

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At the **Annual General Meeting** of the County Council held in the **Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham** on **Wednesday 24 May 2023** at **10.00 am**

Present:

Councillors E Adam, R Adcock-Forster, V Andrews, J Atkinson, P Atkinson, A Batey, K Batey, A Bell, C Bell, R Bell, C Bihari, J Blakey, D Boyes, D Brown, L Brown, J Cairns, J Chaplow, R Charlton-Lainé, J Charlton, I Cochrane, J Cosslett, B Coult, R Crute, M Currah, S Deinali, T Duffy, K Earley, J Elmer, K Fantarrow, L Fenwick, C Fletcher, D Freeman, J Griffiths, 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 Hovvells, D Howarth, J Howey, C Hunt, G Hutchinson, A Jackson, M Johnson, N Jones, P Jopling, C Kay, B Kellett, L Kennedy, C Lines, 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, B Moist, P Molloy, D Mulholland, D Nicholls, J Nicholson (Vice-Chair), 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, G Smith, T Smith, M Stead, W Stelling, A Sterling, D Stoker, T Stubbs, A Surtees, D Sutton-Lloyd, 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 G Binney and P Taylor

1 Election of Chair

Moved by Councillor A Shield, **Seconded** by Councillor A Hopgood and

Resolved:

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

Councillor J Nicholson subscribed the Statutory Declaration accepting the Office.

Councillor J Nicholson in the Chair

In accepting the Office of Chair of the Council Councillor Nicholson thanked Council for its faith in her ability to carry out the role.

2 Election of Vice-Chair

Moved by Councillor R Bell, **Seconded** by Councillor J Shuttleworth that Councillor M McGaun be elected Vice-Chair for the ensuing year.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor S Quinn be elected Vice-Chair for the ensuing year.

A named vote was requested.

Councillor M McGaun

A Bell, C Bell, R Bell, J Blakey, D Brown, L Brown, J Cairns, J Charlton, J Cosslett, B Coult, M Currah, T Duffy, J Elmer, D Freeman, 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, C Martin, E Mavin, L Mavin, B McAloon, S McDonnell, M McGaun, P Molloy, J Nicholson, D Oliver, R Ormerod, E Peeke, R Potts, J Quinn, A Reed, G Richardson, S Robinson, K Robson, K Rooney, J Rowlandson, A Savory, E Scott, A Shield, J Shuttleworth, M Simmons, A Simpson, M Stead, W Stelling, A Sterling, D Stoker, T Stubbs, D Sutton-Lloyd, M Walton, A Watson, M Wilkes and S Zair

Councillor S Quinn

E Adam, R Adcock-Forster, V Andrews, J Atkinson, P Atkinson, A Batey, K Batey, C Bihari, D Boyes, J Chaplow, R Charlton-Lainé, I Cochrane, R Crute, S Deinali, K Earley, K Fantarrow, L Fenwick, C Fletcher, J Griffiths, O Gunn, D Hall, C Hampson, A Hanson, K Hawley, S Henig, J Higgins, L Hovvels, D Howarth, M Johnson, C Kay, B Kellett, L Kennedy, R Manchester, C Marshall, D McKenna, M McKeon, I McLean, S McMahon, J Miller, B Moist, D Mulholland, D Nicholls, P Pringle, J Purvis, S Quinn, I Roberts, J Scurfield, P Sexton, K Shaw, G Smith, T Smith, A Surtees, F Tinsley, S Townsend, C Varty, E Waldock, M Wilson, S Wilson, D Wood and R Yorke.

Abstentions

None

Resolved:

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

Councillor M McGaun subscribed the Statutory Declaration accepting the Office. In accepting the Office of Vice-Chair of the Council Councillor

McGaun informed Council that it would be an honour and privilege to carry out such a role.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2023 were confirmed by the Council as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4 Declarations of Interest

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

5 Chair's Announcements

The Chair reported with regret the deaths of former County Councillor Harry Bennett and Alderman and former Sedgefield Borough Councillor, Frank Forrest.

Harry was elected to the County Council in 2013 where he served the Peterlee East Electoral Division until May 2021.

Frank was a former Chilton member for Sedgefield Borough Council between 1995 to 2009 and was made an Honorary Alderman in 2009.

Members stood for a moments silence out of respect to Harry and Frank.

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 informed Council that earlier this month, communities across the county came together to mark the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III.

It had been wonderful to see so many County Durham residents honouring such an historic occasion with street parties and parades.

The council had marked the event in a number of ways, including displaying a portrait of the new monarch on the town halls in Durham and Bishop Auckland. The World Heritage Site of Durham Cathedral was also lit in the colours of the union flag.

On behalf of the council, the Chair formally congratulated His Majesty King Charles III on his Coronation and wished him well for the future of his reign.

The Chair extended a warm welcome to Councillor Julie Scurfield, the recently elected Member for the Chester le Street East Division.

The Chair was pleased to announce that the Chair's charities for the forthcoming year would be the Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs and The Alzheimer's Society.

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.

6 Leader's 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 2022/23.

7 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 exercise of delegated powers under Table 1, paragraph 12 of the Officer Scheme of Delegation by the Corporate Director of Resources to appoint an Independent Person to the Standards Committee on an interim basis be noted;
- (b) the proposed changes to the Constitution be approved, to take immediate effect;
- (c) the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be requested to publish the amended Constitution on the Council's website.

8 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).

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

Resolved:

That the recommendations contained in the report be agreed.

9 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 J Quinn, **Seconded** by Councillor P Heaviside 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 D Wood 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 M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor D Wood be appointed Vice-Chair of the Appeals and Complaints Committee.

Moved by Councillor J Quinn, **Seconded** by P Heaviside that Councillor E Mavin 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 J Quinn, **Seconded** by Councillor P Heaviside that Councillor A Watson be appointed Chair of the Audit Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor S Henig 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 J Quinn, **Seconded** by Councillor P Heaviside 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 J Quinn, **Seconded** by Councillor P Heaviside 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 J Quinn, **Seconded** by Councillor P Heaviside 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 J Quinn, **Seconded** by Councillor P Heaviside that Councillor R Ormerod be appointed Chair of the Highways Committee.

Moved by Councillor M McKeon, **Seconded** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster that Councillor R Yorke 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 J Quinn, **Seconded** by Councillor P Heaviside 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 G Smith 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.

General Licensing and Registration Committee

Moved by Councillor J Quinn, **Seconded** by Councillor P Heaviside that Councillor L Brown be appointed Chair of the General Licensing and Registration Committee.

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

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

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

Moved by Councillor J Quinn, **Seconded** by Councillor P Heaviside 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 P Atkinson 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.

Statutory Licensing Committee

Moved by Councillor J Quinn, **Seconded** by Councillor P Heaviside 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.

Statutory Licensing Committee

Moved by Councillor J Quinn, **Seconded** by Councillor P Heaviside that Councillor J Blakey be appointed first Vice-Chair of the Statutory Licensing Committee.

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

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor J Griffiths be appointed first Vice-Chair of the Statutory Licensing Committee.

Moved by Councillor J Quinn, **Seconded** by Councillor P Heaviside that Councillor L Mavin 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 L Mavin be appointed second Vice-Chair of the Statutory Licensing Committee.

General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee

Moved by Councillor J Quinn, **Seconded** by Councillor P Heaviside 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 P Atkinson 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.

Moved by Councillor J Quinn, **Seconded** by Councillor P Heaviside that Councillor L Mavin 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 E Waldock be appointed second Chair of the General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

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

Moved by Councillor J Quinn, **Seconded** by Councillor P Heaviside 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 I McLean be appointed third Chair of the General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

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

Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee

Moved by Councillor J Quinn, **Seconded** by Councillor P Heaviside 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 C Bihari 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 J Quinn, **Seconded** by Councillor P Heaviside that Councillor L Mavin be appointed second Chair of the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee.

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

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

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

Moved by Councillor J Quinn, **Seconded** by Councillor P Heaviside 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 C Hampson be appointed third Chair of the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor C Hampson be appointed third Chair of the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee.

Standards Committee

Moved by Councillor J Quinn, **Seconded** by Councillor P Heaviside 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 J Quinn, **Seconded** by Councillor P Heaviside that Councillor K Rooney be appointed Vice-Chair of the Standards Committee.

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

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor K Rooney be appointed Vice-Chair of the Standards Committee.

County Planning Committee

Moved by Councillor J Quinn, **Seconded** by Councillor P Heaviside 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 S Wilson 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 J Quinn, **Seconded** by Councillor P Heaviside that Councillor A Bell be appointed Vice-Chair of the County Planning Committee.

Moved by Councillor R Adcock-Forster, **Seconded** by Councillor S Deinali that Councillor M McKeon 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 J Quinn, **Seconded** by Councillor P Heaviside that Councillor E Peeke be appointed Chair of the Area Planning Committee (North).

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

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor E Peeke be appointed Chair of the Area Planning Committee (North).

Moved by Councillor J Quinn, **Seconded** by Councillor P Heaviside 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 K Earley be appointed Vice-Chair of the Area Planning Committee (North).

Upon a vote being taken there was an equality of votes. The Chair exercised her casting vote for Councillor W Stelling.

Resolved:

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

Area Planning Committee (Central and East)

Moved by Councillor J Quinn, **Seconded** by Councillor P Heaviside 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 K Shaw 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 J Quinn, **Seconded** by Councillor P Heaviside that Councillor D Oliver 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 R Manchester be appointed Vice-Chair of the Area Planning Committee (Central and East).

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

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

Area Planning Committee (South and West)

Moved by Councillor T Duffy, **Seconded** by Councillor E Mavin that Councillor J Quinn be appointed Chair of the Area Planning Committee (South and West).

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

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

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

Moved by Councillor T Duffy, **Seconded** by Councillor E Mavin 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 J Chaplow 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 T Duffy, **Seconded** by Councillor E Mavin that Councillor D Sutton-Lloyd be appointed Chair of the Pension Fund Committee.

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

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor D Sutton-Lloyd be appointed Chair of the Pension Fund Committee.

Moved by Councillor T Duffy, **Seconded** by Councillor E Mavin 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 C Fletcher 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 T Duffy, **Seconded** by Councillor E Mavin 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 T Duffy, **Seconded** by Councillor E Mavin that Councillor M Walton be appointed Vice-Chair of the Corporate Parenting Panel.

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

Upon a vote being taken there was an equality of votes. The Chair exercised her casting vote for Councillor M Walton.

Resolved:

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

Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

Moved by Councillor T Duffy, **Seconded** by Councillor E Mavin 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.

A named vote was requested.

Councillor C Martin

C Bell, R Bell, J Blakey, D Brown, L Brown, J Cairns, J Charlton, J Cosslett, B Coult, M Currah, T Duffy, J Elmer, D Freeman, D Haney, P Heaviside, T Henderson, L Holmes, C Hood, A Hopgood, J Howey, G Hutchinson, A Jackson, N Jones, P Jopling, C Lines, C Martin, E Mavin, L Mavin, B McAloon, S McDonnell, P Molloy, J Nicholson, D Oliver, R Ormerod,

E Peeke, R Potts, J Quinn, A Reed, G Richardson, S Robinson, K Robson, K Rooney, J Rowlandson, A Savory, E Scott, A Shield, J Shuttleworth, M Simmons, A Simpson, M Stead, W Stelling, A Sterling, D Stoker, T Stubbs, D Sutton-Lloyd, M Walton, A Watson, M Wilkes and S Zair.

Councillor R Crute

E Adam, R Adcock-Forster, V Andrews, J Atkinson, P Atkinson, A Batey, K Batey, C Bihari, D Boyes, J Chaplow, R Charlton-Lainé, I Cochrane, R Crute, S Deinali, K Earley, K Fantarrow, L Fenwick, C Fletcher, J Griffiths, O Gunn, D Hall, C Hampson, A Hanson, K Hawley, S Henig, J Higgins, L Hovvels, D Howarth, M Johnson, C Kay, B Kellett, L Kennedy, R Manchester, C Marshall, D McKenna, M McKeon, I McLean, S McMahon, J Miller, B Moist, D Mulholland, D Nicholls, P Pringle, J Purvis, S Quinn, I Roberts, J Scurfield, P Sexton, K Shaw, G Smith, T Smith, A Surtees, F Tinsley, S Townsend, C Varty, E Waldock, M Wilson, S Wilson, D Wood and R Yorke.

Abstentions

Councillors A Bell, C Hunt and M McGaun.

Resolved:

That Councillor R Crute be appointed Chair of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

Moved by Councillor T Duffy, **Seconded** by Councillor E Mavin 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 T Duffy, **Seconded** by Councillor E Mavin that Councillor A Reed 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 S Deinali be appointed Chair of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Upon a vote being taken there was an equality of votes. The Chair exercised her casting vote for Councillor A Reed.

Resolved:

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

Moved by Councillor T Duffy, **Seconded** by Councillor E Mavin 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 J Scurfield 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 T Duffy, **Seconded** by Councillor E Mavin that Councillor P Heaviside 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 P Heaviside be appointed Chair of the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Moved by Councillor T Duffy, **Seconded** by Councillor E Mavin that Councillor J Charlton 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 J Charlton 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 T Duffy, **Seconded** by Councillor E Mavin 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 E Adam 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 T Duffy, **Seconded** by Councillor E Mavin that Councillor J Elmer be appointed Vice-Chair of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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

Upon a vote being taken it was:

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 T Duffy, **Seconded** by Councillor E Mavin that Councillor K Robson be appointed Chair of the Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Moved by Councillor P Sexton, **Seconded** by Councillor K Fantarrow that Councillor B Moist 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 T Duffy, **Seconded** by Councillor E Mavin that Councillor A Sterling 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 A Surtees be appointed Vice-Chair of the Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

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

Adults, Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Moved by Councillor T Duffy, **Seconded** by Councillor E Mavin 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 V Andrews be appointed Chair of the Adults, Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Moved by Councillor T Duffy, **Seconded** by Councillor E Mavin 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 M Johnson be appointed Vice-Chair of the Adults, Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was:

Resolved:

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

10 Appointments to Joint Bodies and Other Bodies 2023/24

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 (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.

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 Appendix 3;
- (d) the allocation of seats on the Police and Crime Panel as detailed in Appendix 4 be agreed;
- (e) that the Chair of the Audit Committee is nominated to serve on the Joint Audit Committee to assist the Durham Police and Crime Commissioner, and Chief Constable, noting the nomination is subject to approval of the Durham Police and Crime Commissioner be agreed;

- (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 2023/24.

11 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 Chester le Street East Electoral Division on 4 May 2023 (for copy see file of Minutes)

12 Dates of Ordinary Council meetings for 2023/24

Resolved:

That the dates of meetings of the County Council for 2023/24 be as follows:

Wednesday 21 June 2023
Wednesday 19 July 2023
Wednesday 20 September 2023
Wednesday 18 October 2023
Wednesday 6 December 2023
Wednesday 24 January 2024
Wednesday 28 February 2024 (Budget and Council Tax Setting)
Wednesday 27 March 2024
Wednesday 22 May 2024 (Annual)