

MEETING OF MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of Middlesbrough Council, lawfully convened, and held in the Town Hall, Middlesbrough on 6 December 2017.

PRESENT: Councillors S E Bloundele (Chair), R Brady (Vice-Chair), R Arundale, S Biswas, J Blyth, D J Branson, J Brunton Dobson, Mr D Budd, M Carr, E Dryden, J Goodchild, T Harvey, A Hellaoui, T Higgins, C Hobson, J Hobson, B A Hubbard, L Lewis, J McGee, L McGloin, J McTigue, J Mohan, G Purvis, P Purvis, C M Rooney, D Rooney, J Rostron, M Storey, M Thompson, Z Uddin, J A Walker, N J Walker, V Walkington, M Walters, J Young and L Young

OFFICERS: J Bromiley, B Carr, J Etherington, G Field, L Henman, A Hoy, D Johnson, S Lightwing, J McCullough, A Pain, T Parkinson, S Reynolds and J Shield

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were submitted on behalf of Councillors Councillor D P Coupe, Councillor D Davison, Councillor S Dean, Councillor N Hussain, Councillor T Lawton, Councillor T Mawston, Councillor D McCabe, Councillor F McIntyre, Councillor J Rathmell, Councillor M Saunders, and Councillor J Sharrocks.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None received

1 MINUTES - COUNCIL - 1 NOVEMBER 2017

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 1 November 2017 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

The Chair announced with sadness, the death of former Councillor and Mayor of Middlesbrough, Chris Atkin, who sadly passed away on 12 November 2017, aged 71.

Chris was born in Middlesbrough in 1946 and attended Linthorpe, Green Lane and Whinney Banks Schools, before going on to work as an office junior in Tees Towing Company in Queens Square in 1962. In 1964 Chris joined the South Durham Steel and Iron Co., Cargo Fleet Works as a Junior Sales Clerk. In 1966 he joined the Labour Party, and was a founder member of the Clerical & Administration Workers Union Branch in 1969.

Chris was elected in 1972 on to the Teesside County Borough Council to represent the Gresham Ward. He was also a Middlesbrough Councillor for Gresham Ward and Westbourne Ward. He was a former Chair of Development Services and Cleveland Transit Joint Committee. In 1983 he was elected as Middlesbrough's 120th Mayor of Middlesbrough. He made history by being the first Mayor of Middlesbrough to decline to wear the civic furs and by being the first Mayor to hold his Mayor's Sunday Service in a mosque with readings from the Koran and the Bible in English and Urdu.

All present stood in silence as a mark of respect.

3 MAYOR'S STATEMENT AND REPORT

The Mayor stated that he wished to speak about the recent budget and the launching of the national industrial strategy linked to it and he stated that the past seven years of austerity had not worked.

The Chancellor had revealed in his statement that there had been reduced growth, poor productivity, rising inflation and the prospect of two decades of stagnating wages. There had been a promise to reduce the deficit and there was a promise of more funding for the NHS but it fell short of the amount of funding that had been suggested by those who ran the NHS Service. Following that announcement, two former Conservative Health Ministers and the

Conservative Chairman of the Commons Health Committee had labelled the funding as a short-term fix and had suggested that it was time to tackle the long-term health and social care crisis.

The 2% Council Tax precept to help pay for adult social care provided some short-term support but did not address long-term needs. The budget was silent on the local authority funding gap of £5.8bn by 2019/2020 or the £1.3bn gap in Adult Social Care or the £2bn gap needed to deal with the crisis in Children's Social Care. It was hoped that the Communities Secretary would announce something in the Local Government Funding Settlement.

The Mayor stated that the Chancellor had announced that Stamp Duty would be scrapped for first time buyers for houses up to £300,000. The Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR), had stated however that this measure would only drive up prices and benefit existing owners. In terms of Universal Credit, the Chancellor had announced a reduction in waiting times of one week rather than cease or pause implementation of the benefit.

The Mayor advised that there had been no funding in the budget for the police or prisons. Cleveland Police had lost 450 officers and 50 PCSOs since 2010 due entirely to budget funding cuts. Some of the promised spending on infrastructure was very welcome and the launch of the national industrial strategy launched after the budget, was a move in the right direction. The strategy acknowledged that a geographically lopsided UK economy and historical underinvestment in infrastructure were a major source of poor productivity performance. Areas were urged to create local industrial strategies and the Mayor advised that Tees Valley had already created a Strategic Economic Strategy some years earlier, which was the same thing.

The theme of place in the budget was important. The Centre for Cities had pointed out that it fell to cities to address the productivity challenges and this would be addressed partly through the Council and partly through the Combined Authority. The Transforming Cities Fund had awarded £59m to Tees Valley for improvements to local transport networks and this would help with local issues. The Secretary of State for Transport was due to visit Middlesbrough later in the week to look at the broad transport issues and potential solutions.

The Mayor advised that the Prime Minister had promised a fairer Britain however the whole of the Social Mobility Commission had recently resigned and the Joseph Rowntree Trust had reported an increase in poverty of £700,000.

A number of Members commented on the Mayor's statement.

4 **DEPUTY MAYOR AND EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORTS**

The Chair invited Members to raise items for general discussion arising from the Information Booklet of Executive Member reports which detailed activities carried out within the respective Executive Member portfolios (Section 1), Executive decisions taken (Section 2) or to be taken where known, prior to and following the meeting (Sections 3 and 4).

Members commented and posed questions in relation to the following matters and Executive Members responded where appropriate:-

a) Specialist Services

A member referred to page 2, paragraph 2 of the Executive Member for Children's Social Services report in respect of Specialist Services, in particular, Adoption and Fostering. The member queried whether the fact that Darlington would be presenting to their Executive committee in December in respect of the Regional Adoption Agency, would delay the implementation date of 1 April 2018.

The Executive Member advised that the process of discussing the Regional Adoption Agency had been ongoing for three years but all five authorities had now formerly agreed the process. Darlington had suggested a minor amendment to improve the governance oversight which had been agreed by all five authorities. The transition process would commence in January

2018 with a view to going live as Adoption Tees Valley on 1 April 2018.

b) Rough Sleepers Count

A member referred to page 7, paragraph 15 of the Executive Member for Culture and Communities report in relation to Rough Sleepers Count. He stated that he wanted to praise the work that was being carried out in Middlesbrough. The Ward Councillors for the Central Ward had been working with officers for some time regarding the new Multi-Agency Team who were supporting people who were homeless in the town. Through the Multi Agency Team which involved the Police, the University, Thirteen and the Council, lots of people who were previously living on the streets were now in homes and accessing GP surgeries and benefits for the first time. There had been a significant reduction in begging. Businesses in the town had approached the Ward Councillors regarding issues with begging in particular areas, and they had indicated that they were pleased with the work that had been done to reduce begging in the town.

The member stated that he wanted to highlight the good work that was being done in the town to assist with homelessness. The office of the MP for Middlesbrough participated in the shoe box appeal and the member and a colleague had set up a Community Coat Rack in Middlesbrough Bus Station which encouraged people to donate coats that they no longer needed for use by the homeless.

c) Rough Sleepers Count

A member referred to page 7, paragraph 15 of the Executive Member for Culture and Communities report in relation to Rough Sleepers Count and queried why there were six predominant beggars in Middlesbrough with all the assistance that was available.

The Executive Member stated that these beggars had very complex needs and they sometimes returned back to the streets for reasons of because of their chaotic lifestyle they sometimes lost accommodation that they had gained, also for reasons of boredom or they liked the people they met on the streets. The Executive Member stated that he would continue to ensure that the beggars received all the assistance they required.

d) Acklam Library and Community Hub

A member referred to page 10, paragraph 27 of the Executive Member for Culture and Communities report in relation to Acklam Library and Community Hub. He stated that Acklam Library was undergoing a full refurbishment in order to accommodate some of the voluntary sector organisations and he queried whether this concept would continue in the future.

The Executive Member advised that a peer review had been carried out to assess the town's libraries and as a result the Council had protected family literacy. The library staff had been required to change the way in which they worked and were sometimes required to assist with helping people access the internet or complete on line applications. The authority had been invited by the British Library to be part of a network and they were the only north east council to be invited.

e) A member referred to page 8, paragraph 19 of the Executive Member for Culture and Communities report in relation to Welfare Rights, in particular the Middlesbrough Council Welfare Rights Unit - Summary of Activity Quarter 2 - 2017/18.

The member was particularly interested in the representation of appeals and the 90% success rate and he stated that he wished to applaud the Welfare Rights Staff on their success rates and for continuing to represent people at appeals as he understood that Citizen's Advice no longer carried out this service. He also queried why such a high proportion of people who had to appeal were denied the benefit in the first place.

The Executive Member stated that the Welfare Rights Service assessed the case before they took the case forward as if they took on cases that were not viable, they could lose credibility. The Executive Member pointed out that he had previously assisted a person in a Personal

Independent Payment case and the case had taken eighteen months and the person had been awarded the maximum award for mobility at a tribunal. The Executive Member advised that he was proud to report successes of the Welfare Rights Team, the Financial Inclusion Group the partnership and other agencies involved in Welfare Rights. He stated that the fact that 90% of cases that were originally turned down were successful and he queried whether people were being deterred from applying in the first place.

f) Hate Crime Week

This question was subsequently withdrawn at the meeting.

g) Remembrance Sunday

A member referred to page 6, paragraph 11 of the Executive Member for Culture and Communities report in relation to Remembrance Sunday. He stated that a representative from the Territorial Army had approached him with a view to visiting mosques/temples with regard to participating in the Remembrance Sunday service and he thanked the Territorial Army, in particular Oz Sadiq and Captain Michael Black for encouraging seven BME groups to take part in the service and lay a wreath.

The Executive Member endorsed the member's comments.

h) Grenfell Towers Task and Finish Group

A member referred to page 2, paragraph 3 of the Executive Member for Economic Development and Infrastructure report in respect of the Grenfell Towers Task and Finish Group. The member stated that many of the victims of the Grenfell Tower Tragedy had been ignored by society. He advised that when he had spoken on the issue at a previous Council meeting, he had muddled his words and he apologised for this. He advised that he was pleased to see that Middlesbrough Council had taken the Grenfell Tower issue very seriously.

The Executive Member stated that he would like to commend the member for stating that his comments at a previous meeting had been unintended and for apologising for any distress the comments might have caused. He stated that the apology could serve as an example to other elected members who might have fallen short of the standards expected of elected officials.

The Executive Member stated that the work of the Task and Finish Group continued, and Council officers were working extremely hard collecting data, contacting high-rise owners, and ensuring that Middlesbrough residents were safe in their homes and place of work. It was anticipated that a further detailed report would be submitted to the Council meeting early in the new year.

h) The Junction Young Carers Project

A member referred to page 2, paragraph 1 of the Executive Member for Education and Skills report in relation to the Junction Young Carers Project and advised that she was pleased to see the reference to the Junction Young Carers Project and the acknowledgement of the work young people were doing in respect of caring.

Members were advised that the project provided support for families by taking the carers on trips or listening to their needs. When asked why the project was important to them, one of the young carers had responded by saying "Because I made new friends and sun fills my heart".

The Executive Member advised that it was very important that young carers were looked after and supported.

i) Withdrawal of Government Funding

A member referred to page 2, paragraph 10, of the Executive Member for Finance and Governance report in respect of Withdrawal of Government Funding and the fact that the Revenue Support Grant would be withdrawn completely from 2022. The promise that

Council's would be able to retain 100% of business rates had also been withdrawn and he queried how the authority would be able to fund the gap left by the withdrawal of the Revenue Support Grant.

The Executive Member advised that the Council did have plans in place but the Government had not provided any certainty about the future. New legislation would be required for local authorities to be able to retain 100% of business rates. The two main issues facing the Government were Brexit and the fact that they did not achieve a large majority in the last election. The authority faced a period of uncertainty but it was not only Middlesbrough Council that faced uncertainty, it was a national problem. There was currently a £5.8 billion funding gap, and the Government needed to come up with some plans on how to deal with the gap.

j) Additional Help with Council Tax

A member referred to page 2, paragraph 14, of the Executive Member for Finance and Governance report in respect of Additional Help with Council Tax with regard to assistance available in terms of Council Tax for those in need.

The Executive Member advised that the Prime Minister had referred to helping the Just About Managing (JAM) but the additional help with Council Tax was about assisting the JAM and those who were not managing at all e.g. those residents affected by the bedroom tax or universal credit or those who did not have to pay anything towards their Council Tax previously, but were now being asked to pay 20% towards their Council Tax. The Executive Member advised that further information with regard to this issue was included in a report at Agenda Item 12.

5 **REPORT OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD**

Council received and considered a report of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Board outlining the work of the Board and Scrutiny Panels.

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6 **MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME**

The Chair advised that the question that had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting had been withdrawn by the member that had submitted the question.

7 **NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

Consideration was given to Motion No. 127, moved by Councillor Rostron and seconded by Councillor Thompson of which notice had been given in accordance with Council Procedure Rules No. 53-60 as follows:

'Middlesbrough achieved Fairtrade Town status 2007. The Council reaffirms its support for Fairtrade and recognises the role of the Middlesbrough Fairtrade Group in promoting Fairtrade in Middlesbrough. Middlesbrough Council remains fully committed to using Fairtrade products, including tea, coffee and sugar, in meetings and at events. Furthermore, the Council will continue to encourage local organisations to join the campaign and will continue to promote and participate in the town's programme of Fairtrade events and activities'.

Councillor Rostron and Councillor C Hobson spoke in support of the motion.

On a vote being taken the motion was declared **CARRIED**.

Consideration was given to Motion No. 128 moved by Councillor D Rooney and seconded by Councillor G Purvis of which notice had been given in accordance with Council Procedure Rules No. 53-60 as follows:

'There is a rise in the use of food banks across the country, this is linked to welfare reform and the roll out of Universal Credit. The Trussell Trust report that many people are having to

choose between buying food or fuel. We know that welfare reform is affecting many people, including people in work and low paid jobs.

Austerity is affecting women more and therefore period poverty is a reality and forces many women to choose between putting food on the table and buying sanitary products. This affects both adult women and girls, in a recent survey by Plan International UK, it was found that 10% of 14-24 year olds surveyed had been unable to buy sanitary products and there are girls missing out on their education because they cannot afford sanitary protection.

Women and girls do not have a choice whether to have a period or not. For a family where there is a mother and two daughters who have periods, the average cost per month of buying sanitary products is £20. Where women cannot afford sanitary products they are using socks, toilet roll and napkins from fast food restaurants.

Scotland are leading the way and piloting a scheme in Aberdeen, where women can have an S-Card, similar to the C-Card scheme for condoms. The S-card enables a woman to go into a pharmacy and exchange for free sanitary products.

Some food banks and community hubs may have sanitary products women can access but these are not open seven days a week. There needs to be a system where women in need can easily access free sanitary products to meet a basic need, maintain dignity and hygiene.

Middlesbrough Council believes:

- that no woman in the Tees Valley should be forced into poverty due to her periods.
- no girl should miss school because of her period
- no woman should miss work or college because of her period

This Council pledges its full support for the Tees Valley Free Period campaign.

This Council will commit to further work and explore how a similar scheme to Scotland would operate and be funded in Middlesbrough.'

Councillor D Rooney and Councillor G Purvis spoke to the motion. A number of other members also spoke in support of the motion.

On a vote being taken the motion was declared **CARRIED**.

Consideration was given to Motion No. 129 moved by Councillor Harvey and seconded by Councillor N Walker of which notice had been given in accordance with Council Procedure Rules No. 53-60 as follows:

'This Council recognises the detrimental impact that Universal Credit will have on the over 18,000 people in Middlesbrough who already are or will be impacted by the move to Universal Credit. Research from Citizens Advice indicates that over half of claimants of universal credit are in debt, putting huge anxiety and stress onto families. Social security should seek to prevent people falling into debt. Universal Credit in its current form encourages debt, as people take out loans in desperation to look after themselves and their families whilst waiting for their benefit.

While this Council welcomes the decision by the government to delay the roll-out of Universal Credit in Middlesbrough until July 2018, it believes that a longer pause is needed to re-examine its timescales for recipients of Universal Credit and to fix the wider issues of the scheme. This Council calls on the Government to halt the Universal Credit roll-out until such issues are resolved'.

Councillor Harvey and N Walker spoke to the motion. A number of other members also spoke in support of the motion.

On a vote being taken the motion was declared **CARRIED**.

8 NOTICE OF URGENT MOTION

There were no urgent motions for this meeting.

9 REVIEW OF COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT

The Strategic Director of Finance and Governance submitted a report, the purpose of which was to propose revisions to the Council Tax Support Scheme following a consultation exercise requesting resident's views and recommendation from the Executive on the 21 November 2017.

The Executive Member for Finance and Governance presented the report and made particular reference to the reduction of the minimum amount of council tax payable by working age claimants from 20% to 15% and the retaining of the family premium for new working age claims, without any impact on council tax payers not in receipt of support.

Reference was made to paragraph 9 of the report, which detailed the financial impact of the revisions, The consultation had demonstrated that there was significant support to increase the level of Council Tax assistance provided by the Council to 85% which would mean that those receiving help with their Council Tax through this method would have less to pay. For a person living in a Council Tax Band A property and based on the current Council Tax charges for 2017/18, this would mean that a property with more than one adult would pay £59.34 per year less in Council Tax and a single person, £44.49 less, as a result of receiving a discount for being the only adult in the property. They were currently required to pay £237 and £178 respectively.

In addition to the question relating to the percentage of support provided, the results of the questionnaire confirmed that a further 4 out of the 5 proposals were supported by residents. The only proposal not supported was to remove the family premium for new claims made from 1 April 2018 with 67% advising that they disagreed with this proposal.

If the Council did decide to move to the 85% scheme, it would have one of the most supportive schemes in the Tees Valley. Hartlepool had the most generous at 88% with Darlington, Stockton and Redcar at 80%.

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

1. That the Council note the results of the public consultation regarding the potential changes to the Council Tax Support Scheme from 1 April 2018.
2. That the Council agree to the implementation of the proposed changes to the scheme set out in the table at Paragraph 8 of the report and recommended by the Executive at the meeting held on 21 November 2017. In particular, the reduction of the minimum amount of council tax payable by working age claimants from 20% to 15% and leaving in the family premium for new working age claims, without any impact on council tax payers not in receipt of support.

10 STRATEGIC PLANNING 2018-21

Council received and considered a report of the Chief Executive which:

- presented for initial consideration the Council's proposed strategic priorities for 2018 - 2021, which once finalised following consultation, would form the basis of the Strategic Plan for this period;
- refreshed the Council's Medium-Term Financial Plan to 2020/21, reflecting and supporting the delivery of the proposed strategic priorities; and
- set out proposed savings initiatives for this period, which, subject to consultation, would inform the 2018/19 Budget and those of future years.

The Mayor stated that the Strategic Plan was the Council's overarching business plan which contained the Council's proposed strategic priorities for 2018 - 2021, the Medium-Term

Financial Plan and the proposed savings, which were subject to consultation.

The Mayor stated that although the report contained details of proposed savings and budget cuts, it was looking at what we could do as a Council rather than what the Council could not do. The Council had the determination and plans to move the town forward with city scale ambitions. The Mayor stated that the reason for circulating the Strategic Priorities was to consult on them. The Strategic Priorities could be subject to change, following the outcome of the consultation. The Mayor requested members to agree the recommendations.

A member stated that it was a step forward by having the spending plan alongside the strategic objectives. The member made reference to Page 16 of the report, under Partnerships and Integration - P&I 05 with regard to the initiative to Implement a partnership model with the Voluntary and Community Sector for the delivery of community advice and welfare rights, achieving a 20% saving in current expenditure which equated to a saving of £40,000 in 2018/19. The member queried whether the £40,000 could be re-invested into the service. The Mayor confirmed that he was in agreement with this proposal.

A member commented on SR12 - Developing a new Culture Strategy for the town, investing in the town's museums and other cultural assets, and leading the Tees Valley's 2025 UK City of Culture bid.

The Executive Member for Finance and Governance commented that it was pleasing to see that scrutiny had been involved in the Strategic Plan and budget proposals at an early stage. Following submission to the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel, a number of good questions had been raised, however attendance at the Members Briefings to discuss the Strategic Plan had been disappointing.

The Executive Member highlighted that the final briefing before the March Council meeting was due to take place on 27 February 2018, at 5.30pm and she requested feedback from members with regard to this date.

ORDERED as follows:

1. That the proposed strategic priorities for 2018-21 (Appendix A) for public consultation to inform the next iteration of the Strategic Plan, to be considered by Council on 28 March 2018 be approved by Council.
2. That the Medium-Term Financial Plan position for 2018-21 be noted by Council, and that Council agree that the proposed savings initiatives for 2018-21 (Appendices B-D), with - subject to public consultation where appropriate - Appendices B and C forming part of the Mayor's 2018/19 Budget, and Appendix D being further developed for consideration in future budget setting.
3. That in relation to Partnerships and Integration - P&I 05 with regard to the initiative to Implement a partnership model with the Voluntary and Community Sector for the delivery of community advice and welfare rights, that the predicted saving of £40,000 in 2018/19, be re-invested into the service.

11 **LOCALISM ACT 2011 - GENERAL DISPENSATIONS**

Council received and considered a report of the Deputy Monitoring Officer, which recommended that a general dispensation be granted to those Members who had applied for a dispensation in respect of matters that may affect so many Councillors that the Council or Committee would be inquorate.

The report provided information on the Localism Act 2011 and Regulations made thereunder, which introduced the concept of disclosable pecuniary interests and also rules in respect of dispensations. The general dispensation had been requested from the five Councillors that had been elected since the local elections held in 2015.

Moved, seconded and **ORDERED** that a general dispensation be granted to Councillors

Branson, Mohan, Storey, Walkington and J Young until the next all out local elections, in respect of the matters outlined in the report submitted and in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

12 **COMMITTEE AND OUTSIDE BODY APPOINTMENTS**

The Deputy Monitoring Officer presented a report, the purpose of which was to recommend appointments to committees and outside bodies for 2017, in accordance with the current political balance of the Council and to amend the Terms of Reference for the Teesside Pension Fund Committee.

Corporate Affairs and Audit Committee

Following the resignation of Councillor Blyth from the Corporate Affairs and Audit Committee, Council ratification was required for the appointment of a Vice-Chair to the Corporate Affairs and Audit Committee (a role previously held by Councillor Blyth). Previously, in accordance with the authority delegated to the Monitoring Officer, Councillor Blyth's position on that committee was filled by Councillor Walkington, who also acted pro tem as Vice-Chair.

Members were asked to consider nominations for the appointment of the Vice Chair of Corporate Affairs and Audit Committee.

Teesside Pension Fund Committee (formerly Teesside Pension Fund and Investment Panel)

A report had been submitted to Council on 1 November 2017 with regard to changes to the Teesside Pension Fund and Investment Panel. The Teesside Pension Fund and Investment Panel was to be renamed the Teesside Pension Fund Committee, however the report stated that whilst the Chair of the renamed Teesside Pension Fund Committee would be appointed by Middlesbrough Council, the Vice Chair would be appointed by the Teesside Pension Fund Committee. Both the Teesside Pension Fund and Investment Panel and the Teesside Pension Board had formally agreed that the appointments of Chair and Vice Chair should be made by Middlesbrough Council.

In addition, the membership of the Teesside Pension Fund Committee in terms of Middlesbrough members had been reduced from 11 Councillors to 9 Councillors.

The revised Political Balance of the Committee was as follows: 6 Labour, 1 Conservative, 1 MICA and 1 spare. The Councillors that were appointed would remain on that Committee until the Council's Annual Meeting in 2019. Thereafter, members would be appointed for a four year term in line with the electoral cycle.

Members were asked to consider nominations for appointment arising from the above.

The MICA group indicated that they did not wish to take up the place allocated to the group, therefore that place was available to all Councillors.

Durham Tees Valley Airport Board

Following the resignation of the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor for City Centre Strategy from the Durham Tees Valley Airport Board, Councillor M Carr, Executive Member for Children's Services had been appointed to the Board and Councillor J Brunton Dobson, Executive Member for Education and Skills, had been appointed as a substitute.

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

1. That the following appointments nominated at the meeting, be approved and noted, until amended by Council/Executive (whichever was the latter).

Corporate Affairs and Audit Committee - Vice Chair - Councillor V Walkington

Teesside Pension Fund Committee

Councillor Bloundele (Chair); Councillor Rostron (Vice-Chair); Councillors Brady, Coupe, Dean, Lewis, McGloin, G Purvis and Walters

2. That the Terms of Reference for the Teesside Pension Fund Committee be amended to specify that the appointments of both the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee will be made by Middlesbrough Council.

3. That Council notes the appointment of the Executive Member for Children's Services to the Durham Tees Valley Airport Board and the appointment of the Executive Member for Education and Skills as a substitute.