

MEETING OF MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of Middlesbrough Council, lawfully convened, and held in the Town Hall, Middlesbrough on 29 May 2015.

PRESENT: Councillors Bloundele (Chair), The Mayor, D Budd, Councillors Arundale, Biswas, Brunton, Cole, Coupe, Cox, Culley, Davison, Dean, Dryden, Goodchild, Harvey, Hellaoui, Higgins, C Hobson, J Hobson, Hubbard, Hussain, Lawton, Lewis, Mawston, McCabe, McGee, McGloin, McIntyre, G Purvis, P Purvis, Rathmell, C Rooney, D Rooney, Rostron, Shan, Sharrocks, Taylor, Thompson, Uddin, J A Walker, Walters and Young

OFFICERS: R Broad, S Brown, B Carr, L Henman, R Horniman, A Hoy, S Lightwing, T Parkinson, N Pocklington, B Roberts, M Robinson and N Sayer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were submitted on behalf of Councillors were submitted on behalf of Councillors Blyth, Brady, McTigue and Saunders. .

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interest made at this point of the meeting.

15/1 ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2015/2016

The Head of Democratic Services invited nominations for the election of Chair of the Council for the Municipal Year 2015/2016.

Moved, seconded and **ORDERED** that Councillor Bloundele be and is hereby elected Chair of the Council for the Borough of Middlesbrough to hold office for the Municipal Year 2015/2016.

(Councillor Bloundele assumed the Chair).

15/2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2015/2016

The Chair sought nominations for the election of Vice-Chair of the Council for the Municipal Year 2015/2016.

Moved, seconded and **ORDERED** that Councillor Brady be and is hereby appointed Vice-Chair of the Council for the Borough of Middlesbrough to hold office for the Municipal Year 2015/2016.

15/3 MINUTES - COUNCIL - 25 MARCH AND 1 APRIL 2015

The minutes of the meetings of Middlesbrough Council held on 25 March and 1 April 2015 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

15/4 ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

The Chair reported with sadness the recent death on 27 April 2015 of former Councillor, John Jones. The Chair paid tribute to John Jones stating that he was elected to Cleveland County Council to represent Thorntree Ward in 1977. He was the 122nd Mayor of Middlesbrough Council in 1985. John was married to Audrey and had one daughter and two sons.

All present stood in silence as a mark of respect.

15/5 MAYORAL AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS - 7 MAY 2015 - RESULTS

A report of the Assistant Director, Organisation and Governance, was presented to report the results of the 2015 municipal elections for the Elected Mayor and Councillors for the Borough and to request instructions regarding the appointment of political assistants for minority groups.

Prior to the Election, both the Labour and Conservative Groups had political assistants. The Act that made provision for political assistants specified that in order to qualify for a political assistant a group must have at least one-tenth of the membership of the Authority. In respect of this Council that required a group to have at least five members. At present, only the Labour Group had the requisite number of members.

The Act further stipulated that if only one group had the requisite number of members, then the next largest group would qualify. Both the Conservative Group and the Middlesbrough Independent Councillors Association (MICA) had four members. The Council had previously determined that a minority group would only qualify for a part-time political assistant.

Following discussions with the Leader of MICA it had been confirmed that the Group did not wish to have a political assistant. Accordingly, it was open to the Conservative Group to have a political assistant.

Election of Mayor

Christopher David Budd (Dave) Labour

Election of Councillors

Ward	Political Party (If any)	Name	
Acklam (2)		Shamal K Biswas	Labour
Sheila Dean	Labour		
Ayresome (2)		Denise Rooney	Labour
Bernard Taylor (Bernie)	Labour		
Berwick Hills and Pallister (3)		Edward Dryden (Eddie)	Labour
Julie McGee	Labour		
Michael Thompson (Mick)	Labour		
Brambles and Thorntree (3)		Terry Lawton	Labour
Geraldine Purvis	Labour		
Thurston P Purvis (Peter)	Labour		
Central (3)		Linda Lewis	
Labour			
Ansab Shan	Labour		
Zafar Uddin	Labour		
Coulby Newham (3)		Janice Brunton (Jan)	Labour
John G Cole (Geoff)	Labour		
Joe Culley	Labour		
Hemlington (2)		Jeanette A Walker	Labour
Nicola J Walker	Labour		
Kader (2)		Ronald Arundale	
Conservative			
Jordan Blyth	Labour		
Ladgate (2)		Michael Carr (Mike)	Labour
June Goodchild	Labour		
Linthorpe (2)		Stephen E Bloundele	Labour
Naweed Hussain	Labour		
Longlands and Beechwood (3)		Teresa Higgins	Labour

Joan McTigue	Independent	
Labour	Charles Rooney	
Marton East (2)	Dorothy Davison	Marton
Independents		
Thomas Mawston (Tom)	Marton Independents	
Marton West (2)	Christine Hobson (Chris)	Conservative
John Hobson	Conservative	
Newport (3)	Bob Brady	
Labour		
Tracy Harvey	Labour	
Alma Hellaoui	Labour	
North Ormesby (1)	Lewis Young	Labour
Nunthorpe (2)	Lesley McGloin	
Independent		
Jon Rathmell	Independent	
Park (3)	Frances McIntyre	
Labour		
Julia Rostron	Labour	
Margaret Walters	Labour	
Park End and Beckfield (3)	Peter A Cox	MICA
Brian A Hubbard	MICA	
Michael Saunders (Mick)	MICA	
Stainton and Thornton (1)	David Philip Coupe	Conservative
Trimdon (2)	Dennis McCabe	
Independent		
Jean Sharrocks	Labour	

Table 1
Political Groups and Others

		Total
Labour including the Elected Mayor		34
Conservative		4
Marton Independent Group		2
Middlesbrough Independent Councillors Association	3	
Independents		4

Table 2
Balance as at 29 May 2015

		Total
Labour including the Elected Mayor		34
Conservative		4
Marton Independent Group		2
Middlesbrough Independent Councillors Association	4	
Independents (Not a political group)		3

Moved, seconded and **ORDERED** as follows:

1. That the results of the Mayoral and Council Elections held on 7 May 2015 be noted.
2. That the Conservative Group qualified to have a part time political assistant.

15/6 REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT PANEL ON MEMBERS' REMUNERATION

A report of the Assistant Director, Organisation and Governance, was presented to detail the recommendations of the Independent Panel on Members' Remuneration.

The Independent Panel on Members' Remuneration had considered the annual review of Members' Allowances and the report was attached at Appendix One to the submitted report.

For the next Municipal Year the Panel recommended that the current Scheme of Allowances was carried to 2015-2016 with no changes. The Panel would reconsider the Scheme of Allowances should there be any major changes following changes in political structures following the Elections.

Moved, seconded and **ORDERED** that there would be no change to the Council's current Scheme of Allowances for the Municipal Year 2015-2016.

15/7 SCHEME OF ALLOWANCES 2015/2016

A report of the Assistant Director, Organisation and Governance, was presented to seek approval of the Scheme of Allowances for the year 2015-2016 which reflected the recommendations of the Independent Panel on Members' Remuneration.

A copy of the Scheme of Allowances was attached to the submitted report. The recommendation of the Panel was that no amendments were made to the Scheme of Allowances for the forthcoming year. It was noted that there were no immediate plans to fill the Assistant Executive Member positions.

Moved, seconded and **ORDERED** that the Scheme of Allowances for 2015/2016 as outlined in the submitted report be approved.

15/8 POLITICAL BALANCE - ALLOCATION OF PLACES ON COMMITTEES 2015

Council received and considered a report of the Assistant Director, Organisation and Governance, recommending the allocation of places on committees and sub-committees in line with the political balance of the Council and, in accordance with the requirements of Sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.

Moved, seconded and **ORDERED** as follows:-

1. That political balance was waived in respect of the following committees:-

(a) Corporate Health and Safety Committee
Local Pensions Board
Works Council

(b) Chief Officer Appointments Committee
Constitution and Members' Development Committee.

2. That the allocation of seats on committees that are subject to the rules relating to political balance was approved as follows:-

Labour - 98 seats
Conservative - 12 seats
Middlesbrough Independent Councillors Association (MICA) - 12 seats
Marton Independent Group - 6 seats
Independents - 8 seats

3. That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to fill the unallocated seats as indicated in paragraph 13 of the submitted report and make any necessary further adjustments to remove

or replace members where directed by the relevant group or member.

4. That any committees established prior to the next review be appointed on the basis of the places shown in Table 3 of the appendix to the report submitted.

15/9 **EXECUTIVE SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

As required by the Council's Constitution, a report was submitted setting out membership of the Executive appointed by the Mayor as at Appendix B together with details of the Executive Scheme of Delegation as at Appendix A delegating responsibility for certain functions to the Executive, Individual Executive Members, Executive Sub-Committees, joint arrangements and, where appropriate, Officers of the Council.

Moved, seconded and **ORDERED** that the report be noted.

15/10 **COUNCIL COMMITTEES - ESTABLISHMENT, TERMS OF REFERENCE, ALLOCATION OF PLACES AND MEMBERSHIP 2015**

Council received a report of the Assistant Director, Organisation and Governance, regarding the establishment of committees, sub-committees, boards, panels and working groups for 2015.

Schedule A of the report submitted set out the Executive and Executive Sub-Committees and Advisory Bodies as agreed by the Mayor.

Schedules B and C identified the nominations received from the various groups and individual Councillors for places on the committees to be established by the Council in accordance with Sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government Act 1989 and Local Government (Political Groups and Committees) Regulations 1990.

The report included a list of current vacancies on various committees and nominations were put forward at the meeting by the individual Members' concerned.

ORDERED as follows:-

1. That the membership, size and terms of reference of the Executive, its sub-committees and advisory bodies approved by the Mayor as set out in Schedule A in the Appendix to the submitted report, be noted.
2. That the appointment of chairs and vice-chairs of Executive sub-committees and advisory bodies, as indicated in Schedule A in the Appendix to the submitted report, be noted.
3. That the committees, sub-committees, boards, panels and working groups be established, and the terms of reference as detailed in the Schedules B and C in the Appendix to the submitted report be approved, until amended by Council.
4. Council approved (a) the places allocated in accordance with the wishes of the political groups and other Councillors as shown and (b) the chair/vice-chair appointments indicated, until amended by Council.
5. That the following appointments, nominated at the meeting, were approved:

Schedule B Appointments:

Casino Licensing Sub Committee (named substitute) - Councillor Mawston
Works Council - Councillor Arundale

Schedule C Appointments:

Licensing Committee - Councillor Rathmell
Overview and Scrutiny Board - Councillor Higgins
Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel - Councillor McGloin
Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel - Councillor Davison

Planning and Development Committee - Councillor McGloin
Teesside Pension Fund and Investment Panel - Councillor Rathmell

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APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE TO JOINT COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES 2015

A report of the Assistant Director, Organisation and Governance, regarding the appointment of representatives to joint committees and outside bodies had been circulated. It was highlighted that the Labour representative nomination for the Cleveland Police and Crime Panel was Councillor C Rooney.

ORDERED as follows:-

1. That appointments to the organisations shown in Appendices A (Council nominations) and B (Council/Executive nominations) of the report submitted for 2015 be approved, until amended by Council/Executive
2. That the following appointments, nominated at the meeting, be approved and noted, until amended by Council/Executive.

Appendix A - Council Appointments
Cleveland Combined Fire Authority - Councillor Mawston
Cleveland Show Society Committee - Councillor J A Walker

Appendix B - Council/Executive Appointments
Captain Cook Birthplace Trust - Councillor Coupe

Appendix C - Executive Appointments
Forum for Looked After Children - Councillors McGloin and Rathmell
Local Government Association - Councillor Taylor
Tennis World - Councillors Davison and Mawston

3. That the nomination of representatives for appointments made by the Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for Regeneration relating to appointments set out in Appendix C (Executive) of the report submitted be noted.
4. That the bodies identified in the schedules submitted be regarded as approved duties for the payment of travel and subsistence allowance.
5. That subject to consultation with the Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for Regeneration (for Executive appointments), the Group Leader (where a vacancy rested specifically with that political group), or the Chair of the Council (for all other nominations/appointments), the Monitoring Officer be authorised to remove or replace representatives on outside bodies.

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URGENT ITEM

Council Meeting - Change of Date

Moved, seconded and **ORDERED** that the date of the next Council meeting was changed from 1 July 2015 to Wednesday 15 July 2015 at 7.00 pm.