

Sunderland City Council

At a MEETING of SUNDERLAND CITY COUNCIL held in the CIVIC CENTRE on WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2009 at 6.00 p.m.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor D Richardson) in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor T Martin)

Councillors	Allan	D. Forbes	O'Connor	Timmins
	Anderson	M. Forbes	Oliver	Tye
	Arnott	Francis	I Richardson	Vardy
	Ball	E Gibson	Rolph	Wakefield
	Barkess	P Gibson	J B Scott	Walker
	Bell	Gofton	Shattock	Wares
	Blackburn	A Hall	D Smith	P Watson
	Charlton	G Hall	M Smith	S Watson
	Copeland	Heron	P Smith	Whalen
	Cuthbert	Howe	Snowdon	A Wilson
	M Dixon	Kelly	Speding	D Wilson
	Ellis	L Martin	Stephenson	Wood
	Errington	Miller	Stewart	A Wright
	Fairs	Mordey	Symonds	N Wright
	Fletcher	Morrissey	Tate	T Wright

The Notice convening the meeting was read.

Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 30 September 2009 be confirmed as a correct record.

Declarations of Interest

The following Councillors declared personal interests in the following items on the agenda for the reasons indicated:-

Item 7(2) – Report of the Cabinet – FIFA World Cup™ Bid 2018/2022	Councillor T Martin	Sunderland AFC Season Ticket Holder
	Councillor Speding	Member of the Football Association

Item 7(3) – Report of the Cabinet – Gambling Act 2005 – Approval of Amendments to the Council's Statement of Principles	Councillor Barkess	Employee of Northumbria Police
	Councillor Cuthbert	Member of Gala Casinos
	Councillor Snowdon	Family Members work for William Hill Bookmakers
Item 8 – Written Questions	Councillor M Dixon	Related to a Member of the Committee of Sunderland and District Table Tennis Club
Item 9(i) – Notice of Motion Building Schools for the Future Programme in Sunderland	Councillor M Forbes	Governor of St Anthony's Girls School
Item 9(ii) – Notice of Motion – Remembrance Day Events	Councillor G Hall	Member of the Remembrance Day Advisory Group
	Councillor T Martin	Branch Chair of Sunderland Royal British Legion
Item 10(ii) – Appointments to Committees	Councillor Errington	Personally acquainted with one of the proposed members.

Mayor's Announcements

(i) Sea Change Awards

The Mayor informed the meeting that the Council had been successful in their bid to the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE) Sea Change Fund and had been awarded £1 million.

The award would be match funded with £500,000 from the Council and would go towards the first phase of sea front improvements at Marine Walk in Roker. Members' attention was drawn to a small exhibition in the foyer which gave more information on the project.

(ii) 2009 Local Authority Building Control National Building Excellence Awards

At the invitation of the Mayor, the Portfolio Holder for Safer City, Councillor Denny Wilson, informed the meeting that the Council's Building Control Service had won "Best Healthcare Building Award" in partnership with P and HS Architects and contractor Laing O'Rourke for the development of the Washington Primary Healthcare Centre at Parkway, Washington.

The award reflected the latest recognition of the benefits of partnership between the Council and the development industry and solid working relationships with major clients to ensure the delivery of high quality design and construction both in Sunderland and across the region.

The Mayor then formally accepted the award on behalf of the Council.

Reception of Petitions

RESOLVED that the undermentioned petitions submitted by the Councillors named be received and referred for consideration to the Officers indicated below:-

- (i) Councillor G Hall – petition from local residents requesting that officers and Centrepont abandon the proposed Centrepont project in Dundas Street, Monkwearmouth – Executive Director of Children's Services.
- (ii) Councillor Oliver – petition from residents of Middle Herrington requesting that the Council take action to deal with vehicles parked at the junction of Crow Lane and the A690 – Executive Director of City Services.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Chamberlin, P Dixon, Foster, Leadbitter, Paul Maddison, Peter Maddison, Old, Scaplehorn, J Scott, Trueman, Wake, J Walton and L Walton.

The Cabinet reported as follows:-

1. Second Capital Programme Review 2009/2010

That they had given consideration to a report of the Director of Financial Resources on the outcome of the Second Capital Programme Review 2009/2010 which set out the:-

- reprofiling of projects since the First Capital Review had been reported;
- inclusion of additional schemes and revisions to costs and resourcing for 2009/2010 since the First Capital Programme Review had been reported;
- and

- overall updated Capital Programme following the Second Review.

They had also referred the report to the Management Scrutiny Committee for further advice and consideration in the context of inclusion of additional schemes for 2009/2010 costing over £250,000. The Scrutiny Committee had noted and supported the proposed additional schemes.

Accordingly the Cabinet had recommended the Council to approve the inclusion of the schemes for 2009/2010 as set out in the extract.

2. FIFA World Cup™ Bid 2018/2022

That they had given consideration to a report of the Chief Executive (copy circulated) on the City Council's involvement in Sunderland's bid to be a Host City for the FIFA World Cup™ in 2018 or 2022 which sought endorsement to continue supporting the application in offering financial resource support with the bid.

Since the Cabinet had received the report, the latest World Cup Circular No. 13 released on 3 November 2009, had confirmed that the Council, if Sunderland was successful in the bid to be a Host City, would be required to contribute £250,000 in May 2010, in respect of the England 2018 Campaign and Marketing costs. It was proposed that this amount be earmarked within the Revenue Budget for 2010/2011 and was, of course, part of the overall costs already identified in the report in hosting the World Cup for Sunderland.

The report highlighted that it was not possible to be definitive regarding the cost implications, but it was clear that costs to be borne by the City would be significant and, based on the latest guidance from FIFA, the estimated costs for the City would be up to £15 million, a major proportion of which would need to be underwritten by the Council.

The Council had therefore been requested to note that much work would need to be undertaken as the competition approached to determine the final estimated cost and, in respect of the Council's contributions, it would be necessary to make provision within the Medium Term Financial Strategy in the years leading up to 2018/2022.

The Cabinet also recommended the Council to note the undermentioned Cabinet decisions to:-

- (i) note the contents of the report and to endorse the submission of the final bid to qualify as a Host City for the World Cup 2018/2022;
- (ii) approve the estimated costs involved in preparing the bid and the potential and actual financial commitments required at this stage and in the future and to approve the proposed funding;
- (iii) authorise the completion of any necessary agreements and for the Chief Executive to take all necessary action; and

(iv) note the Financial, Legal and Risk implications for the City Council.

3. Gambling Act 2005 – Approval of Amendments to the Council’s Statement of Principles

That they had given consideration to a joint report of the Chief Solicitor and the Executive Director of City Services on the responsibility of the Council with regard to the adoption of a Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005.

They had also sought the views of the Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee and persons who might potentially be affected. The Scrutiny Committee had agreed the Statement of Principles and no other comments had been received.

The Cabinet had recommended that the Council approve a revised Statement of Principles in relation to the Gambling Act 2005.

The Leader moved the report of the Cabinet and this was duly seconded by Councillor Anderson.

Members of the Council unanimously expressed support for the FIFA World Cup™ Bid 2018/2022 and having noted that it would be necessary to make provision within the Medium Term Financial Strategy in the years leading up to 2018/2022, they endorsed the decisions of the Cabinet thereon, and it was:-

RESOLVED that the report of the Cabinet be approved and adopted.

Written Questions Under Rule 8.2

Pursuant to Rule 8.2 of the Council Rules of Procedure, Members of the Council asked questions of the Leader and Members of the Executive.

Councillor L. Martin, seconded by Councillor M. Forbes, moved a motion to extend the time for Written Questions.

Upon being put to the vote, the proposal was defeated with 19 Members voting for, viz:-

Councillors	Arnott	Fairs	L Martin	Vardy
	Barkess	M Forbes	Morrissey	Wakefield
	Cuthbert	Francis	Oliver	Wood
	M Dixon	G Hall	I Richardson	A Wright
	Ellis	Howe	D Smith	

And 40 Members voting against, viz:-

The Mayor (Councillor D Richardson)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor T Martin)

Councillors	Allan	P Gibson	P Smith	Walker
	Ball	Gofton	Snowdon	Wares
	Bell	Kelly	Speding	P Watson
	Blackburn	Miller	Stephenson	S Watson
	Charlton	Mordey	Stewart	Whalen
	Copeland	O'Connor	Symonds	A Wilson
	Errington	Rolph	Tate	D Wilson
	Fletcher	J B Scott	Timmins	N Wright
	D. Forbes	Shattock	Tye	T Wright
	E. Gibson	M Smith		

And one Member abstaining, viz:-

Councillor A Hall

Notices of Motion

(i) Notice of Motion – Building Schools for the Future Programme for Sunderland

Councillor P. Watson, seconded by Councillor Allan, moved the following motion:-

‘The Council thanks the Labour Government for its continued massive investment of £135 million in Building Schools for the Future Programme for Sunderland. This adds up to around £250 million in the regeneration of schools in Sunderland.’

Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Cuthbert, moved an amendment to replace the words ‘Labour Government’ with ‘taxpayer’ and insert ‘and Academies’ after ‘Building Schools for the Future’.

Upon being put to the vote, the amendment was defeated, with 18 Members voting in favour thereof, viz:-

Councillors	Arnott	Fairs	L Martin	Vardy
	Barkess	M. Forbes	Morrissey	Wakefield
	Cuthbert	Francis	Oliver	Wood
	M. Dixon	G Hall	I Richardson	A Wright
	Ellis	Howe		

And 42 Members voting against, viz:-

The Mayor (Councillor D Richardson)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor T Martin)

Councillors	Allan	P Gibson	D Smith	Tye
	Ball	Gofton	M Smith	Walker
	Bell	A. Hall	P Smith	Wares
	Blackburn	Kelly	Snowdon	P Watson
	Charlton	Miller	Speding	S Watson
	Copeland	Mordey	Stephenson	Whalen
	Errington	O'Connor	Stewart	A Wilson
	Fletcher	Rolph	Symonds	D Wilson
	D Forbes	J B Scott	Tate	N Wright
	E Gibson	Shattock	Timmins	T Wright

The substantive motion having then been put to the meeting, it was carried with 57 Members voting in favour thereof, viz:-

The Mayor (Councillor D Richardson)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor T Martin)

Councillors	Allan	Francis	I Richardson	Vardy
	Arnott	E Gibson	Rolph	Wakefield
	Ball	P Gibson	Shattock	Walker
	Barkess	Gofton	D Smith	Wares
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	Errington	Mordey	Symonds	A Wright
	Fairs	Morrissey	Tate	N Wright
	Fletcher	O'Connor	Timmins	T Wright
	M Forbes	Oliver	Tye	

And one Member voting against, viz:-

Councillor Ellis

It was therefore:-

RESOLVED that the Council thanks the Labour Government for its continued massive investment of £135 million in Building Schools for the Future Programme for Sunderland. This adds up to around £250 million in the regeneration of schools in Sunderland.

(ii) Notice of Motion – Remembrance Day Events

Councillor P. Watson, seconded by Councillor Allan, moved a motion in recognition of the Remembrance Day Events in the City.

Upon being put to the meeting, the motion was carried unanimously and it was:-

RESOLVED that this Council notes the extraordinary effort put in by staff and partners in the organisation of the Remembrance Day Events around the City and thanks everyone concerned, in particular Arthur Lockyear.

Quarterly Report on Special Urgency Decisions

The Leader of the Council submitted a quarterly report on executive decisions which had been taken under Rule 16 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Appointment to Committees – Children, Young People and Learning Scrutiny Committee – Co-opted Members

The Chief Solicitor submitted a report requesting Council to consider the co-opted membership of the Children, Young People and Learning Scrutiny Committee.

The Leader of the Council, seconded by Councillor Allan, moved the recommendations contained in the report be approved and it was:-

RESOLVED that the nominations to the Scrutiny Committee as detailed below, be approved:-

Non-Voting Representatives

Two teacher representatives, comprising one primary and one secondary holding appointments under the Local Education Authority

Mrs M Harrop (Primary)
Mr H Brown (Secondary)

One representative from the City of Sunderland College

Mr S Laverick

One representative from the University of Sunderland

Professor G Holmes

One person who is a Chair of Governors of a school maintained by the Council

Mrs D Butler

One representative of the Sunderland Community Matters

Mrs P Burn

One representative of non-teaching employees in schools and social care

Ms A Johnson

Voting Representative

Three parent governor
representatives

Mrs H Kelly to replace Mrs M Carr

(Signed) D RICHARDSON
Mayor