

COUNCIL

30 June 2010

Present:- The Worshipful the Mayor
(Councillor Mrs Ann Heames) in the Chair

COUNCILLORS

Bannister, James MacKenzie	Lewis, Mrs Barbara Mary
Barber, Christian Stephen	Matthews, Ian John
Becket, David William	Morrey, Mrs Tina
Beech, Mrs Ann Elizabeth	Morris, Mrs Helen Mary JP
Bishop, Mrs Elizabeth Ellen	Myatt, Mrs Freda Dorothea
Blair, Stephen Paul	Naylon, Mrs Wenslie
Boden, Edward Michael	Nixon, David Ernest, CC
Braithwaite, Mrs Eileen	Olszewski, Mark Joseph, JP
Burgess, Mrs Silvia	Reddish, Marion Lynne
Burke, Mrs Yvonne Carmel	Richards, Dennis John
Cairns, George O'Kane	Robinson, Kyle
Clarke, David	Short, Miss Susan Elizabeth
Clarke, Michael Ross	Simpson, Mrs Sandra Jean
Cooper, John, CC	Slater, Raymond André
Cooper, Miss Julie Margaret	Snell, Gareth Craig
Cornes, Mrs C Dylis, JP CC	Studd, Robin
Daniels, David Ephraim	Sweeney, Stephen J M, CC
Fear, Andrew Thomas	Tagg, John Henry
Gilmore, Ian David	Tagg, Simon John, CC
Hailstones, Mrs Linda	Taylor, Kyle-Noel
Hailstones, Peter James, JP	Tomkins, Brian Ronald
Hambleton, Mrs Sandra	Walklate, Miss June
Hambleton, Trevor	Welsh, Billy
Heesom, Mrs Gillian Mary	Wemyss, Andrew Robert
Heesom, John	Williams, Mrs Gill
Howells, Robert Ashley	Williams, John
Huckfield, Derrick, CC	Woolley, David Anthony
Jones, William Nigel	

57. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Shenton and Wilkes

58. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2009/2010**

A report was submitted recommending approval of the Treasury Management Annual Report for 2009/2010 including the Prudential Indicators contained within the report.

Resolved:- (a) That the Treasury Management Annual Report for 2009/10 be received.

(b) That the Actual Prudential Indicators contained within the report be approved.

59. **COMMENCEMENT DATE FOR SCHEDULE 3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982**

A report was submitted seeking approval to implement Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 as amended relating to the control of sex establishments.

Resolved:- (a) That the Council specify the date of 3 August 2010 as the commencement date for the adoption of Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.

(b) That, in principle, the Council resolve to adopt a policy and, following consultation, a draft policy relating to the Licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues be presented to a future meeting of the Full Council together with appropriate amendments to the Scheme of Delegation.

60. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007 – CONSULTATION AND CHANGES TO EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

A report was submitted advising the Council of the required process and proposed programme of consultation on changes to executive arrangements and asking the Council if it wished to express a view on the preferred model of the Borough prior to formal consultation taking place.

It was indicated that the Council had to respond to the requirements of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 by the end of the calendar year.

The options for the Council were:-

- (a) a directly elected Mayor for a term of 4 years who would then appoint the executive; or
- (b) an indirectly elected leader appointed for a 4 year term by the Council who would then appoint Councillors to the executive.

Details of both models were considered and it was indicated that the Council must pass a resolution before 31 December 2010 adopting the new executive arrangements. Implementation would take place 3 days after the May 2011 elections.

Resolved:- (a) That this Council considers the proposals un-democratic in that they place too much power in one person.

(b) That the Council notes that the rejected option of an Elected Mayor and Council Manager, as tried in Stoke-on-Trent, failed, partly because it concentrated power in two people.

(c) That the Council does not consider the cost of making this change as value for money and in particular in difficult economic times resources should be concentrated on delivery of front line services.

(d) That this Council instructs officers to make these views known to the appropriate Government Department and to request that the legislation be reconsidered.

(e) The Leader and Deputy Leader be requested to raise the issue at the LGA Conference next week.

(f) That the Officers prepare a consultation article for The Reporter, the article to include a summary of the proposals compared with the current system.

(g) That the option for responses should be in favour of one or the other proposals or reject both.

(h) That the proposed timetable and process for consultation be agreed.

(i) That authority be delegated to the Head of Central Services to manage the process and timetable for consultation.

61. **STATEMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

Consideration was given to a statement submitted by the Leader of the Council detailing the activities and recent decisions of the Cabinet and items included in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions.

Questions were put and responses were received from the Leader and other Cabinet Members on a number of matters raised.

Resolved:- That the statement of the Leader of the Council be received and noted.

62. **RESULTS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

The Chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees referred to the various activities that had been undertaken since the previous meeting of the Council.

Resolved:- That the reports of the Overview and Scrutiny Chairs be received.

63. **EMERGENCY MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR TAGG**

A motion was submitted by Councillor S Tagg in respect of recognising the achievements of Newcastle Town FC during the 2009/10 season in gaining promotion and in the process amassing 114 points and scoring over 100 goals in the league season.

Resolved:- That the Council places on record its congratulations to all the players and staff of Newcastle Town FC in their achievements in the 2009/10 season.

**64. SIMON LONG (PROJECT OFFICER - OPERATIONAL SERVICES
DIRECTORATE)**

Members were informed of a recent motorcycle accident involving the above named officer who as a consequence had suffered serious injuries.

Resolved:- That a letter be sent to Simon wishing him a speedy recovery from his injuries.

**MRS A HEAMES
Chair**