

Sunderland City Council

At an Extraordinary meeting of SUNDERLAND CITY COUNCIL held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL on MONDAY 20 MAY 2024 at 5.00pm.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Chisnall) in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Haque)

Councillors	Ayre	Feeley	McKeith	Stewart
	Blackburn	Fletcher	Miller, G	Thornton
	Bond	Foster	Mordey	Tobin
	Burnicle	Gibson	Mullen	Trueman, D
	Burrell	Glancy	Newey	Trueman, H
	Butler	Graham-King	Price	Tye
	Chapman	Guy	Reed	Usher
	Chequer	Hartnack	Rowntree	Vera
	Clinton	Haswell	Samuels	Walker, M
	Crosby	Herron	Scanlan	Walker, P
	Curtis	Hunter	Scott	Walton
	Dagg	Johnston	Smith, A	Warne
	Dixon	Jones	Smith, G	Watson
	Dodds	Laverick	Snowdon, D	Williams
	Donkin	Laws	Snowdon, D E	Wilson
	Edgeworth	Leonard	Speding	Wood
	Elms			

The notice convening the meeting was read.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Fagan, J Heron, Hodson, Mason-Gage, McDonough, F Miller, O'Brien and Potts together with Honorary Aldermen Forbes, Greenfield and Tate.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Election of the Leader of the Council

The Mayor having sought a nomination for the Leader of the Council, it was moved by Councillor Tye and duly seconded by Councillor Chequer that Councillor Mordey be elected as Leader of the Council.

Councillor Edgeworth, duly seconded by Councillor Haswell, requested that a vote was taken in respect of the nomination of Councillor Mordey.

The Mayor announced that Council would then vote on the nomination of Councillor Mordey as Leader of the Council.

Upon being put to the vote the motion that Councillor Mordey be elected as Leader of the Council was carried with 50 Members voting in favour: -

The Mayor (Councillor Chisnall)

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Haque)

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	Dodds	Laws	Snowdon, D	Warne
	Elms	Leonard	Snowdon, D E	Watson
	Feeley	Miller, G	Speding	Williams
	Fletcher	Mordey	Stewart	Wilson

And 17 Members voting against: -

Councillors	Ayre	Donkin	Hartnack	Reed
	Bond	Edgeworth	Haswell	Vera
	Burnicle	Gibson	McKeith	Walton
	Crosby	Graham-King	Mullen	Wood
	Dixon			

There were no abstentions.

Accordingly it was: -

6. **RESOLVED** that Councillor Mordey be appointed as Leader of the Council until the first Annual Meeting after his normal day of retirement as a Councillor.

Appointments to Cabinet and the Portfolio Responsibilities and Any Amendments to the Arrangements for the Delegation of Executive Functions made by the Leader and Appointments to Joint Committees, Joint Authorities and other committees/bodies where appointment to those bodies is an executive function.

7. **RESOLVED** that: -

- (i) the Leader's appointments and allocation of Portfolio responsibilities as set out below, be noted and that consequential amendments would be made to the Constitution; and
- (ii) the Budget Headings set out in the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules be amended to reflect the new Portfolios and that the approved service budgets be realigned to the new Portfolio headings.

Deputy Leader of the Council and
Health, Wellbeing and Safer
Communities Portfolio Holder

Councillor Chequer

PORTFOLIO

EXECUTIVE MEMBER

Children's Services, Child Poverty and
Skills

Councillor Butler

Communities, Culture and Tourism

Councillor Jones

Corporate Services and Equalities

Councillor A Smith

Environment, Transport and Net Zero

Councillor Leonard

Housing, Regeneration and Business

Councillor Johnston

EMERGENCY COMMITTEE OF CABINET

Leader of the Council, Deputy Leader and Health, Wellbeing and Safer Communities Portfolio Holder and one relevant Portfolio Holder.

SCHOOL ORGANISATION COMMITTEE OF CABINET

Leader of the Council, Deputy Leader and Health, Wellbeing and Safer Communities Portfolio Holder, Child Poverty and Skills Portfolio Holder, Communities, Culture and Tourism Portfolio Holder and Corporate Services and Equalities Portfolio Holder.

CABINET MEMBERS AND PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES

The revised portfolio responsibilities for executive members are as follows:

Executive Member	Portfolio
Leader	<p>To provide political leadership on behalf of residents, stakeholders and partners in the coordination of Council strategies, policies, and service delivery, ensuring good quality services.</p> <p>To provide political leadership in the development of local, regional, sub-regional strategies and strategic partnerships.</p> <p>To promote and enhance the reputation of Sunderland - the city and the Council - at national, European and international levels.</p> <p>To ensure that the Council's approach to the economic, social and physical regeneration of the city is integrated, enabling and effective.</p> <p>To provide democratic leadership to partners, residents and stakeholders, ensuring a collaborative approach to the development and delivery of services which meet people's needs and aspirations.</p> <p>To co-ordinate and apportion the roles and responsibilities of Members.</p> <p>To provide political leadership in relation to Communications and Corporate Affairs.</p> <p>To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to commissioned and procured partnerships as well as partnerships where Sunderland is the lead authority.</p> <p>As a member of the North East Combined Authority (NECA) Cabinet, to provide leadership on behalf of the city in relation to NECA's activities and delivery of the trailblazer devolution deal for the benefit of Sunderland residents.</p> <p>To provide political leadership to the Council's Smart City agenda.</p> <p>To undertake the role of the Council's Armed Forces Champion.</p>
Deputy Leader of the Council and Health,	<p>In the absence of the Leader of the Council, the Deputy Leader has overall responsibility for the</p>

**Wellbeing and Safer
Communities Portfolio
Holder**

portfolio of the Leader of the Council.

To support the Leader as appropriate, working collectively with the Cabinet.

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to the priorities of health and life chances of children and adults.

To exercise political policy oversight relating to the Council's adults and public health functions.

To provide political leadership to an all-population approach to public health, narrowing the health inequalities gap to achieve the best outcomes for all residents.

To ensure that the Council's approach to the adults and public health agendas is integrated, enabling and effective and the Council fulfils its strategic and statutory roles in relation to these functions.

To provide political leadership in relation to dealing with homelessness and the safer communities agenda.

To Chair the Safer Sunderland Partnership and to lead for the city in associated regional and national partnerships – including the Northumbria Police and Crime Panel.

**Children's Services, Child
Poverty and Skills**

To be the designated "lead member for children's services" in accordance with Section 19 of the Children Act 2004.

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to the priorities of children, learning and skills to ensure that children and young people achieve the best outcomes.

To provide political leadership to the Council's work to reduce child poverty, and to be the Council's designated Food Champion.

To ensure that the Council's approach to the children, learning and skills agenda is integrated, enabling and effective and the Council fulfils its strategic and statutory roles in relation to these functions.

To provide political leadership to learning and skills agendas and approaches for post-16 and people of all ages in Sunderland, ensuring they can benefit from the social, economic and

employment opportunities being created in the city.

Communities, Culture and Tourism

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to the priorities of local communities to achieve the best outcomes as well as ensuring a wide-ranging cultural offer and that communities have access to the opportunities on offer in the city.

To exercise political policy oversight relating to the Council's communities and culture and heritage functions, including development and implementation of a tourism strategy.

To ensure that the Council's approach to communities, culture, leisure, physical activity and resident engagement and resilience is integrated, enabling and that the Council fulfils its strategic and statutory roles in relation to these functions.

To exercise political policy oversight relating to community cohesion and Community Wealth Building.

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to area/community and cultural partnerships and the development of area-based events.

Corporate Services and Equalities

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to the efficient and effective deployment of resources to sustain services that matter to local people and to local communities.

To ensure that the Council's internal operations are integrated, enabling and effective and the Council fulfils its strategic and statutory roles in relation to Corporate Services.

To exercise political policy oversight relating to the Finance, Governance, IT, People Management, Property and Facilities Management, and Customer and Enabling Services functions within Corporate Services.

To have political oversight of corporate planning and performance management activities and the development of the City Plan.

To exercise political policy oversight in relation to data protection and the Council's Equalities and Inclusion agenda and activities.

To provide political leadership to the Council's

approach to the creation of social value through procurement activities.

Environment, Transport and Net Zero

To exercise political policy oversight and provide political leadership to the Council's approach to the environment, ensuring that the city is clean, green, attractive and accessible for all.

To provide political leadership of the co-ordination of all enforcement activity across the council.

To provide political leadership to the Council's climate change and low carbon plans and activities, working towards being a net zero council and net zero city.

To ensure that the Council's approach to the environment is integrated, enabling and effective, and the Council fulfils its strategic and statutory roles in relation to these functions. This includes exercising political policy oversight in relation to public protection and place regulation to create a high-quality physical environment for living and working in and visiting the city.

To provide political leadership to environment, low carbon and energy partnerships and the Net Zero policy agenda.

To exercise political policy oversight and provide political leadership to the council's local transport and infrastructure priorities and plans, supporting the development of great transport links and active travel opportunities.

Housing, Regeneration and Business

To exercise political policy oversight and provide political leadership to the Council's approach to the priorities of housing, regeneration and planning, ensuring that the city achieves the best outcomes from physical and economic regeneration including business and housing growth.

To ensure that the Council's approach to the housing and regeneration agenda is integrated, enabling and effective and the Council fulfils its strategic and statutory roles in relation to these functions.

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to partnerships relating to housing and regeneration, with particular focus on expanding social housing across the city.

To work across the region to grow the business

base of the city with a particular focus on growing the SME sector.

SUNDERLAND HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Councillor Chequer - Chair
Councillor Butler
Councillor Mordey
Opposition Member – Councillor Bond

(Council Officers)

Chief Executive
Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities
Director of Adult Services
Director of Children’s Services and Chief Executive – Together for Children

(Representatives of external organisations)

Director for Sunderland – NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB) – Scott Watson
NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB Representatives -
Dr Tracey Lucas (Vice-Chair) and Dr Robin Hudson
Healthwatch representative – Paul Weddle
Sunderland Partnership representative – Vacancy
Chief Executive, South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust– Ken Bremner
Place Director, Sunderland and South Tyneside, Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS Foundation Trust – Andy Airey
University of Sunderland representative – Professor Yitka Graham
Sunderland Workplace Health Alliance representative - Vacancy
Safer Sunderland Partnership representative – Chief Superintendent Mark Hall

**REPRESENTATIVES ON BODIES ESTABLISHED UNDER JOINT
ARRANGEMENTS**

**COLLABORATIVE PROCUREMENT SUB-COMMITTEE OF
ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST COUNCILS (ANEC)**

Councillor A Smith

**SOUTH TYNE AND WEAR WASTE MANAGEMENT
PARTNERSHIP JOINT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Councillors Johnston and Leonard
Substitute – Councillor A Smith

**PATROL (PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS OUTSIDE
LONDON) ADJUDICATION JOINT COMMITTEE**

Councillor Leonard

TYNE AND WEAR TRADING STANDARDS JOINT COMMITTEE

Councillors Dodds, Chapman, Fletcher and J Heron
Substitutes – Councillors Price and M Walker

(Signed) A CHISNALL
Mayor

