Hopgood be appointed Chair of the Chief Officer Appointments Committee.

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor R Bell be appointed Vice-Chair of the Chief Officer Appointments Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor R Crute be appointed Vice-Chair of the Chief Officer Appointments Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor R Bell be appointed Vice-Chair of the Chief Officer Appointments Committee.

Highways Committee

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor R Ormerod be appointed Chair of the Highways Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor C Kay be appointed Chair of the Highways Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor R Ormerod be appointed Chair of the Highways Committee.

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor G Hutchinson be appointed Vice-Chair of the Highways Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor D Boyes be appointed Vice-Chair of the Highways Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor G Hutchinson be appointed Vice-Chair of the Highways Committee.

Statutory Licensing Committee

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor D Brown be appointed Chair of the Statutory Licensing Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor M Wilson be appointed Chair of the Statutory Licensing Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor D Brown be appointed Chair of the Statutory Licensing Committee.

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor L Brown be appointed first Vice-Chair of the Statutory Licensing Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor E Waldock be appointed first Vice-Chair of the Statutory Licensing Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor L Brown be appointed first Vice-Chair of the Statutory Licensing Committee.

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor J Blakey be appointed second Vice-Chair of the Statutory Licensing Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor C Hampson be appointed second Vice-Chair of the Statutory Licensing Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor J Blakey be appointed second Vice-Chair of the Statutory Licensing Committee.

Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor D Brown be appointed first Chair of the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor M Wilson be appointed first Chair of the Statutory Licensing Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor D Brown be appointed first Chair of the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee.

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor L Brown be appointed second Chair of the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor C Hampson be appointed second Chair of the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor L Brown be appointed second Chair of the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee.

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor J Blakey be appointed third Chair of the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor E Waldock be appointed third Chair of the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor J Blakey be appointed third Chair of the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee.

General Licensing and Registration Committee

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor D Stoker be appointed Chair of the General Licensing and Registration Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor C Bihari be appointed Chair of the General Licensing and Registration Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor D Stoker be appointed Chair of the General Licensing and Registration Committee.

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor C Hunt be appointed Vice-Chair of the General Licensing and Registration Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor G Smith be appointed Vice-Chair of the General Licensing and Registration Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor C Hunt be appointed Vice-Chair of the General Licensing and Registration Committee.

General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor D Brown be appointed first Chair of the General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor C Bihari be appointed first Chair of the General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor D Brown be appointed first Chair of the General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee.

In response to a point of order raised by Councillor Hopgood, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services reminded Members that they should be in the room in order to cast their vote.

Cllr Sexton raised a further point of order, which also related to the use of voting equipment and Code of Conduct concerns. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services reiterated the advice that members needed to be in the room to cast their vote and that Code of Conduct concerns would need to be addressed outside of the meeting.

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor L Brown be appointed second Chair of the General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor G Smith be appointed second Chair of the General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor L Brown be appointed second Chair of the General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee.

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor J Blakey be appointed third Chair of the General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor C Bihari be appointed third Chair of the General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor J Blakey be appointed third Chair of the General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee.

Standards Committee

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor J Nicholson be appointed Chair of the Standards Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor I Roberts be appointed Chair of the Standards Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor J Nicholson be appointed Chair of the Standards Committee.

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor L Maddison be appointed Vice-Chair of the Standards Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor F Tinsley be appointed Vice-Chair of the Standards Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor L Maddison be appointed Vice-Chair of the Standards Committee.

County Planning Committee

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor G Richardson be appointed Chair of the County Planning Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor K Shaw be appointed Chair of the County Planning Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor G Richardson be appointed Chair of the County Planning Committee.

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor A Bell be appointed Vice-Chair of the County Planning Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor S Wilson be appointed Vice-Chair of the County Planning Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor A Bell be appointed Vice-Chair of the County Planning Committee.

Area Planning Committee (North)

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor M McGaun be appointed Chair of the Area Planning Committee (North).

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor S Wilson be appointed Chair of the Area Planning Committee (North).

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor M McGaun be appointed Chair of the Area Planning Committee (North).

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor W Stelling be appointed Vice-Chair of the Area Planning Committee (North).

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor G Binney be appointed Vice-Chair of the Area Planning Committee (North).

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor W Stelling be appointed Vice-Chair of the Area Planning Committee (North).

Area Planning Committee (Central and East)

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor D Freeman be appointed Chair of the Area Planning Committee (Central and East).

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor A Surtees be appointed Chair of the Area Planning Committee (Central and East).

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor D Freeman be appointed Chair of the Area Planning Committee (Central and East).

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor L Holmes be appointed Vice-Chair of the Area Planning Committee (Central and East).

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor S Deinali be appointed Vice-Chair of the Area Planning Committee (Central and East).

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor L Holmes be appointed Vice-Chair of the Area Planning Committee (Central and East).

Area Planning Committee (South and West)

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor G Richardson be appointed Chair of the Area Planning Committee (South and West).

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor J Atkinson be appointed Chair of the Area Planning Committee (South and West).

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor G Richardson be appointed Chair of the Area Planning Committee (South and West).

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor A Savory be appointed Vice-Chair of the Area Planning Committee (South and West).

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor M Johnson be appointed Vice-Chair of the Area Planning Committee (South and West).

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor A Savory be appointed Vice-Chair of the Area Planning Committee (South and West).

Pension Fund Committee

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor M Abley be appointed Chair of the Pension Fund Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor B Kellett be appointed Chair of the Pension Fund Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor M Abley be appointed Chair of the Pension Fund Committee.

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor M Stead be appointed Vice-Chair of the Pension Fund Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor J Atkinson be appointed Vice-Chair of the Pension Fund Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor M Stead be appointed Vice-Chair of the pension Fund Committee.

Corporate Parenting Panel

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor M Simmons be appointed Chair of the Corporate Parenting Panel.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor C Varty be appointed Chair of the Corporate Parenting Panel.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor M Simmons be appointed Chair of the Corporate Parenting Panel.

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor M Walton be appointed Vice-Chair of the Corporate Parenting Panel.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor J Miller be appointed Vice-Chair of the Corporate Parenting Panel.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor M Walton be appointed Vice-Chair of the Corporate Parenting Panel.

Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor C Martin be appointed Chair of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor R Crute be appointed Chair of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor C Martin be appointed Chair of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor C Lines be appointed Vice-Chair of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor A Batey be appointed Vice-Chair of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor C Lines be appointed Vice-Chair of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Moved by Councillor J Blakey, **Seconded** by Councillor M Walton that Councillor C Hood be appointed Chair of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor O Gunn be appointed Chair of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor C Hood be appointed Chair of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Moved by Councillor J Blakey, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor J Cosslett be appointed Vice-Chair of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor C Varty be appointed Vice-Chair of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor J Cosslett be appointed Vice-Chair of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor J Charlton be appointed Chair of the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor D Boyes be appointed Chair of the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor J Charlton be appointed Chair of the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor P Heaviside be appointed Vice-Chair of the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor J Miller be appointed Vice-Chair of the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor P Heaviside be appointed Vice-Chair of the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor B Coult be appointed Chair of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor L Hovvels be appointed Chair of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor B Coult be appointed Chair of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor J Elmer be appointed Vice-Chair of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Resolved:

That Councillor J Elmer be appointed Vice-Chair of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor B Moist be appointed Chair of the Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor R Manchester be appointed Chair of the Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor B Moist be appointed Chair of the Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Moved by Councillor C Hood, **Seconded** by Councillor P Jopling that Councillor A Jackson be appointed Vice-Chair of the Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor C Marshall be appointed Vice-Chair of the Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor A Jackson be appointed Vice-Chair of the Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Adults, Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Moved by Councillor J Blakey, **Seconded** by Councillor M Walton that Councillor P Jopling be appointed Chair of the Adults, Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor V Andrews be appointed Chair of the Adults, Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor P Jopling be appointed Chair of the Adults, Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Moved by Councillor J Blakey, **Seconded** by Councillor M Walton that Councillor J Howey be appointed Vice-Chair of the Adults, Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor R Charlton-Lainé be appointed Vice-Chair of the Adults, Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor J Howey be appointed Vice-Chair of the Adults, Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

11 Appointments to Joint and Other Bodies 2022/23

The Council considered a report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services which sought to agree the appointments process of Members to Joint and Other Bodies (for copy see file of Minutes).

The Leader of the Council **Moved** Recommendations 3 (a) to (d) and (f) to (h), **Seconded** by the Deputy Leader.

The Leader of the Council referred to Recommendation (c) and informed Council it was not proposed to appoint any additional Trustees to the Charter Trust as referred to in Paragraph 4 of Appendix 3.

Referring to recommendation (e) the Leader **Moved** and the Deputy Leader **Seconded** that Councillor A Watson be nominated to serve on the Joint Audit Committee.

Resolved:

That:

- (a) the allocation of seats on the County Durham Fire and Rescue Authority as detailed in Appendix 2 be agreed;
- (b) the allocation of seats to the Business Durham Advisory board as set out in paragraph 4(b) to the report be agreed;
- (c) the allocation of seats on the Charter Trust as detailed in Appendix 3 be agreed. Appointments were not made to the additional Trustees to the Charter Trust as referred to in Paragraph 4 of the Appendix;
- (d) the allocation of seats on the Police and Crime Panel as detailed in Appendix 4 be agreed;
- (e) Councillor A Watson be appointed for the ensuing year to serve on the Joint Audit Committee to assist the Police, Crime and Victims Commissioner, and Chief Constable, noting the nomination would be subject to approval of the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- (f) the positions on the North East Combined Authority, and the North East Combined Authority and North of Tyne Combined Authority Joint Transport Committee be noted, and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised, in consultation with the appropriate Group Leader(s) to make appointments once the specifics of the determination of allocation to political groupings were advised to the council by the NECA secretariat.
- (g) the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, in consultation with the appropriate Group Leader(s), be authorised to make appointments to the other outside bodies to which the Council are invited to nominate, in accordance with the following criteria:-
 - (i) identify those organisations whose purpose is aligned to a specific Cabinet Portfolio, and nominate Members accordingly.
 - (ii) identify local outside bodies from each electoral division and allocate those to local members. If there are more

seats on an outside body than local members then the political balance would be applied. For those local bodies which are strategic in nature representation by a specific Cabinet Portfolio would be appropriate.

If a consensus on the allocation of seats to Members within the electoral division cannot be reached, should the division be represented by Members from different parties and agreement cannot be reached, the party with the largest proportion of seats on the Council would be allocated the seat.

- (iii) the bodies which are not local to a particular electoral division, for example, those with a County or Regional remit, appointments be made in accordance with the overall political proportionality of the Council, except in the case of bodies providing services in one particular locality, in such circumstances the membership would be from that locality.
- (h) the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, in consultation with the appropriate Group Leader(s), be authorised to make any changes to memberships of the main outside bodies/ joint bodies approved by Council, which may become necessary during the course of 2022/23.

12 Statement from the Returning Officer

The Council noted the Statement of the County Returning Officer which showed the name of the person elected to the West Auckland Electoral Division on 14 April 2022 (for copy see file of Minutes).

13 Dates of Meetings for 2022/23

Resolved:

That the dates of meetings of the County Council for 2022/23 be as follows:

Wednesday 22 June 2022

Wednesday 20 July 2022

Wednesday 21 September 2022

Wednesday 19 October 2022

Wednesday 7 December 2022

Wednesday 25 January 2023

Wednesday 22 February 2023 (Budget and Council Tax Setting)

Wednesday 29 March 2023

Wednesday 24 May 2023 (Annual)