

COUNCIL

20<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2011

**APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES – SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE, AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE, KEPIER ALMSHOUSES CHARITY/HOUGHTON LE SPRING RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY, SANDHILL VIEW YOUTH PROJECT (A690) AND THE ST PETER’S CHURCH BAKEHOUSE CAFÉ BOARD**

**Report of the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services**

**1.0 Introduction**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider nominations to seats on the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee, Audit and Governance Committee, Kepier Almshouses Charity/Houghton le Spring Relief in Need Charity, Sandhill View Youth Project (A690) and the St Peter’s Church Bakehouse Café Board.

**2.0 Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee**

2.1 A request has been received from the Majority Group that the Council consider appointing Councillor Porthouse to the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee in place of Councillor Essl. Council is requested to consider the new nomination of the Majority Group.

**3.0 Audit and Governance Committee**

3.1 At its Annual Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> May the Council appointed, amongst others, the Deputy Leader of the Council to sit on the Audit and Governance Committee. A request has now been received from the Majority Group that the Council consider appointing the Cabinet Secretary to the Committee in place of the Deputy Leader in view of the role of the Cabinet Secretary as the Council’s Risk Management Champion. Council is requested to consider the new nomination of the Majority Group.

**4.0 Kepier Almshouses Charity/Houghton le Spring Relief in Need Charity**

4.1 The Council is entitled to nominate one Trustee to the above Charity and, for many years, has exercised its entitlement by nominating Mr R Toy of

Houghton le Spring to represent the Council. In view of his length of service and advancing years, Mr Toy has now tendered his resignation from the Charity.

- 4.2** Following consultation with the Rector of St Michaels Church, Houghton, Sue Pinnington MBE, another local resident of Houghton, Mrs Susan Wardle, has been recommended for the Council's nomination to the Charity. The Council is asked to consider the recommendation.

## **5.0 Sandhill View Youth Project (A690)**

- 5.1** A request has been received from the Majority Group that the Council consider appointing Councillor Gallagher to the Sandhill View Youth Project (A690) in place of Councillor Tye. Council is requested to consider the new nomination of the Majority Group.

## **6.0 St Peter's Church Bakehouse Café Board**

- 6.1** Reverend TP Gibbons of St Peter's Church, Monkwearmouth, has requested that the Council consider appointing Councillor Curran as its representative on the board of the church's café, known as the Bakehouse. Reverend Gibbons believes that as St Peter's Church with St Paul's of Jarrow is now past a significant hurdle in becoming a World Heritage Site, an important part of the bid is the continued running of hospitality to all visitors via the Bakehouse.
- 6.2** The Council is asked to consider the request of Reverend Gibbons.

## **7.0 Recommendations:**

- 7.1** The Council is accordingly recommended to consider:
- (i) appointing Councillor Porthouse to the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee in place of Councillor Essl,
  - (ii) appointing the Cabinet Secretary to the Audit and Governance Committee in place of the Deputy Leader,
  - (iii) nominating Mrs Susan Wardle of Houghton le Spring as the Council's representative on the Kepier Almshouses Charity/Houghton le Spring Relief in Need Charity to fill the vacancy resultant on the resignation of Mr R Toy,
  - (iv) appointing Councillor Gallagher to the Sandhill View Youth Project (A690) in place of Councillor Tye, and
  - (v) nominating Councillor Curran to represent the Council on the Board of the St Peter's Church Bakehouse Café.