

COUNCIL

A meeting of the Council was held on Wednesday 24 May 2023.

PRESENT: Councillors J Banks, I Blades, D Branson, E Clynych, C Cooke - Elected Mayor, J Cooke, C Cooper, D Coupe, D Davison, S Dean, J Ewan, T Furness, P Gavigan, TA Grainge, S Hill, B Hubbard, L Hurst, N Hussain, D Jackson, D Jones, J Kabuye, L Lewis, T Livingstone, L Mason, D McCabe, M McClintock, J McConnell, J McTigue, I Morrish, J Nicholson, M Nugent, J Platt, S Platt, A Romaine, J Rostron, J Ryles, M Saunders, M Storey, P Storey, J Thompson, S Tranter, Z Uddin, J Walker, N Walker and G Wilson

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: J Hobson – Retiring Chair of Middlesbrough Council

OFFICERS: C Benjamin, S Blood, S Bonner, B Carr, C Heaphy, S Lightwing, A Pain, T Whitehead and K Whitmore

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors A High and M Smiles

23/1 **ELECTION OF THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR - 2023 - 2024**

The Chair of the Council pro tem invited nominations for the new Chair of the Council for the Municipal Year 2023 - 2024.

Nominations were received and seconded in respect of Councillor J Rostron and Councillor Saunders. On a vote being taken, Councillor J Rostron received 25 votes and Councillor Saunders received 18 votes.

Moved, seconded and **ORDERED** that Councillor J Rostron be elected as the Chair of the Council for the Borough of Middlesbrough to hold office for the Municipal Year 2023 - 2024 pro tem.

** At this point of the meeting, the former Chair invited the new Chair of the Council to take over the chairing of the meeting.

The Director of Legal and Governance Services thanked the retiring Chair for his contribution to the running of the Council meeting over the past four years.

23/2 **ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023-2024**

The Chair of the Council invited nominations for the new Vice-Chair of the Council for the Municipal Year 2023 - 2024.

Nominations were received and seconded in respect of Councillor Saunders and Councillor J Walker. On a vote being taken, Councillor Saunders received 18 votes and Councillor J Walker received 25 votes.

Moved, seconded and **ORDERED** that Councillor J Walker be elected as the Vice-Chair of the Council for the Borough of Middlesbrough to hold office for the Municipal Year 2023 - 2024 pro tem.

23/3 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor High and Councillor Smiles.

23/4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received at this point in the meeting.

23/5 **MINUTES - COUNCIL - EXTRAORDINARY MEETING - 22 MARCH 2023 AND ORDINARY MEETING 29 MARCH 2023**

The minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 22 March 2023 and the Ordinary Council meeting held on 29 March 2023 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

23/6 **ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chair of the Council announced with sadness, the death of Ron Arundale former Councillor for the Kader Ward.

Ron was the Council's Armed Forces Champion and represented the Kader Ward from 2011 until 2023.

The Chair requested members to join her in a minutes' silence as a mark of respect.

23/7 **MAYORAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS RESULTS - 4 MAY 2023**

A report of the Monitoring Office was submitted, the purpose of which was to report the results of the 2023 Mayoral and Local elections as follows:

ELECTION OF MAYOR

Chris Cooke	Labour
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ELECTION OF BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Ward	Name	Political Party (If any)
Acklam (2)	Sheila Dean	Labour
	Tom Livingstone	Liberal Democrats
Ayresome (2)	Antony High	Labour
	Janet Thompson	Labour
Berwick Hills and Pallister (3)	Ian Blades	Labour
	Julia Cooke	Labour
	Donna Jones	Independent
Brambles and Thorntree (3)	Jack Banks	Labour
	Stella Tranter	Labour
	Graham Wilson	Independent
Central (3)	Linda Lewis	Labour

	Matthew Storey	Labour
	Zafar Uddin	Labour
Coulby Newham (3)	David Branson	Labour
	Luke Mason	Conservative
	Jo Nicholson	Labour
Hemlington (2)	Jeanette A Walker	Labour
	Nicky Walker	Labour
Kader (2)	Jim Platt	Independent
	Sharon Platt	Independent
Ladgate (2)	Tony Grainge	Independent
	Luke Hurst	Conservative
Linthorpe (2)	Naweed Hussain	Labour
	Phillipa Storey	Labour
Longlands and Beechwood (3)	Peter Gavigan	Labour
	Joan McTigue	Independent
	Mary Nugent	Labour
Marlon East (2)	Jason McConnell	Independent
	Dorothy Davison	Independent
Marlon West (2)	David Jackson	Independent
	Ian Morrish	Independent
Newport (3)	Jill Ewan	Labour
	John Kabuye	Labour
	Anne Romaine	Labour
North Ormesby (1)	Jan Ryles	Labour
Nunthorpe (2)	Morgan McClintock	Liberal Democrats
	Mieka Smiles	Conservative
Park (3)	Edward Clynych	Labour

	Theo Furness	Labour
	Julia Rostron	Labour
Park End and Beckfield (3)	Stephen Hill	Independent
	Brian A Hubbard	Independent
	Michael Saunders (Mick)	Independent
Stainton and Thornton (1)	David Philip Coupe	Conservative
Trimdon (2)	Christine Cooper	Independent
	Dennis McCabe	Independent

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL POLITICAL BALANCE

Political Groups and Others	Total
Labour	25 + Elected Mayor
Conservative	4
Independents	15
Liberal Democrats	2

ELECTION OF NUNTHORPE PARISH COUNCILLORS

Name of Parish Councillor	Political Party (if any)
James Hayton	Independent
Russ Lynch	Independent
Carol Ann McCardle	-
Morgan McClintock	Liberal Democrats
Jon Rathmell	Independent
John Edward Shaefer	Independent
Adrian Walker	Liberal Democrats

ORDERED that the report of the outcome of the Mayoral and Local elections, held on 4 May 2023, be noted.

23/8

POLITICAL BALANCE - ALLOCATION OF PLACES ON COMMITTEES - 2023 - 2024

The Monitoring Officer presented a report in respect of Political Balance Allocation of Places 2023, the purpose of which was to recommend the allocation of places on Committees and Sub-Committees for 2023 in accordance with the political balance of the Council.

It was **ORDERED** as follows:

1. That the allocation of seats on committees that were subject to the rules relating to political balance be approved as follows:

Name of Group/Unallocated	No. of Seats
Conservative	13
Labour	84
Liberal Democrats	7
Middlesbrough Independent Councillors Association (MICA)	47
Unallocated/Vacancy	4
Total	155

2. That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to fill the unallocated seats as indicated in paragraph 14 of the report, and to make any necessary further adjustments to remove or replace members where directed by the relevant group or member.
3. That any committee established prior to the next review be appointed on the basis of the places shown in Table 3 attached to the report.

23/9

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, included at Appendix B of the report. Details of the Executive Scheme of Delegation, were also included at Appendix A of the report, delegating responsibility for certain functions to the Executive, Individual Executive Members, Executive Sub-Committees, joint arrangements and, where appropriate, officers of the Council.

ORDERED that the report in respect of the Executive Scheme of Delegation, be noted.

23/10

COUNCIL COMMITTEES - ESTABLISHMENT - TERMS OF REFERENCE - ALLOCATION OF PLACES - MEMBERSHIPS - 2023 - 2024

Council received a report of the Monitoring Officer, regarding the establishment of committees, sub-committees, boards, panels and working groups for the 2023 - 2024 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.

The Monitoring Officer conducted a vote in respect of the role of Chair/Vice Chair and nominations for spare places, where applicable, in relation to the following committees:

Schedule C**CHIEF OFFICER APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

Chair: Councillor Rostron appointed

CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chair: Councillor Rostron and Vice-Chair: Councillor J Walker appointed

CORPORATE AFFAIRS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Chair: Councillor Ewan appointed

Vice Chair: Councillor Kabuye appointed

CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY STEERING GROUP

Chair: Councillor Branson appointed

CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY STEERING GROUP

1 Vacancy: – Councillor McTigue appointed

CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD

Chair: Councillor C Cooke appointed

Vice Chair: Councillor J Walker appointed

CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD

1 Vacancy: – Councillor McTigue appointed

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Chair: Councillor Lewis appointed

Vice Chair: Councillor Dean appointed

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

Chair: Councillor M Storey appointed

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

Vice Chair: Councillor Kabuye appointed

ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL

Chair: Councillor J Walker appointed

Vice Chair: Councillor High appointed

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLES' SCRUTINY PANEL

Chair: Councillor Clynych appointed

Vice Chair: Councillor J Walker appointed

ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY PANEL

Chair: Councillor Ryles appointed

Vice Chair: Councillor Lewis appointed

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

Chair: Councillor Banks appointed

Vice Chair: Councillor M Storey appointed

REGENERATION SCRUTINY PANEL

Chair: Councillor Blades appointed

Vice Chair: Councillor Hussain appointed

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chair: Councillor Rostron appointed

Vice Chair: Councillor Blades appointed

STAFF APPEALS COMMITTEE

Chair: Councillor Dean appointed

Vice Chair: Councillor Thompson appointed

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Chair: Councillor Kabuye appointed

Vice Chair: Councillor Ewan appointed

TEESSIDE PENSION FUND COMMITTEE

Chair: Councillor Rostron appointed

Vice Chair: Councillor Ewan appointed

WORKS COUNCIL

Chair is Deputy Mayor

Works Council

2 Vacancies:

1 Vacancy: – Councillor McTigue appointed

1 Vacancy – Councillor Blades appointed

ORDERED as follows:

1. That the terms of reference of committees, sub committees, boards panels and working groups, as detailed in the schedule to the report, be approved.
2. That subject to the receipt of nominations to vacancies or amendments to places indicated in the schedule to the report, that the places allocated in accordance with the wishes of the political groups and other councillors, be approved.
3. That the membership, size and terms of reference of the Executive and its sub-committees, approved by the Mayor for 2023 onwards, as set out in Schedule A, in the Appendix to the report, be noted.
4. That the vacancies, listed at Paragraph 6 of the report, be filled in accordance with political group and other councillors' preferences.

23/11

APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE TO JOINT COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES - 2023 - 2024

The Monitoring Officer submitted a report regarding the appointment of representatives to joint committees and outside bodies.

ORDERED as follows:-

1. That appointments to the organisations shown in Appendix A (Council nominations), Appendix B (Council/Executive nominations) and Appendix C (Executive appointments of the report submitted, for the 2023/2024 Municipal Year be approved, until amended by Council/Executive, (whichever was the latter).
2. That the following appointments for the 2023-2024 Municipal Year, nominated at the meeting, be approved and noted, until amended by Council/Executive (whichever was the latter).

Appendix A - Council Appointments

Middlesbrough Oberhausen Town Twinning

3 representatives

Councillor Kabuye appointed
Councillor J Walker appointed
1 vacancy

Teesside International Airport Consultative Committee

1 representative

Councillor Furness appointed

Appendix B – Council/Executive Appointments

Captain Cook Birthplace Trust

2 Council representatives

Councillor Davison appointed
Councillor McConnell appointed

Appendix C – Executive Appointments

Resources and Finish Task Group (ANEC)

1 representative

Councillor N Walker appointed

Nunthorpe and Marton Playing Fields Association

2 representatives – usually Ward Members

Councillor Davison appointed
Councillor McClintock appointed

23/12 **COUNCIL DIARY**

The Executive Member for Finance and Governance and the Director of Legal and Governance Services submitted a report, the purpose of which was to agree the timetable of meetings for the Municipal Year 2023/2024.

The Director of Legal and Governance Services advised that the dates contained within the timetable were tentative and could be subject to change.

Following a vote, it was:

ORDERED as follows:

- (i) That the timetable of meetings for the Municipal Year 2023/2024, as detailed in the Appendix to the report, be approved.
- (ii) That, with the exception of the following, the dates for ordinary meetings of the Council be designated as meetings at which questions will be taken from members of the public:
 - Budget/Council Tax Setting Meetings – 28 February and 8 March 2024
 - Wednesday 22 May 2024 (Annual Meeting).

23/13 **REDESIGNATION OF S151 OFFICER**

The Chief Executive submitted a report, the purpose of which was to designate the section 151 officer role to the Director of Finance.

On 23rd February 2023, the Chief Officer Appointments Committee were asked to recommend to council the redesignation of the section 151 officer role to the Head of Financial Planning and Support on a temporary basis following pending recruitment to the post.

The Chair of the Chief Officer Appointments Committee presented a report to council on the

22nd March 2023 recommending the re-designation of the section 161 officer role on a temporary basis, and this was approved.

The Chief Executive had appointed an Interim Director of Finance. The terms of reference for the Chief Officer Appointments Committee delegated authority to the Head of Paid Service to make interim appointments of Directors up to six months and the interim appointment was made by the Chief Executive pursuant to that delegation.

The Director of Finance post would ordinarily carry the section 151 officer role. The intention of the previous arrangement was to ensure the council was not left in a position of not having a section 151 officer role as required by law.

Following a vote, it was **ORDERED** as follows:-

That the Council:

Designate the section 151 officer role to the Director of Finance.