

Minutes

Sunderland City Council

At a meeting of SUNDERLAND CITY COUNCIL held in the CIVIC CENTRE on WEDNESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER, 2018 at 6.00 p.m.

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

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

Also Present:-

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

The notice convening the meeting was read.

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Council was asked to note that due to difficulties with the electronic voting system at the last meeting none of Councillor H. Trueman's votes had registered.

The Cabinet Secretary advised that he had moved and Councillor O'Neil had seconded, the report of the Audit and Governance Committee. With that amendment, it was:-

25. RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 19 September, 2018 (copy circulated), be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Declarations of Interest

The following Councillors declared interests as follows: -

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| Item 8 (1) – Submission of the Core Strategy and Development Plan 2015-2033 to the Secretary of State for Examination in Public | Councillor Davison | Area of Land. |
| Item 8 (3) – Gambling Act 2005 – Approval of Council’s Statement of Principles | Councillors Blackburn and Turner | Members of Hetton Town Council. |
| | Councillor Hodson | Father is a Consultee. |
| Item 12 – Motions on Notice | Councillor Rowntree | Member of Co-operative Party |
| Item 13 (iii) – Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies | Councillor Rowntree | Member of Samuel Dobson Trust Board. |

Announcements

The Mayor made the following announcements:

(i) Salvation Army

The Mayor personally thanked the Salvation Army for the support that they had given to residents in 500 homes in the Millfield ward who had recently been without electricity.

(ii) Deputy Mayor’s Consort

The Mayor confirmed that the Deputy Mayor had formally designated Councillor Dianne Snowdon as his Consort for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

(iii) Northumbria in Bloom

At the invitation of the Mayor, Councillor A. Wilson advised the Council that Sunderland City Council had achieved success in this year’s Northumbria in Bloom Awards.

Sunderland had won the ‘best city centre’ category, Rainton Bridge in Houghton was named as Best Business Park, and community gardening groups across the city were successful in the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) It’s Your Neighbourhood Awards.

Councillor A. Wilson presented the trophies and award certificates for display in the Mayor’s Parlour.

(iv) 18th Anniversary of the Sunderland Symphony Orchestra

At the invitation of the Mayor, Honorary Alderman Greenfield advised that Sunderland Symphony Orchestra were celebrating their 18th Anniversary and thanked Sunderland City Council for their support over the years.

Honorary Alderman Greenfield presented the Council with a CD of the Roker Pier piece of music to be used for promotional work.

Reception of Petitions

No petitions were received.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Cunningham, Elliott, Kelly, Leadbitter, Porthouse, Scaplehorn, Waters and Watson and on behalf of Alderman Arnott.

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

Councillor Hodson withdrew from the meeting during consideration of Item 3 - Gambling Act 2005 – Approval of Council's Statement of Principles.

The Cabinet reported and recommended as follows:-

1. Submission of the Core Strategy and Development Plan 2015-2033 to the Secretary of State for Examination in Public

That they had considered a report of the Executive Director of Economy and Place (copy attached) on the Core Strategy and Development Plan (hereafter referred to as the Plan) which includes minor modifications from the draft plan that was previously consulted upon under the provisions of Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

The Cabinet was requested to:-

- (a) Delegate authority to the Head of Planning and Regeneration in consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader to make any modifications to the Core Strategy and Development Plan and associated documentation for submission to the Secretary of State.
- (b) Delegate authority to the Head of Planning and Regeneration in consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader to go out to consultation on any further modifications to the Core Strategy and Development Plan that may be necessary and recommended by the Planning Inspector during the Examination in Public.
- (c) Delegate authority to the Head of Planning and Regeneration in consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader to sign the Statement of Common Ground as part of the Duty to Co-operate.

In addition the Cabinet recommended the Council to:-

- (i) Approve for the purpose of submission to the Secretary of State the Submission Draft of the Core Strategy and Development Plan (Appendix A) which incorporates minor modifications, as set out in Appendix B; and
- (ii) Authorise the formal submission of the Core Strategy and Development Plan and associated documents (as listed in Appendix C) to the Secretary of State pursuant to Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and Section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004;

The report was also considered by the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee and the Committee supported the recommendations of the report.

2. Enforcement of the Equality Act 2010 in relation to hackney carriages and private hire vehicles

That they had considered a report of the Executive Director of Economy and Place (copy attached) powers conferred upon the Authority by Part 12, Chapter 1 of the Equality Act 2010 (the “Act”) in relation to hackney carriages and private hire vehicles and their drivers.

The Cabinet was requested to delegate to the Executive Director of Economy and Place the powers conferred upon the Authority by Part 12, Chapter 1 of the Equality Act 2010 (the “Act”) in relation to hackney carriages and private hire vehicles and their drivers including:

- (a) the maintenance of a list of accessible vehicles under section 167 of the Act;
- (b) the issuing of exemption certificates under sections 166, 169 and 171 of the Act;

- (c) the enforcement of the duties placed upon drivers and operators under sections 165 (duties in relation to passengers in wheelchairs), 168 (duties in respect of assistance dogs in hackney carriages) and 170 (duties in relation to assistance dogs in private hire vehicles) of the Act.

Accordingly the Cabinet recommended to Council that the Head of Law and Governance amend the Constitution to reflect the delegation referred to above.

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

That they had considered a report of the Executive Director of Economy and Place (copy attached) on the responsibility of the Council with regard to the publishing of a statement of principles under the Gambling Act 2005 (the “Act”).

The Cabinet was requested to recommend to Council to approve the draft statement of principles (attached as Appendix 1) in accordance with the Act.

The report was also considered by the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee upon the consultation response and the revised draft statement of principles. The Committee resolved to recommend that the draft statement of principles be approved by the Council under the Gambling Act 2005.

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

Councillor Oliver, duly seconded by Councillor Blackett, moved a reference back on Item 1 - Submission of the Core Strategy and Development Plan 2015-2033 to the Secretary of State for Examination in Public.

Upon being put to the vote, the reference back was defeated with 13 Members voting in favour: -

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| Councillors | Appleby | Haswell | Mullen | Smith, G |
| | Blackett | Hodson | O’Brien | Wood, A |
| | Dixon, M | Howe | Oliver | Wood, P |
| | Francis | | | |

And 50 Members voting against:-

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| Councillors | Atkinson | Galbraith | Miller, F | Taylor |
| | Ball | Gibson, E | Miller, G. | Trueman, D |
| | Beck | Gibson, P. | Mordey | Trueman, H |
| | Bell | Heron | O'Neil | Turner |
| | Blackburn | Hunt | Rowntree | Tye |
| | Chequer | Jackson | Samuels | Walker, G. |
| | Curran | Johnston | Scullion | Walker, P |
| | Dixon, D. | Lauchlan | Smith, P | Waller |
| | English | Lawson | Snowdon, D. | Williams |
| | Essl | MackKnight, D | Snowdon, D.E. | Wilson, A. |
| | Farthing | MackKnight, N | Speding | Wilson, D. |
| | Fletcher | Marshall | Stewart | Wood, K. |
| | Foster | McClennan | | |

The Mayor proposed that approval and adoption of the Cabinet report be considered in two stages, with a separate vote on Cabinet's recommendations in respect of the Core Strategy and Development Plan 2015-2033 being taken first, followed by a vote on the remainder of Cabinet's recommendations. .

Upon being put to the vote, with 47 Members voting in favour:-

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| Councillors | Atkinson | Galbraith | Miller, F | Taylor |
| | Ball | Gibson, E | Miller, G. | Trueman, D |
| | Beck | Gibson, P. | Mordey | Trueman, H |
| | Bell | Heron | O'Neil | Turner |
| | Blackburn | Hunt | Rowntree | Tye |
| | Chequer | Jackson | Samuels | Walker, G. |
| | Curran | Johnston | Scullion | Walker, P |
| | Dixon, D. | Lauchlan | Smith, P | Waller |
| | English | Lawson | Snowdon, D. | Williams |
| | Essl | MackKnight, N | Snowdon, D.E. | Wilson, A. |
| | Farthing | Marshall | Speding | Wood, K. |
| | Fletcher | McClennan | Stewart | |

And 16 Members voting against:-

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| Councillors | Appleby | Foster | MackKnight, D | Smith, G |
| | Blackett | Haswell | Mullen | Wilson, D. |
| | Dixon, M | Hodson | O'Brien | Wood, A. |
| | Francis | Howe | Oliver | Wood, P. |

Accordingly it was:-

26. RESOLVED that:

- (i) For the purpose of submission to the Secretary of State the Submission Draft of the Core Strategy and Development Plan (Appendix A) which incorporates minor modifications, as set out in Appendix B be approved; and

- (ii) Authorisation be given to the formal submission of the Core Strategy and Development Plan and associated documents (as listed in Appendix C) to the Secretary of State pursuant to Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and Section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004;

In respect of the remainder of Cabinet's recommendations, upon being put to the vote, with 63 Members voting in favour:-

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

It was:-

27. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the Head of Law and Governance be authorised to amend the Constitution to reflect the delegation referred to within the Cabinet report; and
- (ii) the draft statement of principles (attached as Appendix 1) in accordance with the Gambling 2005 Act be approved.

Report of the Audit and Governance Committee

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

1. Annual Audit Letter 2017/2018

That the Audit and Governance Committee had given consideration to the Annual Audit Letter (copy attached) covering the year 2017/2018 prepared by the Council's external auditor Mazars LLP.

The Committee welcomed the positive report and accordingly, the Committee recommended Council to note the Annual Audit Letter for 2017/2018.

The Cabinet Secretary, Councillor Stewart, duly seconded by Councillor O'Neil, moved the report of the Audit and Governance Committee and accordingly it was:-

28. RESOLVED that the Annual Audit Letter for 2017/2018 be 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 13 Members voting in favour:-

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

And 49 Members voting against:-

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| Councillors | Atkinson | Foster | Marshall | Stewart |
| | Ball | Galbraith | Miller, F | Trueman, D |
| | Beck | Gibson, E | Miller, G. | Trueman, H |
| | Bell | Gibson, P. | Morley | Turner |
| | Blackburn | Heron | O'Neil | Tye |
| | Chequer | Hunt | Rowntree | Walker, G. |
| | Curran | Jackson | Samuels | Walker, P |
| | Davison | Johnston | Scullion | Waller |
| | Dixon, D. | Lauchlan | Smith, P | Williams |
| | English | Lawson | Snowdon, D. | Wilson, A. |
| | Essl | MacKnight, D | Snowdon, D.E. | Wilson, D. |
| | Farthing | MacKnight, N | Speding | Wood, K. |
| | Fletcher | | | |

Motions on Notice

(i) Developing a Community Wealth Programme for Sunderland

Councillor Stewart, duly seconded by Councillor G. Walker, moved an alteration to the following motion which was unanimously agreed, from the first line of the motion to delete the words "per annum":-

So that the altered Motion read:

"With cuts in local service budgets since 2010 of over £290m on our council, imposed nationally by Liberal Democrats and Tories, it is becoming increasingly apparent that, for all the success in attracting inward investment, we need to do more to develop wealth creation and retention within our local communities to mitigate against these cuts.

We therefore propose that Sunderland, as a Co-operative Council, look to develop strategies to retain local community wealth, putting control back into the hands of local communities so that wealth is broadly held and where benefits are recirculated.

In doing so we call upon Sunderland Council to make a long-term commitment to community wealth building by imbedding this approach as part of the current review of the corporate plan, appointing the Cabinet Secretary to oversee its development and implementation”.

Councillor Hodson, duly seconded by Councillor O’Brien, proposed an amendment that the phrase “imposed nationally by Liberal Democrats and Tories” be removed.

Upon being put to the vote, the amendment was defeated with 13 Members voting in favour:-

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| Councillors | Appleby | Haswell | Mullen | Smith, G |
| | Blackett | Hodson | O’Brien | Wood, A |
| | Dixon, M | Howe | Oliver | Wood, P |
| | Francis | | | |

And 49 Members voting against:-

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| Councillors | Atkinson | Foster | Marshall | Speding |
| | Ball | Galbraith | McClennan | Stewart |
| | Beck | Gibson, E | Miller, F | Trueman, D |
| | Bell | Gibson, P. | Miller, G. | Trueman, H |
| | Blackburn | Heron | Mordey | Turner |
| | Chequer | Hunt | O’Neil | Tye |
| | Curran | Jackson | Rowntree | Walker, G. |
| | Davison | Johnston | Samuels | Walker, P |
| | Dixon, D. | Lauchlan | Scullion | Waller |
| | English | Lawson | Smith, P | Williams |
| | Essl | MacKnight, D | Snowdon, D. | Wilson, A. |
| | Farthing | MacKnight, N | Snowdon, D.E. | Wood, K. |
| | Fletcher | | | |

The substantive motion was then put to the vote and was carried with 49 Members voting in favour:-

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| Councillors | Atkinson | Foster | Marshall | Speding |
| | Ball | Galbraith | McClennan | Stewart |
| | Beck | Gibson, E | Miller, F | Trueman, D |
| | Bell | Gibson, P. | Miller, G. | Trueman, H |
| | Blackburn | Heron | Mordey | Turner |
| | Chequer | Hunt | O’Neil | Tye |
| | Curran | Jackson | Rowntree | Walker, G. |
| | Davison | Johnston | Samuels | Walker, P |
| | Dixon, D. | Lauchlan | Scullion | Waller |
| | English | Lawson | Smith, P | Williams |
| | Essl | MacKnight, D | Snowdon, D. | Wilson, A. |
| | Farthing | MacKnight, N | Snowdon, D. E. | Wood, K. |
| | Fletcher | | | |

And 13 Members voting against:-

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

Accordingly, it was:-

29. RESOLVED that:-

With cuts in local service budgets since 2010 of over £290m on our council, imposed nationally by Liberal Democrats and Tories, it is becoming increasingly apparent that, for all the success in attracting inward investment, we need to do more to develop wealth creation and retention within our local communities to mitigate against these cuts.

We therefore propose that Sunderland, as a Co-operative Council, look to develop strategies to retain local community wealth, putting control back into the hands of local communities so that wealth is broadly held and where benefits are recirculated.

In doing so we call upon Sunderland Council to make a long-term commitment to community wealth building by imbedding this approach as part of the current review of the corporate plan, appointing the Cabinet Secretary to oversee its development and implementation.

(ii) Parental Leave Policy for Elected Members

Councillor Atkinson, duly seconded by Councillor Mordey, moved the following motion:-

“This Council notes:

- That analysis of the 2018 Local Election results by the Fawcett Society found that 34% of councillors in England are women, up 1% since 2017. Of the seats that were up for election in 2018, 38% went to women, up just 3 percentage points on 2014 when these seats were last contested;
- As of summer 2017, only 4% of councils in England and Wales have parental leave policies, according to research by the Fawcett Society;
- That the role of a councillor should be open to all, regardless of their background, and that introducing a parental leave policy is a step towards encouraging a wider range of people to become councillors, and is also a step to encourage existing councillors who may want to start a family to remain as councillors;
- That parental leave must apply to parents regardless of their gender, and that it should also cover adoption leave to support those parents who choose to adopt.

This Council resolves:

- To adopt the parental leave policy drafted by the LGA Labour Group's Women's Taskforce to give all councillors an entitlement to parental leave after giving birth or adopting;

- To ensure that councillors with children and other caring commitments are supported as appropriate;
- To notify the LGA that this council has passed a motion at full council to adopt the parental leave policy.”

The motion having been unanimously agreed it was:-

30. RESOLVED that:-

This Council notes:

- That analysis of the 2018 Local Election results by the Fawcett Society found that 34% of councillors in England are women, up 1% since 2017. Of the seats that were up for election in 2018, 38% went to women, up just 3 percentage points on 2014 when these seats were last contested;
- As of summer 2017, only 4% of councils in England and Wales have parental leave policies, according to research by the Fawcett Society;
- That the role of a councillor should be open to all, regardless of their background, and that introducing a parental leave policy is a step towards encouraging a wider range of people to become councillors, and is also a step to encourage existing councillors who may want to start a family to remain as councillors;
- That parental leave must apply to parents regardless of their gender, and that it should also cover adoption leave to support those parents who choose to adopt.

This Council resolves:

- To adopt the parental leave policy drafted by the LGA Labour Group's Women's Taskforce to give all councillors an entitlement to parental leave after giving birth or adopting;
- To ensure that councillors with children and other caring commitments are supported as appropriate;
- To notify the LGA that this council has passed a motion at full council to adopt the parental leave policy.

(iii) Recent attacks on Firefighters in the City

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

“This Council, on behalf of the vast majority of law-abiding people in Sunderland, condemns the recent attacks on firefighters in the city and will support a zero-tolerance approach to anyone caught attacking any firefighter who do one of the most dangerous and essential jobs in our society.”

The Leader of the Council, Councillor G. Miller, duly seconded by Councillor Curran, moved the following amendment to the motion:-

From the title of the motion delete the word “Firefighter” and insert “Emergency Service Workers”

From the second line of the Motion delete the words “firefighters” and insert “emergency service workers”

From the third line of the Motion delete the word “firefighter” and insert “such workers”

From the fourth line of the Motion delete the word “one” and insert “some”

So that the amended Motion would read:

“This Council, on behalf of the vast majority of law-abiding people in Sunderland, condemns the recent attacks on emergency service workers in the city and will support a zero-tolerance approach to anyone caught attacking any such workers who do some of the most dangerous and essential jobs in our society.”

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

31. RESOLVED that:-

This Council, on behalf of the vast majority of law-abiding people in Sunderland, condemns the recent attacks on emergency service workers in the city and will support a zero-tolerance approach to anyone caught attacking any such workers who do some of the most dangerous and essential jobs in our society.

(iv) Review of scrutiny arrangements of Children's Services and Together for Children

Councillor Haswell, duly seconded by Councillor Hodson, moved the following motion:-

“This Council notes that:

Independent reports in 2015 and 2018 have highlighted a need for improvements to be made in the management of scrutiny and oversight of Children’s services in Sunderland.

Council further notes that:

Following these reports, significant changes have been made to improve the provision of services to children in Sunderland, and since then the management and oversight of Children's Services and Together for Children has been noted as showing improvement. However, external organisations and council bodies which provide services to children in care remain outside the oversight of current children’s service scrutiny arrangements.

Accordingly, Council resolves to:

Request the Chief Executive to undertake a review of the existing scrutiny arrangements of Children's Services and Together for Children with a view to bringing other relevant bodies into the existing scrutiny arrangements. These bodies being those with an interest in the provision of services to children whilst in and leaving care from birth through to 18-21-year-old care leavers;

Request the Chief Executive to bring forward recommendations to Council, in consultation with the Chief Executive of Together for Children and the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee, to make changes to the scrutiny arrangements which widen the scope of scrutiny undertaken by the existing Children's Services Scrutiny Committee."

Upon being put to the vote, the motion was defeated with 6 Members voting in favour:-

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

And 55 Members voting against:-

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

(v) Event or Memorial for Conscientious Objectors

Councillor Hodson, duly seconded by Councillor Haswell, moved an alteration to the motion to delete the word "outbreak" and replace it with the word "end." Councillor Farthing advised that it was the centenary of the Armistice and therefore proposed that the word "outbreak" should be replaced with "Armistice." It was unanimously agreed that the opening of the final paragraph should read, "In this, the centenary of the Armistice...."

So that the altered Motion would read:

"At the last Council meeting on 19th September 2018, Council resolved to commemorate the many women who have made a contribution to the civic life of Sunderland following the 1918 Representation of the People Act. Council notes with regret that the same 1918 Act excluded 16,000 conscientious objectors from the right to vote, throughout the first world war and for five years after.

Council notes with sadness the appalling way in which conscientious objectors were treated during and after the first world war.

In this, the centenary of the Armistice, Council recognises the courage and contribution made by conscientious objectors from Sunderland. Accordingly, Council resolves to call on the chief executive to look into the feasibility of an event or lasting memorial to the Sunderland's conscientious objectors."

Upon being put to the vote, the motion was carried, with 53 Members voting in favour:-

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

And 6 Members voting against:-

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| Councillors | Blackett | Francis | Oliver |
| | Dixon, M. | Mullen | Wood, P. |

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

32. RESOLVED that:-

At the last Council meeting on 19th September 2018, Council resolved to commemorate the many women who have made a contribution to the civic life of Sunderland following the 1918 Representation of the People Act.

Council notes with regret that the same 1918 Act excluded 16,000 conscientious objectors from the right to vote, throughout the first world war and for five years after. Council notes with sadness the appalling way in which conscientious objectors were treated during and after the first world war.

In this, the centenary of the Armistice, Council recognises the courage and contribution made by conscientious objectors from Sunderland. Accordingly, Council resolves to call on the chief executive to look into the feasibility of an event or lasting memorial to the Sunderland's conscientious objectors.

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.

33. 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 which had arisen due to Cllr O'Brien relinquishing his seat on the Committee and the Liberal Democrat and Others Group declining to nominate a member of their group to take the seat in his place.

The options referred to in the report were as follows:-

- (1) (i) to approve alternative arrangements to political balance; and
(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 will 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; or
- (4) continue to review the position in respect of appointment to the vacant seat at future Council meetings, until an appointment is made.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor G. Miller, duly seconded by the Deputy Leader, Councillor Mordey, moved Option 2 and that Councillor Hodson be appointed to the vacancy on the Committee. Councillor Hodson having accepted the nomination it was:-

34. RESOLVED that Councillor Hodson be appointed to the vacant seat on the Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee.

Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies

The Head of Law and Governance submitted a report to consider appointments and nominations to a number of Committees, Boards and outside bodies.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor G. Miller, duly seconded by the Deputy Leader, Councillor Mordey, moved that the recommendations contained in the report and supplementary report be approved and it was: -

35. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) Councillors Richard Elvin and Paul Holt be appointed as the representatives of Hetton Town Council on the Standards Committee;
- (ii) Councillor Hodson be appointed in place of Councillor O'Brien on the Standards Committee;
- (iii) Councillor Watson be appointed in place of Councillor Foster on the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee;
- (iv) the proposal to expand the membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board as set out in the report be endorsed and the following representatives to the Board be appointed:-

South Tyneside & Sunderland Healthcare Group – Ken Bremner, Chief Executive
Northumberland Tyne & Wear NHS Foundation Trust – Lisa Quinn, Executive Director for Commissioning and Quality Issues
- (v) Councillor Ball be appointed in place of Councillor Hunt on the Sunderland Orphanage and Educational Foundation;
- (vi) Councillor Stewart be appointed in place of Councillor A. Wilson on the North East Regional Employers' Organisation and as the member on the Executive Committee;
- (vii) Until further review, any trustees appointed to the Parker Trust CIO shall also serve as trustees of Parker Memorial Home and authorisation be given to the Head of Member Support and Community Partnerships, in consultation with the Chair of the Parker Trust, to conduct a recruitment process in order to identify suitable candidates for recommendation to Council for appointment to the vacant positions of trustee;
- (viii) the Cabinet Secretary, a Majority Group Member and Councillor Leadbitter be appointed to act as trustees of the Victoria House Charity;
- (ix) Councillor D. Wilson be appointed to act as a trustee on the Hylton Castle Trust;

- (x) the continued appointment of the Leader of the Council with the Deputy Leader of the Council as substitute on the NECA Leadership Board be noted and endorsed and approval be given to the following nominations:-

Overview and Scrutiny Committee* – Councillor D.E. Snowdon and Councillor Oliver (Councillor Hunt and one Majority Group in Opposition Member as substitutes).

Audit and Standards Committee* – Councillor Stewart with Councillor O’Neil as substitute.

Economic Development and Regeneration Advisory Committee – to note and endorse the continued appointment of the Leader of the Council and the Deputy Leader of the Council as substitute.

North East Joint Transport Committee – to note the appointment of by NECA of the Leader of the Council with the Deputy Leader of the Council as substitute.

North East Joint Transport (Tyne and Wear) Sub-Committee – Councillor A. Wilson with Councillor Waller as substitute.

North East Joint Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee* - Councillors Kelly and Stewart with Councillors Porthouse and D.E. Snowdon as substitutes.

North East Joint Transport Audit Committee* - Councillor Stewart with Councillor O’Neil as substitute.

(Signed) L. SCANLAN,
Mayor.

