

Minutes

Sunderland City Council

At a meeting of SUNDERLAND CITY COUNCIL held in the CIVIC CENTRE on
WEDNESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER, 2018 at 6.00 p.m.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor L. Scanlan) in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor D. Snowdon)

Councillors	Appleby	Francis	MacKnight, N	Stewart
	Atkinson	Galbraith	Marshall	Taylor
	Beck	Gibson, E	McClennan	Trueman, D
	Blackburn	Gibson, P.	Miller, F	Trueman, H
	Blackett	Haswell	Miller, G.	Turner
	Chequer	Heron	Mordey	Turton
	Cunningham	Hodson	Mullen	Tye
	Curran	Howe	O'Brien	Walker, G.
	Davison	Hunt	Oliver	Walker, P
	Dixon, D.	Jackson	O'Neil	Waller
	Dixon, M	Johnston	Porthouse	Williams
	Elliott	Kelly	Rowntree	Wilson, A.
	English	Lauchlan	Scullion	Wilson, D.
	Farthing	Lawson	Smith, G	Wood. A
	Fletcher	Leadbitter	Smith, P	Wood, K.
	Foster	MacKnight, D	Snowdon, D.E.	Wood, P.

Also Present:-

Honorary Aldermen: - M. Greenfield and R.D. Tate.

The notice convening the meeting was read.

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The Mayor advised that Councillor Mary Turton had been recorded as being in attendance at the Annual Council meeting on 16 May 2018 in error.

- 16.** RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 20 June, 2018 (copy circulated), be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Declarations of Interest

The following Councillors declared interests as follows: -

Item 11 (i) – Notice of Motion – Modern Day Slavery	Councillors Blackburn, Cunningham, Davison, Farthing, D. MacKnight, , McClennan, F. Miller, G. Miller, Mordey, O'Neil, Rowntree, D. Snowdon, D.E Snowdon, Stewart, Turner and G. Walker and Alderman Tate.	Members of the Labour and Cooperative Party
	Councillor N. MacKnight	Member of Trade Union
Item 11 (ii) – Notice of Motion – Great Jobs Agenda	Councillors Beck, Blackburn, Cunningham, Davison, Elliott, English, Farthing, Fletcher, Galbraith, Haswell, Kelly, Lauchlan, D. MacKnight, N. MacKnight, McClennan, F. Miller, G. Miller, Mordey, O'Brien, Oliver, Rowntree, P. Smith, Stewart, Turner, H. Trueman, G. Walker and Alderman Tate	Member of Trade Union

Announcements

The Mayor made the following announcements:

(i) Northern Spire Bridge

At the invitation of the Mayor and following a short video presentation, the Leader gave a speech in relation to the successful completion of the Northern Spire Bridge.

(ii) Roker Pier Project

At the invitation of the Mayor, Councillor Porthouse informed Members that the Council's Regeneration Team had been overseeing the restoration of the Grade II listed complex. Funded by the Council's Capital Programme and the Heritage Lottery Fund, the volunteer guided tours of the pier tunnel and lighthouse were launched in August to much acclaim and interest.

Councillor Porthouse was pleased to announce that the project had been recognised for its quality of work, being shortlisted amongst the most prestigious building projects of the year by the Royal Institute of British Architects North East (RIBA) and Constructing Excellence North East (CENE).

The RIBA awards took place in York and the Pier Project only just lost out to Durham Cathedral, although the judges highlighted how impressive the project was during the assessment visit.

At the CENE Awards hosted in Newcastle, the Pier Project received a Highly Commended Award in the Preservation and Rejuvenation Category and a Special Award for Building of the Year (the first of its kind ever to be given out by CENE), with the judges highlighting that the project spanned more than one category and could have won any of them.

Councillor Porthouse advised that these awards were held in high regard within the construction industry, with just being shortlisted often seen as a success. To have been shortlisted, Highly Commended and to have won a Special Award speaks volumes of the quality of work being delivered by Council staff and all those involved should be congratulated on a job well done.

(iii) The Tall Ships Races Plaque

At the invitation of the Mayor, Councillor Kelly informed Members that Mr Knut Western from Sail Training International had hosted a briefing session in the Council Chamber for the captains and crew members from each of the Tall Ships in the city before they set sail for the race.

At the beginning of the briefing session, Mr Knut Western presented the Mayor with a Tall Ships Races 2018 plaque as a token by which to remember the auspicious event.

The plaque was to be held on display in the Mayor's Parlour for all to view.

(iv) Public Relations and Communications Association DARE Awards (Northern Region)

At the invitation of the Mayor, Councillor A. Wilson advised of the Public Relations and Communications Association DARE awards in which Sunderland City Council had been successful in winning the Public Sector Award for the Northern Spire – A Bridge to a Brighter Future. The Council was praised for its excellent planning, strong focus and clear objectives.

This award was also to be held on display in the Mayor's Parlour.

Reception of Petitions

- 17.** RESOLVED that the petitions listed below submitted by the Councillors named, be received and referred for consideration to the relevant Chief Officer: -

Councillor P. Gibson – Petition from residents that Sunderland City Council investigate ways to bring back the Silksworth Pulley Wheel to its home village of Silksworth.

Councillor Tye – Petition for Sunderland City Council to find ways to stop Church View Medical Centre being turned into overnight residential accommodation.

Councillor Johnston – Petition opposing Sunderland CCG Proposals to cut urgent Care Services at Bunnyhill, Houghton and Washington.

Councillor Waller – Petition that Sunderland City Council review and revise the traffic arrangements and roundabout at Springwell Road (B1405) to improve safety following a recent spate of accidents in this area.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Ball, Bell, Essl, Samuels, Scaplehorn, Speding, Waters and Watson and on behalf of Aldermen Arnott and Forbes.

Written Questions under Rule 9

Pursuant to Rule 9 of the Council Rules of Procedure, the Leader and Members of the Executive were asked questions which had been submitted by members of the public.

Report of the Cabinet

The Cabinet reported and recommended as follows:-

1. Licensing Act 2003 – Publication of a Cumulative Impact Assessment

That they had considered a report of the Executive Director of Economy and Place (copy attached) upon the proposed publication of a Cumulative Impact Assessment in accordance with Section 5A of the Licensing Act 2003 to enable the Council to fulfil its statutory duty of carrying out its functions under the Act with a view to promoting the licensing objectives.

The Act permits a licensing authority to publish a document known as a “cumulative impact assessment” which states that the licensing authority considers that the number of relevant authorisations in respect of premises in one or more parts of its area described in the assessment is such that it is likely that it would be inconsistent with the authority's duty to promote the licensing objectives, namely:

- Prevention of crime and disorder,
- Public safety,
- Prevention of public nuisance, and
- Protection of children from harm,

to grant any further relevant authorisations in the area or areas identified.

The Cabinet was requested to:-

- (1) consider the outcome of the consultation exercise undertaken in relation to the proposed Cumulative Impact Assessment to be published under the Licensing Act 2003 (“the Act”);
- (2) consider any amendment required as a result of the consultation responses received; and, subject thereto;
- (3) recommend to Council that the Cumulative Impact Assessment be published in accordance with section 5A of the Act.

The report was also considered by the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee and the comments of the Committee and the Cabinet's recommendations to Council were set out in a supplementary report which was circulated at the meeting and included the following recommendation:-

The Cabinet having been advised that the report had also been considered by the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee on 11 September and the Committee were in agreement with the proposed publication of a Cumulative Impact Assessment, it was recommended that the Cumulative Impact Assessment be published in accordance with section 5A of the Act.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor G. Miller, duly seconded by the Deputy Leader, Councillor Mordey, moved the report of the Cabinet and upon being put to the vote the Report was approved with 59 Members voting in favour:-

Councillors	Atkinson	Galbraith	Miller, F	Turner
	Beck	Gibson, E	Miller, G.	Turton
	Blackburn	Gibson, P.	Mordey	Tye
	Blackett	Heron	Mullen	Walker, G.
	Chequer	Howe	Oliver	Walker, P
	Cunningham	Hunt	O'Neil	Waller
	Curran	Jackson	Porthouse	Williams
	Davison	Johnston	Rowntree	Wilson, A.
	Dixon, D.	Kelly	Scullion	Wilson, D.
	Dixon, M	Lauchlan	Smith, P	Wood, K.
	Elliott	Lawson	Snowdon, D.E.	Wood, P.
	English	Leadbitter	Snowdon, D	
	Farthing	MacKnight, D	Stewart	
	Fletcher	MacKnight, N	Taylor	
	Foster	Marshall	Trueman, D	
	Francis	McClennan	Trueman, H	

And 6 Members voting against:-

Councillors	Appleby	Hodson	Smith, G
	Haswell	O'Brien	Wood, A

18. RESOLVED that the Cumulative Impact Assessment be published in accordance with section 5A of the Licensing Act 2003.

Report of the Audit and Governance Committee

The Audit and Governance Committee reported and recommended as follows:-

1. Annual Report on the work of the Audit and Governance Committee 2017/18

That the Audit and Governance Committee had given consideration to a report by the Head of Assurance, Procurement and Performance Management (copy attached) on the work of the Audit and Governance Committee during 2017/18, demonstrating how they had fulfilled their delegated responsibilities.

Accordingly, the Committee recommended Council to note the Annual Report on the Work of the Audit and Governance Committee 2017/18.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor G. Miller, duly seconded by the Deputy Leader, Councillor Mordey, moved the report of the Audit and Governance Committee and accordingly it was:-

19. RESOLVED that the Annual Report on the work of the Audit and Governance Committee be received and noted.

Written Questions under Rule 10.2

Pursuant to Rule 10.2 of the Council Rules of Procedure, Members of the Council asked questions of the Leader and Members of the Executive.

Councillor O'Brien moved an extension to the time for responding to written questions which was duly seconded by Councillor Oliver. Upon being put to the vote the motion was defeated with 14 Members voting in favour:-

Councillors	Appleby	Haswell	Mullen	Wood. A
	Blackett	Hodson	O'Brien	Wood, P.
	Dixon, M.	Howe	Oliver	
	Francis	Leadbitter	Smith, G.	

And 48 Members voting against:-

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	Beck	Gibson, E	Miller, F	Turton
	Blackburn	Gibson, P.	Miller, G.	Tye
	Chequer	Heron	Mordey	Walker, G.
	Cunningham	Hunt	O'Neil	Walker, P
	Curran	Jackson	Porthouse	Waller
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Notices of Motion

(i) Action Against Modern Day Slavery

Councillor Stewart, duly seconded by Councillor G. Walker, moved the following motion:-

"This Council notes that though slavery was abolished in the UK in 1833, there are more slaves today than ever before in human history. Traffickers and slave masters use whatever means they have at their disposal to coerce, deceive and force individuals into a life of abuse, servitude and inhumane treatment. This can include sexual and criminal exploitation.

This Council believes it should take all necessary steps locally to root out and eradicate this scourge on society through raising general awareness of the abhorrent nature of modern slavery with local communities, employers and other stakeholders in Sunderland. In addition to take active steps to ensure any contracts and suppliers don't contribute to modern day slavery and exploitation.

This Council therefore resolves

- To instruct the Chief Executive to bring forward as a matter of urgency a whole council policy covering both strategic and operational actions we can take to ensure traffickers and slave masters have no easy place to hide in Sunderland.
- In addition, as a founding member of the Co-operative Council Network to formally adopt the Co-operative Party's Charter against Modern Slavery attached, as part any whole council policy, to ensure our procurement practices don't directly or indirectly support slavery.
- As a Council to report publically on the implementation of this policy and accompanying charter on an annual basis".

Councillor O'Brien, duly seconded by Councillor Hodson, moved an amendment to the motion so that the following be added after the final bullet point:-

- “• To encourage organisations which tender for Council contracts to produce a Transparency Statement

The Council further resolves to lobby the Government:

- To reform abuses associated with the *Domestic Overseas Worker Visa* which prohibits individuals from changing their employer
- To extend legal aid to victims of slavery in civil matters, which should include all citizens no matter their legal status
- To add definitions in relation to child labour to the Modern Slavery Bill"

So that the amended Motion would read:-

"This Council notes that though slavery was abolished in the UK in 1833, there are more slaves today than ever before in human history. Traffickers and slave masters use whatever means they have at their disposal to coerce, deceive and force individuals into a life of abuse, servitude and inhumane treatment. This can include sexual and criminal exploitation.

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It having been indicated to the meeting that the proposed amendment was accepted, it was:-

20. RESOLVED that:-

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(ii) Great Jobs Agenda

The Leader, duly seconded by Councillor Stewart, moved the following motion:-

“This Council believes that:

Every job should be a great job. For us that means workers in Sunderland should be paid fairly; work in a safe and healthy workplace; be treated decently and with respect; have regular hours; have the chance to be represented by unions and be consulted on what matters at work; and get the chance to learn and progress at work and get on in life.

This Council resolves to:

1. Support the TUC’s Great Jobs Agenda, which sets out the actions employers and the government must take for every job to be a great job.
2. Ensure as an employer we continue providing great jobs for our own employees.
3. Continue to value meaningful workforce engagement and representation through our recognised trade unions.
4. Continue our work with employers to influence their employment practices, and to ensure that business growth is sustainable and ethical.
5. Make increasing job quality a key part of the conversation when pursuing local economic development opportunities.
6. Use our commissioning and procurement processes where possible to raise employment standards amongst those suppliers and providers we work with.
7. Where appropriate, engage with government and other bodies who hold regulatory powers, to tackle issues which local authorities do not have statutory powers to address directly.
8. Write to our MPs informing them of our position and encouraging them to support the Great Jobs Agenda too”.

It having been indicated to the meeting that the Motion was supported by all political parties, accordingly it was:-

21. RESOLVED that:-

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1. Support the TUC's Great Jobs Agenda, which sets out the actions employers and the government must take for every job to be a great job.
2. Ensure as an employer we continue providing great jobs for our own employees
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4. Continue our work with employers to influence their employment practices, and to ensure that business growth is sustainable and ethical
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(iii) Development of the Seafront

Councillor Oliver, duly seconded by Councillor Howe, moved the following motion:-

"This Council notes the views of local residents on the development of the seafront in the city and agrees with concerns expressed about the provision of housing and leisure facilities."

Councillor Stewart, duly seconded by Councillor Porthouse moved an amendment to the motion to delete from the word "city" and insert:-

"and will take appropriate account of these views expressed by the local community in any such development".

So that the amended Motion would read:-

"This Council notes the views of local residents on the development of the seafront in the city and will take appropriate account of these views expressed by the local community in any such development"

Upon being put to the vote, the amendment was carried with 55 Members voting in favour:-

Councillors	Appleby	Galbraith	Marshall	Stewart
	Atkinson	Gibson, E	McClennan	Trueman, D
	Beck	Gibson, P.	Miller, F	Turner
	Blackburn	Haswell	Miller, G.	Turton
	Chequer	Heron	Mordey	Tye
	Cunningham	Hodson	O'Brien	Walker, G.
	Curran	Hunt	O'Neil	Walker, P
	Davison	Jackson	Porthouse	Waller
	Dixon, D.	Johnston	Rowntree	Williams
	Elliott	Kelly	Scullion	Wilson, A.
	English	Lauchlan	Smith, G	Wilson, D.
	Farthing	Lawson	Smith, P	Wood, A
	Fletcher	MacKnight, D	Snowdon, D.E.	Wood, K.
	Foster	MacKnight, N	Snowdon, D	

And 8 Members voting against:-

Councillors	Blackett	Howe	Leadbitter	Oliver
	Dixon, M.	Francis	Mullen	Wood, P.

The substantive motion was then put to the vote and was carried with 63 Members voting in favour:-

Councillors	Appleby	Francis	MacKnight, N	Snowdon, D
	Atkinson	Galbraith	Marshall	Stewart
	Beck	Gibson, E	McClennan	Trueman, D
	Blackburn	Gibson, P.	Miller, F	Turner
	Blackett	Haswell	Miller, G.	Turton
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	Elliott	Kelly	Rowntree	Wilson, D.
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	Farthing	Lawson	Smith, G	Wood, K.
	Fletcher	Leadbitter	Smith, P	Wood, P.
	Foster	MacKnight, D	Snowdon, D.E.	

And no Members voting against.

Accordingly it was:-

22. RESOLVED that this Council notes the views of local residents on the development of the seafront in the city and will take appropriate account of these views expressed by the local community in any such development.

(iv) Commemorating 100 years of women's suffrage and Sunderland's first female councillor

Councillor Hodson, duly seconded by Councillor O'Brien, moved the following motion:-

"This Council recognizes that 2018 represents a historic milestone, as it is the 100th anniversary of votes for women in the UK. The Representation of the People Act, passed on 6 February 1918, was a major step towards universal suffrage, giving women over the age of 30 who owned property, and all men over the age of 21, the right to vote.

This Council recognizes the achievements of the trail-blazing women campaigners and politicians in this city, including Sunderland's first female MP, Marion Phillips, and Ellen Elizabeth Bell, the city's first female councillor and first female alderman. Ellen Bell was elected to the then Town Council for the Hendon Ward at a by-election in October 1919, just over a year after women gained the right to vote.

Accordingly, the Council resolves to:

- Commend the role played by people in Sunderland and the North East in the long campaign that culminated in the Representation of the People Act becoming law
- Request the Chief Executive look into the feasibility of erecting a plaque or lasting memorial to Ellen Bell, on the centenary of her election to the Council in 2019
- Look into the feasibility of an event to commemorate the role played by local women in the campaign for equal votes, and in the public life of our city
- Encourage more people to register to vote to mark the centenary, and in particular to increase the number of young registered to vote"

The motion having been unanimously agreed it was:-

23. RESOLVED that:-

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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 had been no such instances since the last report.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor G. Miller, duly seconded by the Deputy Leader, Councillor Mordey, moved the report.

24. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Vacancy on Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee

The Head of Law and Governance submitted a report which requested the Council's consideration on how to deal with the vacant seat on the Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee following the resignation of Councillor O'Brien from that Committee.

The Options referred to in the report were as follows:

- (1) (i) to approve alternative arrangements to political balance;
- (ii) allocate the vacant seat previously allocated to the Liberal Democrat and Others Group on the Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee to the Conservative Group, so that the elected member representation on the Committee would be

Labour 10: Conservative 2; and
- (iii) appoint a member nominated by the Conservative Group to the vacancy on the Committee; or

- (2) appoint a Liberal Democrat and Others Group member to the vacant seat; or
- (3) leave the seat vacant at this time.

The Council noted that alternative arrangements for the allocation of seats other than on the basis of strict political balance may be approved by the Council under Section 17 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, provided no Member votes against the proposal. Abstentions would not defeat a vote on such a proposal.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor G. Miller, duly seconded by the Deputy Leader, Councillor Mordey, moved Option 1(i) - (iii) to be implemented.

Upon being put to the vote Option 1(i) - (iii) was defeated with 57 Members voting in favour:-

Councillors	Atkinson	Galbraith	Miller, G.	Tye
	Beck	Gibson, E	Mordey	Walker, G.
	Blackburn	Gibson, P.	Mullen	Walker, P
	Blackett	Heron	Oliver	Waller
	Chequer	Hunt	O'Neil	Williams
	Cunningham	Jackson	Porthouse	Wilson, A.
	Curran	Johnston	Rowntree	Wilson, D.
	Davison	Kelly	Scullion	Wood, K.
	Dixon, D.	Lauchlan	Smith, P	Wood, P.
	Dixon, M	Lawson	Snowdon, D.E.	
	Elliott	Leadbitter	Snowdon, D	
	English	MacKnight, D	Stewart	
	Farthing	MacKnight, N	Taylor	
	Fletcher	Marshall	Trueman, D	
	Foster	McClennan	Turner	
	Francis	Miller, F	Turton	

And 6 Members voting against:-

Councillors	Appleby	Hodson	Smith, G.
	Haswell	O'Brien	Wood, K

Councillor Haswell, duly seconded by Councillor Hodson, moved for Option (3) to be implemented.

Upon being put to the vote Option (3) was defeated with 6 Members voting in favour:-

Councillors	Appleby	Hodson	Smith, G.
	Haswell	O'Brien	Wood, K

And 57 Members voting against:-

Councillors	Atkinson	Galbraith	Miller, G.	Tye
	Beck	Gibson, E	Mordey	Walker, G.
	Blackburn	Gibson, P.	Mullen	Walker, P
	Blackett	Heron	Oliver	Waller
	Chequer	Hunt	O'Neil	Williams
	Cunningham	Jackson	Porthouse	Wilson, A.
	Curran	Johnston	Rowntree	Wilson, D.
	Davison	Kelly	Scullion	Wood, K.
	Dixon, D.	Lauchlan	Smith, P	Wood, P.
	Dixon, M	Lawson	Snowdon, D.E.	
	Elliott	Leadbitter	Snowdon, D	
	English	MacKnight, D	Stewart	
	Farthing	MacKnight, N	Taylor	
	Fletcher	Marshall	Trueman, D	
	Foster	McClennan	Turner	
	Francis	Miller, F	Turton	

The Head of Law and Governance advised that the other option was option (2). As a unanimous decision was not agreed upon in respect of the proposed alternative arrangements, it was not possible to appoint a Majority Opposition member to the seat. If it was not resolved that a Liberal Democrat and Others Group member be appointed, the seat would be unfilled at the current time by default.

No further motion was moved in respect of this item.

Appointments to Committees

The Head of Law and Governance submitted a report which requested the Council to confirm the nominations of Hetton Town Council on the Standards Committee. In addition, via a supplementary report, the Council was requested to replace Councillor Stephen O'Brien, the Liberal Democrat and Others Group Member on the Standards Committee, with Councillor Hodson.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor G. Miller moved the report and the supplementary report.

As dissent was indicated in respect of the supplementary report, the Mayor advised that the item would be deferred to the next meeting.

(Signed) L. SCANLAN,
Mayor.