



CITY HALL,
SUNDERLAND.
7 May 2024

TO THE MEMBERS OF SUNDERLAND CITY COUNCIL

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND the **ANNUAL MEETING** of Sunderland City Council to be held in the **Council Chamber, City Hall, Plater Way, Sunderland, SR1 3AA** on **WEDNESDAY 15 MAY 2024** at **6.00pm** at which it is proposed to consider and transact the following business:-

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| 1. To read the Notice convening the meeting. | - |
| 2. Mayor's Announcements. | - |
| 3. To elect the Mayor for the ensuing Council year. | - |
| 4. To elect the Deputy Mayor for the ensuing Council year. | - |
| 5. To approve the minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Council held on 20 March 2024 (copy attached). | 1 |
| 6. Apologies for absence. | - |
| 7. New Mayor's Announcements. | - |

8. **To note the decision of the Leader on the appointments to the Cabinet and the Portfolio responsibilities, to note the appointment of Deputy Cabinet Members and any amendments to the arrangements for the delegation of executive functions made by the Leader** (holding report attached and supplementary report to follow). 17
9. **To appoint all Council Committees and Sub-Committees and Chairs and Vice-Chairs thereof and to appoint Independent Persons under the Localism Act 2011** (holding report attached and supplementary report to follow).
10. **To appoint to Joint Committees, Joint Authorities, outside bodies and Working Groups except where appointment to those bodies is an executive function** (holding report attached and supplementary report to follow).
11. **Update to the Constitution** (copy report attached).
12. **To fix dates and times of meetings of the Council, the Cabinet and Committees etc.** (proposed diary to follow). -
13. **To authorise the Assistant Director of Law and Governance, in consultation with the respective Chairs, to make such changes as may be deemed necessary or expedient in connection with 12 above.** -



PATRICK MELIA, CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

(Note: All appointments are to the next Annual Meeting unless otherwise specified.)

Note it is intended that the meeting will be livestreamed for the public to view on the Council's YouTube channel at

https://youtube.com/live/jA_sBpwN7K4?feature=share

Minutes

Sunderland City Council

At a meeting of SUNDERLAND CITY COUNCIL held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, SUNDERLAND on WEDNESDAY 20 March 2024 at 4.00pm

Present: The Mayor (Councillor D Trueman) in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor A Chisnall)

Councillors	Blackburn	Graham-King	Miller, G	Speding
	Bond	Guy	Mordey	Stewart
	Burnicle	Haque	Morrissey	Thornton
	Burrell	Hartnack	Mullen	Trueman, H
	Butler	Haswell	O'Brien	Tye
	Chapman	Heron	Peacock	Usher
	Chequer	Hodson	Potts	Vera
	Crosby	Hunter	Price	Walker, M
	Curtis	Johnston, K	Rowntree	Walker, P
	Dixon	Johnston, S	Samuels	Walton
	Dodds	Jones	Scanlan	Warne
	Donaghy	Laverick	Scott	Watson
	Edgeworth	Laws	Smith, A	Williams
	Fagan	Leonard	Smith, G	Wilson
	Fletcher	Mason-Gage	Smith, P	Wood
	Foster	McDonough	Snowdon, D	
	Gibson	Miller, F	Snowdon, D E	

The notice convening the meeting was read.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Ayre, Dunn, Herron, McKeith, Nicholson and Reed together with Honorary Aldermen Forbes, Greenfield and Tate.

Minutes

- 50. RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 28 February 2024 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Declarations of Interest

The following Councillors declared interests as follows: -

Councillor Curtis	iii) Notice of Motion – Short Term Respite Care in Sunderland	Member of the Planning and Highways Committee Member of Children's Scrutiny Committee
Councillor Dixon	iii) Notice of Motion – Short Term Respite Care in Sunderland	Member of the Planning and Highways Committee
Councillor Edgeworth	ii) Notice of Motion – Hot Food Takeaways	Member of the Planning and Highways Committee and Employee of CAMRA Campaign for Real Ale
Councillor Foster	iii) Notice of Motion – Short Term Respite Care in Sunderland	Member of the Planning and Highways Committee Member of Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee
Councillor Haswell	ii) Notice of Motion – Hot Food Takeaways	Member of the Planning and Highways Committee
Councillor Morrissey	ii) Notice of Motion – Hot Food Takeaways	Member of the Planning and Highways Committee
Councillor Peacock	iii) Notice of Motion – Short Term Respite Care in Sunderland	Member of the Planning and Highways Committee
Councillor Scott	iii) Notice of Motion – Short Term Respite Care in Sunderland	Member of the Planning and Highways Committee
Councillor Warne	iii) Notice of Motion – Short Term Respite Care in Sunderland	Member of the Planning and Highways Committee
Councillor Thornton	iii) Notice of Motion – Short Term Respite Care in Sunderland	Member of the Planning and Highways Committee Member of Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee

Proposal for Variation of Order of Business

It was moved by Councillor Stewart and duly seconded by Councillor Tye, that the order of business of the meeting be varied pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 13, that agenda item 6 be moved to follow item 12 to ensure that the business of the Council could be concluded: -

Upon being put to the vote the Motion was carried with 57 Members voting for: -.

The Mayor (Councillor D Trueman)

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor A Chisnall)

Councillors	Blackburn	Gibson	Miller, G	Stewart
	Bond	Guy	Mordey	Thornton
	Burrell	Haswell	Morrissey	Trueman, H
	Butler	Haque	Price	Tye
	Chapman	Heron	Rowntree	Usher
	Chequer	Hodson	Samuels	Walker, M
	Crosby	Hunter	Scanlan	Walker, P
	Curtis	Johnston, K	Scott	Walton
	Dodds	Jones	Smith, A	Warne
	Donaghy	Laverick	Smith, G	Watson
	Edgeworth	Laws	Smith, P	Williams
	Fagan	Leonard	Snowdon, D	Wilson
	Fletcher	Mason-Gage	Snowdon, D E	Wood
	Foster	Miller, F	Speding	

10 Members voting against: -

Councillors	Burnicle	Hartnack	Mullen	Peacock
	Dixon	Johnston, S	O'Brien	Vera
	Graham-King	McDonough		

There were no abstentions.

- 51. RESOLVED that** the order of business of the agenda be varied pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 13 to allow specific items to be considered during the timeframe set for the meeting.

Announcements

The Mayor announced that Councillors P Smith and Nicholson would be retiring from office and not standing in the municipal elections in May. As this would be their last Council meeting, she expressed her gratitude for their past service and wished them well for the future.

Individual speeches and tributes were paid by Members to the retiring Councillors and they were thanked for their contribution to the Council.

Reception of Petitions

- 52. RESOLVED that** the petitions listed below submitted by the Councillors named be received and referred to the appropriate Chief Officer for consideration in accordance with the Council's Petitions Scheme: -

Councillor Donaghy - Petition from residents opposing councils and private companies buying up houses in the area and turning them into HMOs which residents state they were not consulted on. Residents intend to fight this on the grounds that:

1. Residents were not consulted on the implementation of HMOs;
2. Asylum seekers with no background checks, and bail hostels are being housed next to families with several examples reported: and
3. ASB has repeatedly been reported by residents where these HOMs have been placed.

Councillor Hodson - Petition from residents requesting Sunderland City Council to reverse its plan to cut "free after 3pm" parking in Sunderland Council carparks.

Councillor Haswell – Petition from residents requesting Sunderland City Council to carry out a review of the Saint Lukes Road/Front Road/Westmoor Road/European Way roundabouts and present plans to change the layout and make them safer for drivers and pedestrians.

Councillor Haswell - Petition from residents calling on Nexus and Sunderland City Council to fund the installation of a new bus shelter at the Terminus near the junction of Phoenix Road and Saint Lukes Road.

Councillor Haswell – Petition from residents calling on Sunderland City Council to repair the pavements of Prestwick Road, Petersham Road, Portrush Road and Polebrook Road which have been identified as being in need of repair.

Written Questions by Members of the Public under Rule 10

Pursuant to Rule 10 of the Council Rules of Procedure, the Leader and Members of the Cabinet were asked questions which had been submitted by members of the public.

Written Questions by Members of the Council under Rule 11

Pursuant to Rule 11 of the Council Rules of Procedure, the Leader and Members of the Cabinet were asked questions which had been submitted by Members of the Council.

Report of the Cabinet

The Cabinet reported and recommended as follows:

1. Independent Remuneration Panel and Members' Allowances Scheme

That at its meeting held on 14 March 2024, Cabinet had given consideration to a joint report of the Director of Finance and the Assistant Director of Law and Governance (copy attached) on the Members' Allowances Scheme for the next financial year.

Accordingly, the Cabinet recommended the Council agree the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel to continue to apply the terms of the current scheme in respect of the Members' Allowances Scheme 2024/2025.

2. Honorary Freedom of the City of Sunderland

That at its meeting on 14 March 2024, Cabinet had given consideration to a report of the Chief Executive (Cabinet Report 14 March 2024) on a proposal to consider conferring the Freedom of the City on persons of distinction who had rendered eminent services to the city.

The Cabinet recommended to Council that:

- i) in accordance with the provisions of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972

- Kevin Ball; and
- Gerard (Ger) Fowler

as persons of distinction who had, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the city, be admitted as Honorary Freemen of the City; and

- (ii) authority be given for the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to agree all appropriate arrangements for the formal ceremony at an extraordinary meeting of the Council to be held at the earliest opportunity.

3. Appointment of Honorary Alderman and Alderwoman of the City of Sunderland

That at its meeting on 14 March 2024, Cabinet had given consideration to a report of the Chief Executive (Cabinet Report 14 March 2024) on a proposal to appoint two former councillors as Honorary Alderman and Alderwoman of the City of Sunderland in recognition of their eminent service to the city.

The Cabinet recommended to Council that: -

- (i) in accordance with the provisions of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council do confer the titles of Honorary Alderman, and Honorary Alderwoman of the City, on former Councillors Mr Peter Wood and Mrs Louise

Farthing, in recognition of their eminent service to the Council and to the people of the City of Sunderland; and

- (ii) authority be given for the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to agree all appropriate arrangements for the formal ceremony at an extraordinary meeting of the Council to be held at the earliest opportunity.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor G Miller, duly seconded by the Deputy Leader, Councillor Rowntree, moved the report of the Cabinet and the supplementary report.

Councillor Edgeworth, duly seconded by Councillor Fagan, moved the following amendment to Item 10 - Independent Remuneration Panel and Members' Allowances Scheme 2024/2025: -

Basic Allowance – reduction of 5% to £7,951

Special Responsibility Allowances

Leader of the Council – SRA to be set based on political grouping's percentage control of the Council and capped at £30,134

Deputy Leader of the Council – SRA to be set based on political grouping's percentage control of the Council and capped at £20,089

Cabinet Secretary - to be set based on political grouping's percentage control of the Council and capped at £20,089

Cabinet Member with Portfolio- to be set based on political grouping's percentage control of the Council and capped at £16,573

Deputy Cabinet Member - Deletion of SRA for Deputy Cabinet Members

Leader of the Majority Group in Opposition - allowance calculated as a percentage of Leader's SRA, up to maximum of 25%.

Leader of the second largest Group in Opposition – allowance calculated as a percentage of the Majority Opposition Group Leader's allowance, up to a maximum of 50%

Chair of the following:

Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee – SRA reduced to £4,143

Thematic Scrutiny Committee - SRA reduced to £4,143

Area Committee - SRA reduced to £8,280

Licensing and Regulatory Committee - SRA reduced to £6,695

Planning and Highways Committee - SRA reduced to £6,695

Vice Chair of the following:

Area Committee – Removal of SRA

Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee - Removal of SRA

Licensing and Regulatory Committee – Removal of SRA

Planning and Highways Committee – Removal of SRA

Co-optees' Allowances**Audit and Governance Committee**

Chairman - SRA reduced to £4000

Independent member - SRA reduced to £2000

Mayoral

Mayoral Allowance – Removal of SRA

Deputy Mayoral – Removal of SRA

Subsistence Allowances (for elected members and co-optees)

Abolish all provision for subsistence allowance

Telephone Calls Allowance

Abolish all provision for reimbursement of broadband and telephone costs

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was defeated with 22 Members voting in favour: -

Councillors	Bond	Fagan	Johnston, S	Peacock
	Burnicle	Gibson	McDonough	Potts
	Crosby	Graham King	Morrissey	Vera
	Dixon	Hartnack	Mullen	Walton
	Donaghy	Haswell	O'Brien	Wood
	Edgeworth	Hodson		

45 Members voting against: -

The Mayor (Councillor D Trueman)

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor A Chisnall)

Councillors	Blackburn	Heron	Price	Stewart
	Burrell	Hunter	Rowntree	Thornton
	Butler	Johnston, K	Samuels	Trueman, H
	Chapman	Jones	Scanlan	Tye
	Chequer	Laverick	Scott	Usher
	Curtis	Laws	Smith, A	Walker, M
	Dodds	Leonard	Smith, G	Walker, P
	Fletcher	Mason-Gage	Smith, P	Warne
	Foster	Miller, F	Snowdon, D	Watson
	Guy	Miller, G	Snowdon, DE	Williams
	Haque	Mordey	Speding	

Accordingly, it was: -

- 53. RESOLVED that** the report and supplementary report of the Cabinet be approved and adopted.

Action Taken on Petitions

The Council received and noted the report below which detailed the action taken in relation to the following petitions which had been presented to the Council.

Petition requesting that the Council urgently carry out road resurfacing of unacceptable sections of Harperley Drive and Dipton Gardens

A petition signed by 31 residents of Harperley Drive and Dipton Gardens requesting that the council urgently carry out road resurfacing of unacceptable sections of Harperley Drive and Dipton Gardens, was presented at Council on 14th June 2023 by Councillor Tye and referred to the Executive Director of City Development.

Council Officers have considered the petition and advised as follows.

Following receipt of the petition, Engineers inspected the road surface concluding that both streets would benefit from localised resurfacing and recommended that sections of Harperley Drive and Dipton Gardens were included in the Highway Maintenance Programme for 2024-25.

Councillor Tye had been advised of the response.

Report on Special Urgency Decisions

The Leader of the Council submitted a quarterly report on executive decisions which had been taken as a matter of special urgency, which advised that there were no such instances since the last report.

The Leader of the Council, duly seconded by the Deputy Leader, moved the report

- 54. RESOLVED that** the report be received and noted.

Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies

The Assistant Director of Law and Governance submitted a report which informed Council of changes required to the allocation of Committee seats between political groups as a result of the changes to the political balance of the Council together with additional requested changes as set out in the table below. Council was also invited to consider approving appointments to the North East Mayoral Combined Authority which under the North East Mayoral Combined Authority (Establishment and Functions) Order 2024 would be coming into existence on 7th May 2024 as set out in the supplementary report of the Assistant Director of Law and Governance.

Committee	Vacancy / Member to be Replaced	Member(s) to be Appointed
Human Resources Committee	Vacancy	Councillor Tye
Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee	Vacancy	Ungrouped Nomination to be notified.
Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee	Vacancy	Councillor Butler
Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee	Vacancy	Councillor G Smith
Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee	Vacancy Vacancy	Councillor Guy Councillor Mordey
Planning and Highways Committee	Vacancy	Councillor Curtis
Licensing and Regulatory Committee	Vacancy	Ungrouped Nomination to be notified.
Appeals Committee	Vacancy	Councillor S Foster

Washington Town Board - the Chief Executive be delegated to nominate two Councillor appointments to Washington Town Board and to invite a local community leader to act as chair of the Town Board;

Board of Directors of Together for Children Sunderland Ltd. - the appointment of the Governance Law Specialist, Sunderland City Council to the Board of Directors of Together for Children Sunderland Ltd;

North East Mayoral Combined Authority - the appointment of Councillor Graeme Miller to the North East Mayoral Combined Authority; and

North East Mayoral Combined Authority - the appointment of Councillor Rowntree and Councillor Stewart as substitute members to the North East Mayoral Combined Authority.

The Leader of the Council, duly seconded by the Deputy Leader, moved the report.

Councillor Edgeworth, duly seconded by Councillor Fagan, requested a vote be undertaken on section 5.1 (ix) - Washington Town Board.

No nominations were received from the ungrouped Members in respect of the Committee seats allocated to them.

Upon being put to the vote the full report, including the supplementary report, was carried with 47 Members voting in favour: -

The Mayor (Councillor D Trueman)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor A Chisnall)

Councillors	Blackburn	Heron	Price	Stewart
	Burrell	Hunter	Rowntree	Thornton
	Butler	Johnston, K	Samuels	Trueman, H
	Chapman	Jones	Scanlan	Tye
	Chequer	Laverick	Scott	Usher
	Curtis	Laws	Smith, A	Walker, M
	Dodds	Leonard	Smith, G	Walker, P
	Donaghy	Mason-Gage	Smith, P	Warne
	Fletcher	Miller, F	Snowdon, D	Watson
	Foster	Miller, G	Snowdon, D E	Williams
	Guy	Mordey	Speding	Wilson
	Haque			

12 Members voting against: -

Councillors	Bond	Fagan	Hodson	Potts
	Crosby	Gibson	Morrissey	Walton
	Edgeworth	Haswell	O'Brien	Wood

9 Members abstaining: -

Councillors	Burnicle	Hartnack	McDonough	Peacock
	Dixon	Johnston, S	Mullen	Vera
	Graham-King			

55. RESOLVED that approval be given to: -

- (i) the appointment of Councillor Tye to the Human Resources Committee;
- (ii) the appointment of an Ungrouped Member to the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee;
- (iii) the appointment of Councillor Butler to the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee;
- (iv) the appointment of Councillor G Smith to the Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee;
- (v) the appointment of Councillors Guy and Mordey to the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee;
- (vi) the appointment of Councillor Curtis to the Planning and Highways Committee;

- (vii) the appointment of an Ungrouped Member to the Licensing and Regulatory Committee;
- (viii) the appointment of Councillor Foster to the Appeals Committee;
- (ix) the Chief Executive being delegated to nominate two Councillor appointments to the Washington Town Board and to invite a local community leader to act as chair of the Town Board;
- (x) the appointment of the Governance Law Specialist, Sunderland City Council to the Board of Directors of Together for Children Sunderland Ltd.
- xi) the appointment of Councillor Graeme Miller to the North East Mayoral Combined Authority; and
- xii) the appointment of Councillor Rowntree and Councillor Stewart as substitute members to the North East Mayoral Combined Authority.

Outstanding Motions from the last ordinary meeting of the Council

(i) Notice of Motion – A Smart City That Doesn’t Leave Anyone Behind

Councillor Fagan, duly seconded by Councillor Bond, moved the following motion: -

“Council agrees to ask the Cabinet to review how council services are offered in Sunderland and to take appropriate steps to make sure that:

- (i) everyone in our city can access services even if they cannot or do not want to do so digitally;
- (ii) the Council’s goal is that the cost of services does not differ depending on whether you pay using cash or whether you use electronic payment methods; and
- (iii) nobody is put under undue pressure to access a service digitally if they are not able to do so independently and that analogue access is provided efficiently, effectively and without barriers. This should include a review of policies governing telephone calls by residents to the Council’s Customer Service Network.

Upon being put to the vote, the motion was carried unanimously with 65 Members voting in favour: -

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor A Chisnall)

Councillors	Blackburn	Graham-King	Miller, F	Snowdon, D E
	Bond	Guy	Miller, G	Speding
	Burnicle	Haque	Mordey	Stewart
	Burrell	Hartnack	Morrissey	Thornton
	Butler	Haswell	Mullen	Trueman, H

Chapman	Heron	O'Brien	Tye
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Donaghy	Laverick	Scanlan	Warne
Edgeworth	Laws	Scott	Watson
Fagan	Leonard	Smith, A	Williams
Fletcher	Mason Gage	Smith, G	Wood
Foster	McDonough	Snowdon, D	Wilson

Proposal for Variation of Order of Business

It was moved by Councillor Edgeworth and duly seconded that the order of business of the meeting be varied pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 13, that agenda item Notice of Motion – Rescind Ed Davey’s Knighthood be moved to this juncture.

- 56. RESOLVED that** the order of business of the agenda be varied pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 13 to allow specific items to be considered during the timeframe set for the meeting.

(iv) Notice of Motion – Rescind Ed Davey’s Knighthood

The motion had not been formally moved and was withdrawn by Councillor Hartnack.

(ii) Notice of Motion – Minimum Quality Guarantee for Road Repairs

Councillor Peacock, duly seconded by Councillor S Johnston, moved the following motion: -

Councillors of all parties are frustrated when roads are resurfaced to a poor standard and have to be resurfaced again within a short timeframe. Council recognises this as a false economy - and one which is resulting in a waste of taxpayers' money.

Council therefore asks the Chief Executive to instigate a review of contract terms for road and pavement repairs, to ensure that the Council receives a good quality service from subcontractors, and to explore options for instituting a regular inspection regime, so that officers are assured that a minimum quality standard has been met or otherwise take action when it has not.

Upon being moved the motion was declared to be carried unanimously and it was therefore: -

57. RESOLVED that: -

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Council therefore asks the Chief Executive to instigate a review of contract terms for road and pavement repairs, to ensure that the Council receives a good quality service from subcontractors, and to explore options for instituting a regular inspection regime, so that officers are assured that a minimum quality standard has been met or otherwise take action when it has not.

The meeting adjourned at this point, having reached three hours' duration.

(Signed) D TRUEMAN
Mayor

Committee Lists

Note: All appointments are to the next Annual Meeting unless otherwise specified.

Leader of the Council

Councillor G. Miller
(Term of office of Leader in accordance with the Council's executive arrangements: until the first Annual Meeting after their normal day of retirement as a Councillor)

ITEM 8 - TO NOTE THE DECISION OF THE LEADER ON THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE CABINET AND THE PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES, TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CABINET MEMBERS AND ANY AMENDMENTS TO THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DELEGATION OF EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS MADE BY THE LEADER

EMERGENCY COMMITTEE OF CABINET

Leader of the Council, Deputy Leader & Clean, Green City Portfolio Holder and one relevant Portfolio Holder

SCHOOL ORGANISATION COMMITTEE OF CABINET

Children, Learning and Skills Portfolio Holder (Chair), Leader of the Council (Vice Chair), Cabinet Secretary, Vibrant City Portfolio Holder, Healthy City Portfolio Holder.

ITEM 9 - COMMITTEES, SUB – COMMITTEES AND CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS AND APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS

COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES AND CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS THEREOF

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

5 Members (no more than one Member of Cabinet) plus 2 Co-opted Members

Independent Members Mr. G.N. Cook and Mr. M. Knowles

Chair (Co-opted Member) Mr. G.N. Cook

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

12 Members

SUNDERLAND HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

20 Members

3 Members of the Majority Group

1 Opposition Member

Council is requested to note the above-mentioned nominations are made by the Leader.

(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

SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

14 Members

HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

12 Members

CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND SKILLS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

12 Members + 4 Co-Opted Members

Co-opted Members:-

1 Church of England diocese representative – **Vacancy**

1 Roman Catholic diocese representative – Ms. A. Blakey

Secondary and Special School Parent Governor representative – **Vacancy**

Primary School Parent Governor representative - **Vacancy**

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

12 Members

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

8 Members

Co-Opted Members (non-voting):-

2 Members of Hetton Town Council nominated by the Town Council:-

To be advised

Independent Person (not a member of the Committee):-

Appointment of Independent Persons – Localism Act 2011

1. In accordance with the Localism Act 2011, the Council is required to appoint at least one Independent Person (IP) to assist in carrying out its duties in respect of dealing with Code of Conduct complaints. The IP must be consulted before the Council takes a decision in respect of any allegation made against an elected member (including town councillors) which has been investigated. They may also be consulted about any other aspect of a councillor's alleged breach of the Council's Code of Conduct for Members and may be consulted by a councillor against whom any allegation has been made. In addition, the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 have made provision for IPs to be included in Panels which exercise certain advisory functions in connection with disciplinary and dismissal procedures involving the Chief Executive, Chief Finance Officer or Monitoring Officer.
2. The Council awards an annual allowance of £1,000 for the role of IP, plus reasonable travel and subsistence expenses.
3. The Council currently has one IP, namely Dennis Hall, a retired local government officer of many years' experience, who has also held the role of

monitoring officer. At its meeting on 12th September 2023, the Council agreed to appoint two IPs and determined that should Mr Hall confirm his wish to be reappointed to the role, he would not be required to attend at interview, but would be requested to submit an updated CV, which he has done.

4. A Panel comprised of Cllr Dodds (Chair of the Standards Committee), Cllr Mullen and Cllr Hodson interviewed applicants for the second IP role and following the conclusion of the recruitment process, the Panel recommends the appointment of Dr Stuart Green. Dr Green is a university lecturer with a professional background in accounting, auditing and risk management. He has held the role of Independent Person at three other local authorities, as well as other governance roles such as the chair or vice-chair of various public sector audit committees. Dr Green is also a current member of the Council's Independent Remuneration Panel.

RECOMMENDATION

To appoint Dennis Hall and Stuart Green as Independent Persons, each for a term of two years' duration, which may be extended by the Council for two further two-year terms (i.e. six years in total) and to award an annual allowance of £1,000 and reasonable travel and subsistence expenses in respect of the roles.

PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

10 Members

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

15 Members

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES

Panels of 3 Members from Licensing Committee – Rotation system to operate

HOMELESSNESS APPEALS PANEL

10 Members

EDUCATION COMPLAINTS PANEL

10 Members

EDUCATION (APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNORS) PANEL

10 Members

APPEALS COMMITTEE

20 Members

A Panel will comprise 3 Members, 2 majority and 1 opposition

JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

8 Members

* N.B. The position of Chair alternates annually with Trade Union Side.

SUPPORTIVE PARENTING PARTNERSHIP

7 Members including relevant Portfolio Holder and 7 substitute Members

PORT BOARD

5 Members

Co-Opted Members

Mr R. McEvoy and Mr L. Taylor

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE

(Ward Councillors for Copt Hill, Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row)

WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

(Ward Councillors for Barnes, Pallion, St. Anne's, St. Chad's, Sandhill and Silksworth)

EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

(Ward Councillors for Doxford, Hendon, Millfield, Ryhope and St. Michael's)

NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

(Ward Councillors for Castle, Fulwell, Redhill, St. Peter's and Southwick)

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

(Ward Councillors for Washington Central, Washington East, Washington North, Washington South and Washington West)

ITEM 10 - JOINT COMMITTEES, JOINT AUTHORITIES, OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING GROUPS

ACTIVE SUNDERLAND BOARD

1 Member

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities

AGE UK

1 Member

AGED MERCHANT SEAMEN'S HOMES AND THE SUNDERLAND DISTRESSED MARINER'S FUND

2 Members

ALLIANCE (FORMERLY COALFIELD COMMUNITIES CAMPAIGN)

2 Members

ANEC LTD.

Leader of the Council

1 Named Alternative

ANEC LTD. – NORTH EAST CULTURE PARTNERSHIP

1 Member

BOWES RAILWAY COMPANY LIMITED

1 Member

BRITISH RESORTS ASSOCIATION - POLICY COMMITTEE

1 Member

CHANCE PROJECT

1 Member

CHILDREN'S CENTRES/EARLY HELP LOCAL ADVISORY PARTNERSHIP BOARDS

Coalfield and Washington –Coalfield Area Committee representative (Substitute – 1 Member) and Washington Area Committee Representative (Substitute – 1 Member)

Sunderland North & South –North Sunderland Area Committee Representative (Substitute – 1 Member), East Sunderland Area Committee Representative, (Substitute – 1 Member) and West Area Committee Representative (Substitute – 1 Member)

CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU, WASHINGTON - MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1 Member

CO-OPERATIVE COUNCILS INNOVATION NETWORK

1 Member

CUMBRIA, NORTHUMBERLAND, TYNE AND WEAR NHS FOUNDATION TRUST COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

1 Member

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PARTNERSHIP

1 Member

ELIZABETH DONNISON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

2 Members

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION UK

4 Members and the Director of Environmental Services – [Not on Committee]

FRIENDS OF SUNDERLAND MUSEUMS

1 Member

Substitute: 1 Member

GENTOO GROUP LIMITED (this includes board membership of GENTOO HOMES)

(Nomination is made subject to the application of Gentoo's appointments process)

1 Member

GREAT EPPLETON WIND FARM PANEL

1 Member

GREEN TERRACE PRIMARY SCHOOL TRUST

3 Members

HETTON TOWN TRUST

Councillor Blackburn (term of office to 16 May 2024)
Councillor Scott (term of office to 16 May 2023)

HEALTH AND WELLBEING CHAIRS NETWORK

1 Member

HOUGHTON FEAST STEERING COMMITTEE

4 Members

HYLTON CASTLE TRUST

2 Members

INTERNATIONAL ADVANCED MANUFACTURING PARK (IAMP) LLP

1 Member (Substitute - 1 Member),
Chief Executive and the Executive Director of City Development

KEPIER ALMSHOUSES CHARITY HOUGHTON LE SPRING RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY

Mrs. S. Wardle

KEY CITIES BOARD

1 Member (with 1 Member as a substitute) and the Chief Executive

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION - GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Leader of the Council and 2 Members

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION – SIGOMA

1 Member

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION COASTAL SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

1 Member and the Flood and Coastal Group Engineer, City Development Directorate

MAYOR’S FUND FOR NECESSITOUS CHILDREN

The Right Worshipful the Mayor for the time being

2 Majority Party Members

1 Majority Party in Opposition Member

MILLFIELD/ST. MARK’S COMMUNITY PROGRAMME

Majority Party

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS

3 Members

NEWCASTLE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

1 Member and 1 substitute Member

NEWCASTLE AIRPORT LOCAL AUTHORITY HOLDING COMPANY LIMITED

Director 1 Member

Alternate Director 1 Member

NORTH EAST AND NORTH CUMBRIA INTEGRATED CARE BOARD

Central Integrated Care Partnership

1 Member and the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities, Director of Children’s Services and Director of Adult Services

ICB Place Committee

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

NORTH EAST AND NORTH CUMBRIA INTEGRATED CARE SYSTEM AND NORTH OF TYNE AND GATESHEAD AND DURHAM, SOUTH TYNESIDE AND SUNDERLAND AREA INTEGRATED CARE PARTNERSHIPS JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

2 Majority Party Members

1 Majority Party in Opposition Members

NORTH EAST AUTOMOTIVE ALLIANCE

Chief Executive

NORTH EAST CHILD POVERTY COMMISSION

1 Member

NORTH EAST DISABILITIES RESOURCE CENTRE

1 Member

NORTH EAST JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Chair of Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee

Substitute: Chair of Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

NORTH EAST COMBINED AUTHORITY

Cabinet

Leader of the Council

Substitutes: Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Secretary

Audit and Standards Committee

2 Members

Substitutes: 2 Members

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

2 Members

Substitutes: 2 Members

NORTH EAST MIGRATION NETWORK CORE STRATEGIC GROUP

Relevant Portfolio Holder (appointed by ANEC Ltd.)

NORTH EAST REGIONAL ARTS COUNCIL

Tyne and Wear vacancy to be nominated by ANEC Ltd.

NORTH EAST REGIONAL EMPLOYERS' ORGANISATION

4 Members with 1 as a Member of the Executive Committee

NORTH EASTERN INSHORE FISHERIES AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

1 Member

NORTH REGIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SENSORY SUPPORT

General Council – 2 Members with 1 also a Member of the Executive Committee

NORTHERN HOUSING CONSORTIUM LIMITED

2 Members

NORTHERN REGIONAL BRASS BAND TRUST

1 Member

NORTHUMBERLAND, TYNE AND WEAR AND NORTH DURHAM STP JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

3 Members

NORTHUMBRIA POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

2 Members

Substitutes – 2 Members

NORTHUMBRIA REGIONAL FLOOD AND COASTAL COMMITTEE (Four Year Term commencing 1 June 2021 to 31 May 2025)

Councillor K. Johnston

Substitute – Councillor Scott

Northumbria Regional Flood and Coastal Committee – Programming and Investment Group

Councillor K. Johnston

Substitute – Councillor Scott

PARKER MEMORIAL HOME / PARKER TRUST CIO

Councillor Gibson to the Parker Trust CIO for a four year term ending 17 May 2027

Councillor Gibson to the Parker Memorial Home Trust for a four year term ending 17 May 2027 or until it is disbanded, whichever is sooner.

ROKER REGATTA COMBINED CLUBS COMMITTEE

2 Members

SAMUEL DOBSON TRUST

6 Members

**SIGLION LLP, SIGLION INVESTMENTS LLP, SIGLION DEVELOPMENTS LLP,
SIGLION NOMINEE LTD, SIGLION HOLDINGS LTD, POTTERS HILL
MANAGEMENT COMPANY LTD, VAUX MANAGEMENT COMPANY LIMITED**

Leader of the Council, 1 Member and Chief Executive

SOUTH TYNESIDE AND SUNDERLAND NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

1 Member

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

5 Members

**Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education Agreed Syllabus
Conference**

5 Members

ST. LUKE'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PROJECT

1 Member

**ST. PETER'S CHURCH BAKEHOUSE CAFÉ (Known as Bede's Monastery @
Monkwearmouth Limited)**

1 Member

SUNDERLAND AFC FOUNDATION PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Leader of the Council, 2 Portfolio Holders, Chief Executive, Executive Director of City
Development and Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities

SUNDERLAND BOYS INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FUND

3 Members

SUNDERLAND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Leader of the Council and 1 Member

SUNDERLAND CARE AND SUPPORT (HOLDING COMPANY) LIMITED

3 Members together with the Director of Adult Services and Chief Finance Officer of
the Company

SUNDERLAND CARE AND SUPPORT LIMITED

3 Members together with the Director of Adult Services and Chief Finance Officer of the Company

SUNDERLAND CULTURE LIMITED

1 Member and Executive Director of City Development

SUNDERLAND EMPIRE THEATRE TRUST

Councillor Williams (for a three year period to 19 May 2024) and the Director of Finance (for a three year period to 28 March 2026)

SUNDERLAND AND NORTH DURHAM ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

2 Members

SUNDERLAND FOOTBALL TRUST BOARD

1 Member

SUNDERLAND LIFESTYLE PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

1 Member and the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities

SUNDERLAND ORPHANAGE AND EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

4 Members

SUNDERLAND PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chief Executive

SUNDERLAND PARTNERSHIP NON-EXECUTIVE BOARD

Leader of the Council

Safer Sunderland Partnership

Leader of the Council

Relevant Portfolio Holder

Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities

Director of Children's Services – Chief Executive of Together for Children

Director of Adult Services

Formerly Assistant Director of Community Resilience

Head of Adult Social Care

Assistant Director of Regulatory Services

Local Multi Agency Problem Solving (LMAPS)

Coalfield – 1 Member

East Sunderland – 2 Members

North Sunderland – 1 Member

Washington – 1 Member

West Sunderland – 1 Member

Dynamic City Board

Executive Director of City Development

SUNDERLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD

1 Member

SUNDERLAND SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP (SSCP)

1 Member

TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN – SUNDERLAND

Executive Directors

Chief Executive of Together for Children

Non-Executive Directors

Ms T Banks

Governance Law Specialist, Sunderland City Council

Vacancy

TRANSPORT FOR THE NORTH BOARD

Representative to be appointed by the North East Combined Authority

TRANSPORT FOR THE NORTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Representative to be appointed by the North East Combined Authority

TRIPLETT CHARITY

3 Members

TYNE AND WEAR ANTI FASCIST ASSOCIATION

1 Member - non-voting

TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

4 Members

TYNE AND WEAR LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

1 Member

TYNE AND WEAR PENSION FUND

1 Member

Substitute – 1 Member

TYNE AND WEAR STRATEGIC FLOOD GROUP

1 Member

Substitute – 1 Member

UNIVERSITY OF SUNDERLAND: BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1 Member

VICTORIA HOUSE CHARITY

3 Members

WASHINGTON SPORTS TRUST

5 Members

WASHINGTON TOWN BOARD

2 Members

WEAR WATER SPORTS CLUBS ASSOCIATION

1 Member

WOODCOCK AND BOWES CHARITY

2 Members

**WORKERS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

1 Member

WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION HEALTHY CITIES NETWORK

1 Member

Substitute – 1 Member

Governors of Schools/Colleges

To note the appointment of Governors as set out below. Those highlighted in bold have been made by the Education (Appointment of Governors) Panel. The other governorships are those positions of which Democratic Services are aware which are held by the individual Councillors in a capacity other than as a nominee of the Council. Any additions to this list may be notified to Democratic Services and the on-line list will be updated.

Cllr M Burrell	St. Michael's RC Primary School
Cllr M Butler	Southwick Primary School (co-opted member)
Cllr K Chequer	Southwick Primary School
Cllr L Guy	Virtual School
Cllr M Hartnack	Grange Park Primary School (co-opted member)
Cllr K Johnston	Houghton Community Nursery
Cllr B Jones	Biddick Primary , Wessington Primary (co-opted member)
Cllr L Leonard	St Paul's Church of England Primary School (foundation governor), Venerable Bede CE Academy
Cllr K Mason-Gage	New Penshaw Academy
Cllr F Miller	George Washington Primary
Cllr G Miller	Oak Learning Trust (Director)
Cllr A Samuels	Grange Park Primary School
Cllr I Scott	Hetton Primary School
Cllr A Smith	Willow Wood Primary (Co-opted Governor)
Cllr G Smith	Diamond Hall Junior Academy
Cllr D Snowdon	Barmston Village Primary
Cllr D E Snowdon	Biddick Academy
Cllr M Speding	Shiney Row Primary
Cllr P Stewart	Willow Wood Primary (Co-opted Governor)
Cllr H Trueman	Albany Village Primary (Co-opted Governor)
Cllr P Tye	New Silksworth Academy

Cllr L Williams

Lambton Primary, Oxclose Community Academy, Discover Learning Trust (Trustee)

REPRESENTATIVES ON BODIES ESTABLISHED UNDER JOINT ARRANGEMENTS

To note the under mentioned appointments made by the Leader

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

1 Member

SOUTH TYNE AND WEAR WASTE MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP JOINT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2 Members

Substitute – 1 Member

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

1 Member

TYNE AND WEAR TRADING STANDARDS JOINT COMMITTEE

4 Members

Substitutes – 4 Members

ITEM 11 – UPDATE TO THE CONSTITUTION

A. Attesting the Seal of the Council

1. Article 15.05 of the Constitution authorises the following officers to attest the Council's seal: Chief Executive; Director of Finance; Assistant Director of Law and Governance; Senior Manager – Law and Governance and the Specialist Lead (Commercial Law). It is proposed that in addition to the officers referred to above, the Deputy Section 151 officer (currently the Assistant Director of Finance), the Governance Law Specialist and Commercial Law Specialists, be authorised to attest the seal.

2. Authorising additional officers to attest the seal will provide greater flexibility with regard to the execution and conclusion of agreements and legal orders, some of which relate to matters which are required to be completed at short notice, whilst also retaining the power to execute such documents at an appropriate level of seniority.

Recommendation

THAT Council agree to amend Article 15.05 of the Constitution to authorise the following officers to attest the Council's seal: Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Assistant Director of Finance, Assistant Director of Law and Governance, Senior Manager – Law and Governance, Specialist Lead (Commercial Law), Governance Law Specialist and Commercial Law Specialists.

