

MEETING OF MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of Middlesbrough Council, lawfully convened, and held in the Town Hall, Middlesbrough on 11 May 2016.

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

OFFICERS: M Allinson, W Flowers, L Henman, S Lightwing, A Pain, T Parkinson, B Roberts, M Robinson

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were submitted on behalf of Councillors were submitted by Councillors Brady, Coupe, Dryden, Hubbard, Lawton, McTigue, J Sharrocks.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

1 ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2016/2017

The Head of Legal Services invited nominations for the election of Chair of the Council for the Municipal Year 2016-2017.

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 2016-2017 pro tem.

(Councillor Bloundele assumed the Chair).

2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2016/2017

The Chair sought nominations for the election of Vice-Chair of the Council for the Municipal Year 2016-2017.

Moved, seconded and **ORDERED** that Council Brady be and is hereby appointed Vice-Chair of the Council for the Borough of Middlesbrough to hold office for the Municipal Year 2016-2017.

3 MINUTES - COUNCIL - 30 MARCH 2016

The minutes of the meeting of Middlesbrough Council held on 30 March 2016 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

4 ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

The Chair reported that a by-election for the Coulby Newham Ward was held on Thursday 5th May 2016. David John Branson, Labour Party, was elected. Details of the result were available on the Council website. The Chair welcomed Councillor Branson to the meeting.

5 REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT PANEL ON MEMBERS' REMUNERATION

The Head of Legal Services presented the recommendations of the Independent Panel on Members' Remuneration.

The Independent Panel on Members' Remuneration had considered the annual review of Members' Allowances and all Elected Members were invited to put written representations to the Panel.

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

1. That there are no changes to Basic and the travel and subsistence allowances and that the basic allowance should continue to be linked to officers' pay awards using the current rate of allowances for 2016-2017 as the starting base.
2. That the Special Responsibility Allowance for the role of the chair of the Staff Appeals Committee should be reduced to 0.5 of the basic allowance to reflect the level of time and commitment required.
3. The Dependent Carers Allowance (rate per hour) currently based on the national minimum wage be reviewed to reflect the national living wage rates.
4. That the Mayoral Allowance and Members' Pension entitlement be reviewed at the next meeting.

6 **SCHEME OF ALLOWANCES 2016/2017**

A report of the Head of Democratic Services was presented, the purpose of which was to approve the Scheme of Allowances for the year 2016/2017, 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 Head of Legal Services highlighted two typographical errors on Schedule 1 in relation to the proposed allowances for the Chairs of Standards Committee and Staff Appeals Committee, which should read Basic Allowance x 0.5 and not Basic Allowance x 1.

It was also noted that all allowances detailed in the report would be revised following approval of the recommendations at Agenda Item 7.

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

1. That Council agrees the attached Scheme of Allowances.
2. The Special responsibility Allowance for the Chair of the Staff Appeals Committee be reduced to 0.5 of the basic allowance.
3. Dependent carers allowance to be changed to reflect the national living wage.

7 **POLITICAL BALANCE - ALLOCATION OF PLACES ON COMMITTEES 2016/2017**

Council received and considered a report of the Monitoring Officer, 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.

8 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.

9 COUNCIL COMMITTEES - ESTABLISHMENT, TERMS OF REFERENCE, ALLOCATION OF PLACES AND MEMBERSHIP 2016

Council received a report of the Monitoring Officer, regarding the establishment of committees, sub-committees, boards, panels and working groups for the 2016-2017 Municipal Year, or until amended by Council, (whichever was the latter)

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.

Moved, seconded, and **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 for the 2016-2017 Municipal Year, or until amended by Council, (whichever was the latter).

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 for the 2016-2017 Municipal Year, or until amended by Council, (whichever was the latter).

5. That the following appointments, nominated at the meeting, were approved:

Schedule B Appointments:
 Chief Officer Appointments Committee – Councillor Mawston
 Constitution and Members' Development Committee – Councillors Cox and Mawston
 Casino Licensing Sub Committee – Councillors Dean, Goodchild, J A Walker
 Works Council – Councillor Young

Schedule C Appointments
 Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel – Councillor Davison
 Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel – Councillor Branson

10 **APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE TO JOINT COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES 2016**

A report of the Monitoring Officer, regarding the appointment of representatives to joint committees and outside bodies had been circulated.

Moved, seconded and **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 the 2016-2017 Municipal Year be approved, until amended by Council/Executive, (whichever was the latter).
2. That the following appointments for the 2016-2017 Municipal Year, nominated at the meeting, be approved and noted, until amended by Council/Executive (whichever was the latter).

Appendix A:
 Better Health Programme Joint Committee - Councillor J A Walker
 Cleveland Combined Fire Authority - Councillor Mawston
 Cleveland Show Society - Councillor Davison

Appendix B
 Captain Cook Birthplace Trust - Councillor Mawston

Appendix C
 Forum for Looked After Children - Councillors J A Walker and Walters
 Nunthorpe and Marton Playing Fields Association - Management Committee - Councillor 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.

11 **VISION FOR MIDDLESBROUGH 2025**

The Mayor presented a report which sought approval for his Vision for Middlesbrough in 2025 - *Fairer, Safer, Stronger*, and outlined plans to consult with communities and partners on how best to work together to deliver the Vision.

The Mayor referred to two recent significant events in Middlesbrough which were the Tour De Yorkshire and Middlesbrough Football Club's promotion to the Premier League. The Mayor

praised everyone involved in showcasing the Town in such a positive light both nationally and internationally.

The Vision reflected the ambition and priorities for the town and each of the three themes set out a number of supporting priorities and specific promises relating to the priorities that the Mayor intended to deliver during this term and beyond.

The Mayor highlighted several aspects of the report including the involvement of the Police and Crime Commissioner, One Planet Living, Regeneration and Transport. It was also noted that 2025 was also the year in which the Mayor hoped the Tees Valley would be the UK's Capital of Culture.

Members commented on the community bank, equality objectives, education, employment, policing and the Tour De Yorkshire, and the Mayor responded accordingly.

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

1. the Mayor's Vision for Middlesbrough in 2025 - *Fairer, Safer, Stronger* document was approved, to ensure that the Mayor's Vision for Middlesbrough was clearly articulated and was communicated to all stakeholders.
2. consultation was undertaken with local communities and partners on how best to work together to deliver the Vision, and the output of these discussions were reflected in planned reports to Council on the Strategic Plan 2016-20 (July 2016) and the associated Change Programme (November 2016).

12 **RENAMING OF STANTON WOOD**

A report of the Monitoring Officer was presented for Council to consider a request, received from Stainton and Thornton Parish Council, to rename Stainton Wood as 'Maelor's Wood'.

Stainton and Thornton Parish Council had approached Middlesbrough Council to seek the formal renaming of Stainton Wood in memory of the late Councillor Maelor Williams, who, as a governor of Tees Forest, helped plant the wood in the 1990s.

Moved, seconded and **ORDERED** as follows, that Stainton Wood was renamed 'Maelor's Wood' with immediate effect.

13 **SENIOR MANAGEMENT REVIEW - JOINT REPORT OF THE MAYOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The Mayor presented a report to update Council with regard to the impact of the Senior Management Review on the Executive Director, Wellbeing, Care and Learning and the Assistant Director, Environment, Property and Commercial Services.

A copy of the new senior management structure was attached at Appendix 1 to the submitted report.

In response to a query by a Member the Mayor indicated that he would provide a response outside of the meeting as the query related to an exempt report previously considered by Council.

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

1. Council note the new senior management structure attached at Appendix 1 to the submitted report.
2. Council note that the procedure to implement the creation of the Strategic Director, Finance, Governance and Support post has been subject to a separate Council led decision-making process as it involves a potential compulsory redundancy.

