

# ***Minutes***



## Sunderland City Council

At a meeting of SUNDERLAND CITY COUNCIL held in the CIVIC CENTRE on WEDNESDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2013 at 6.00 p.m.

**Present:** The Mayor (Councillor R Heron) in the Chair

Councillors	Allan	Gibson, E	Padgett	Taylor
	Ball	Gibson, P	Porthouse	Trueman, D.
	Bell	Gofton	Price	Trueman, H.
	Blackburn	Howe	Richardson	Turton
	Bonallie	Jackson	Scanlan	Tye
	Copeland	Kay	Scaplehorn	Wakefield
	Curran	Kelly	Scott	Walker
	Davison	Lawson	Shattock	Waller
	Dixon	McClennan	Smiles	Watson, S
	Ellis	MacKnight	Smith, D	Williams
	Emerson	Marshall	Smith, P.	Wilson, A.
	Essl	Martin, L	Snowdon, D	Wilson, D.
	Fletcher	Miller, F	Snowdon, DE	Wood
	Forbes	Miller, G	Speding	Wright, N
	Foster	Mordey	Tate	Wright, T
	Francis	Oliver		

The notice convening the meeting was read.

### Minutes

10. RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 (copy circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### Declarations of Interest

The following Councillors declared interests as follows and left the meeting during consideration of the item: -

Item 9 – Notice of Motion - Business Improvement District (BID)	Councillor Kay	Owner of business within the boundary of the BID
	Councillor McClennan	Member of Riverside Consultancy CIC, located within the boundary of the BID
	Councillor Scanlan	Owner of property within the

boundary of the BID

Councillor L. Martin made an open declaration in Item 9 – Notice of Motion – Business Improvement District as his elections expenses were paid from the proceeds of Albion House.

## **Announcements**

### **(i) Death of Former Councillor Norman Bohill**

The Mayor paid tribute to former Councillor and colleague, Norman Bohill who had recently passed away.

Members and Officers stood for a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

## **Reception of Petitions**

11. RESOLVED that the under - mentioned petition, submitted by the Councillor named, be received and referred for consideration in accordance with the Council's Petitions Scheme:-

Councillor Ellis – Petition to Protect The Green at Redburn Row, Houghton-le-Spring and the field lying to the rear of Redburn Row.

## **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Anderson, Atkinson, Errington, Farr, Farthing, Lauchlan, Stewart, Thompson, P. Watson and Wiper.

## **Written Questions under Rule 8.2**

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

## **Action Taken on Petitions**

The Council received the under mentioned report on action taken in relation to the following petition which had been presented to Council.

### **(i) Petition to improve street lighting in various parts of Farringdon Estate – Presented by Councillor Porthouse on 26 September, 2012**

The petitioners requested the Council to improve street lighting in various parts of Farringdon Estate stating that there were several streets where

the existing lighting columns were not adequate and were not replaced under the Street Lighting PFI. The streets the petition referred to were Farrington Avenue, Avalon Road, Arundel Road, Arnold Road and part of Ashdown Road.

The Council had already identified the area as one which required improvement and commissioned designers to work up a scheme that would satisfy current lighting standards. Works to improve street lighting in the Avalon Road/Arundel Road area were scheduled to start in the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 and were due to be completed within a week.

Councillor Porthouse and the lead petitioner had been notified accordingly.

## **Notices of Motion**

### **(i) Notice of Motion – Business Improvement District**

Councillor Oliver seconded by Councillor Wood moved the following motion in relation to the Business Improvement District:-

“This Council recognises the need to make the city centre more attractive to residents and visitors and will back the plans for a business improvement district.”

Councillor Speding, seconded by Councillor H. Trueman moved the following amendment:-

After ‘This Council’ insert ‘**in line with its agreed policies,**’

After ‘and will’ insert ‘**continue to**’

Upon being put to the meeting, the amendment was carried unanimously. The new substantive motion was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

Accordingly it was :-

12. RESOLVED that this Council, in line with its agreed policies, recognises the need to make the city centre more attractive to residents and visitors and will continue to back the plans for a business improvement district.

## **Scrutiny Matters: Annual Scrutiny Report 2012/2013**

The Chief Executive submitted the Annual Scrutiny Report (copy circulated) which summarised the work of the Scrutiny Committee during the year 2012/2013

(for copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor Tate, duly seconded by Councillor N. Wright, moved the Annual Report of the Scrutiny Committee and it was:-

13. RESOLVED that the operation, achievements and impact of the Scrutiny Committee during 2012/2013, as outlined in the Annual Report, be received and noted.

### **Area Committees Annual Report 2012/2013**

The Chief Executive submitted the Combined Area Committee Annual Report (copy circulated) which summarised the work of the five Area Committees during the year 2012/2013

(for copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor Gofton, duly seconded by Councillor A. Wilson, moved the Combined Annual Report of the Area Committees and it was:-

14. RESOLVED that the achievements and impact of the work of the Area Committees during 2012/2013, as outlined in the Annual Report, be received and noted.

### **Quarterly Report on Special Urgency Decisions**

The Leader of the Council submitted a quarterly report (copy circulated) on executive decisions which had been taken under Regulation 11 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

15. RESOLVED that the report be noted.

### **Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies – Newcastle Airport Local Authority Holding Company Limited and the North East Local Transport Body**

The Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services submitted a report (copy circulated) requesting Council to consider appointments to the Newcastle Airport Local Authority Holding Company Limited and the North East Local Transport Body.

(for copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor H. Trueman moved the recommendations contained within the report and was duly seconded by Councillor Speding.

Accordingly it was:-

16. RESOLVED that approval be given to: -

- (i) the appointment of the Leader of the Council to Newcastle Airport Local Authority Holding Company Limited and that the appointment of the Deputy Leader as his alternate be noted; and
- (ii) the appointment of the Leader of the Council to the North East Local Transport Body and the appointment of Councillor Blackburn as his alternate.

**Approval of Reason for Failure to Attend Meetings – Councillor F Anderson**

The Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services submitted a report seeking the approval of the Council, under Section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972, to the reason for Councillor Anderson's current inability to attend meetings due to illness.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

17. RESOLVED that approval be given to Councillor Anderson's reason for failure to attend meetings, in accordance with Section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

(Signed) R. Heron,  
Mayor.

