

**Local Government Act 1972**

**Borough of North Tyneside**

**22 March 2018**

At the meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Tyneside duly convened and held on Thursday 22 March 2018 at 6.00 pm in The Chamber at Quadrant at which a quorum of Members were present, that is to say: -

Present

Councillor C Davis (In the Chair)  
N Redfearn CBE (Elected Mayor)

Councillor A Austin	Councillor N J Huscroft
Councillor K Barrie	Councillor K Lee
Councillor G Bell	Councillor F Lott
Councillor L Bell	Councillor W Lott
Councillor K Bolger	Councillor G Madden
Councillor B Burdis	Councillor M Madden
Councillor C Burdis	Councillor P McIntyre
Councillor J Cassidy	Councillor D McMeekan
Councillor K Clark	Councillor A McMullen
Councillor D Cox	Councillor L Miller
Councillor S L Cox	Councillor T Mulvenna
Councillor N Craven	Councillor A Newman
Councillor EN Darke	Councillor P Oliver
Councillor L Darke	Councillor K Osborne
Councillor S Day	Councillor J O'Shea
Councillor D Drummond	Councillor A Percy
Councillor P Earley	Councillor C B Pickard
Councillor R Glendon	Councillor M Rankin
Councillor S Graham	Councillor M Reynolds
Councillor I Grayson	Councillor L Spillard
Councillor M A Green	Councillor J Stirling
Councillor M Hall	Councillor M Thirlaway
Councillor J Harrison	Councillor A Waggott-Fairley
Councillor Janet Hunter	Councillor J Walker
Councillor John Hunter	Councillor J A Wallace
Councillor M Huscroft	

### **C75/03/18 Minute's Silence**

A minute's silence was observed in respect of the passing of former Councillors:

Douglas Denny who represented the Marden Ward in the former Whitley Bay Borough Council in the early 1970's.

Bernard Newbold who represented the Forest Hall/Holystone Ward from 1976 until 1988.

Pat Kilgallon who represented the Benton Ward from 1986 until 1990

Dorothy Monaghan who represented the Battle Hill Ward from 1992 until 2000.

And

Major (Rtd) Bill Campbell who was Chair of the North Tyneside Veterans Committee.

### **C76/03/18 Letter of Apology**

The Chairs drew Member's attention to two letters of apology from Councillor R Glindon to Councillors J Wallace and P McIntyre that had been circulated around the chamber.

### **C77/03/18 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Allan, A Arkle, E F J Hodson, P Mason, D McGarr and F Weetman.

### **C78/03/18 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

### **C79/03/18 Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Council meetings held on 18 January, 1 and 15 February 2018 be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chair.

### **C80/03/18 Motions**

#### **Motion 1**

It was moved by Councillor K Lee and seconded by Councillor I Grayson that:

Council notes that in the 2018 survey of councils by Local Government Information Unit (LGIU) and the Municipal Journal (the MJ), it has been found that Children's Services is now the top immediate pressure for councils. In addition, the Local Government

Association (LGA) have estimated that there will be a £2 billion funding gap for children's services by 2020.

This Council is concerned that the growing demand for children's services is not being recognised for additional funding from the government.

Increased numbers of vulnerable children in child poverty, support for severely disabled children, and the increased number in care are amongst the issues contributing to unprecedented demand for children services.

The council requests that the Mayor writes to the chancellor outlining our concerns and asking that funding on early intervention and the innovation fund be protected and that additional funding be provided to local government to meet the demand for services from our vulnerable young people.

The Motion, on being put to the meeting, was unanimously approved.

## **Motion 2**

It was moved by Councillor L Spillard and seconded by Councillor A Waggott-Fairley that:

This council agrees that there is a growing body of evidence questioning the wisdom of a key project from the NHS 5 Year Forward View: Accountable Care Organisations/Integrated Care Systems (ACO/ICS)

In theory an ACO/ICS provider accepts a contract based on a fixed capitation-based fee to cover all of the designated health care issues for a local population and deliver an agreed range of outcomes. The ACO/ICS notion of a fixed capitated payment is complicated by the fact that in almost every instance in the NHS, commissioners have seen the new structures as a way to make substantial savings. However, if there is insufficient money in the contract to deliver adequate care, yet providers remain accountable for delivery of specified outcomes, then providers will be unable to continue.

This is what happened with a contract tendered out by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG when a 5-year contract collapsed within just 8 months. After a prolonged hiatus, a contract to organise cancer services for much of Staffordshire has also been abandoned before the contract was even signed, when the company named as preferred provider 'couldn't convince us they could deliver with the resources available. They couldn't meet the required evaluation criteria.

This council agrees to oppose any proposal to implement the delivery of healthcare in North Tyneside via an ACO/ICS, a project which in the North Tyneside CCG's own report was stated to be high risk.

The Motion, on being put to the meeting, was unanimously approved.

## **C81/03/18 Pay Policy Statement 2018/19**

Council received a report and Draft Pay Policy Statement 2018/19 that was a requirement of the Localism Act 2011 and was required to be published on 1 April each year.

The statement included information on the Authority's approach to pay and grading relating to its workforce and its duty to publish the Pay policy Statement on its website.

It was moved by Councillor B Pickard and seconded by Councillor C Burdis that:

Council: approves the Pay Policy Statement for 2018/19 and authorises publication of the Pay Policy Statement on the Authority's website.

The Motion, on being put to the meeting, was approved by 51 votes to 0 votes, with 1 abstention.

### **C82/03/18 North of Tyne Devolution**

The Council received a report that provided updated information on the progress made in relation to the establishment of the North of Tyne Mayoral combined authority and the draft statutory Order that was being developed by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government working in conjunction with the North East Combined Authority and its constituent authorities.

It was moved by Councillor B Pickard and seconded by Councillor J Stirling that:

Council:

- (1) note the progress made in relation to the establishment of a North of Tyne combined Authority; and
- (2) note the contents of the Cabinet report attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

Two Members present requested a recorded vote in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13 (5).

### **Votes for the Motion**

N Redfearn, Elected Mayor, Councillors A Austin, K Barrie, G Bell, L Bell, B Burdis, C Burdis, J Cassidy, K Clark, D Cox, S L Cox, N Craven, EN Darke, L Darke, C Davis, S Day, D Drummond, P Earley, R Glindon, S Graham, I Grayson, M A Green, M Hall, J Harrison, Janet Hunter, John Hunter, M Huscroft, N J Huscroft, K Lee, F Lott, W Lott, G Madden, M Madden, P McIntyre, D McMeekan, A McMullen, L Miller, T Mulvenna, A Newman, P Oliver, A Percy, C B Pickard, M Rankin, M Reynolds, L Spillard, J Stirling, M Thirlaway, A Waggott-Fairley, J I Walker and J Wallace.

### **Abstentions**

Councillor K Bolger

*(Note: of those Members in attendance to the meeting, Councillors J O'Shea and K Osborne were not present at the time the vote was taken).*

The Motion, on being put to the meeting, was approved by 50 votes to 0 votes, with 1 abstention.

**C83/03/18 Common Seal**

**Resolved** that the Common Seal be affixed to all deeds and documents required for carrying into effect the various decisions of the Council made since its last meeting.

**C84/03/18 Chair's Announcements**

The Chair informed the Council that she attended a farewell event for the High Sheriff Lt General R V Brims, which showcased community spirit in North Tyneside.

**C85/03/18 Elected Mayor's Announcements**

As it was the last Council meeting of the municipal year the Elected Mayor thanked all Council officers and staff for their hard work over the year, with particular reference to the budget setting process.

The Elected Mayor highlighted the many positive feedback messages from residents to the work undertaken by Council staff and made particular reference to how staff had helped to care for elderly residents during the recent bad weather.

The Elected Mayor informed Council that she had also attended the farewell event for the High Sheriff at Norham High School. There were more than 20 community groups at the event that were delivering positive, helpful, services to the people of North Tyneside.

One of the community groups the Elected Mayor thanked was the Whitley Bay Foodbank and she informed Council that she had been informed that the 18,000<sup>th</sup> food parcel would, be delivered, that a breakfast club had been set up in a school in one of the borough's deprived areas to ensure children had a breakfast and 100 children were attending. The food bank also had plans to ensure children were provided with a hot meal during school holidays.

The Elected Mayor stated she had thanked the volunteers for providing help to those in difficulty and in response was told that "we shouldn't have to do this in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century".

The Elected Mayor wished those current Councillors who would not be standing in the forthcoming election well for the future. She also wished all those who were standing for election the best of luck and thanked all Councillors for their work over the previous year.

**C86/03/18 Question by a Member of the Council**

Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor A Newman

There have been a number of recent announcements from the government regarding housing provision; in particular they have stated that they will create a nationwide standard that shows how many homes authorities need to plan for in their area.

Can the Mayor tell the council what the figure used for consultation on this standard figure was for North Tyneside and will it have any effect upon our recently agreed local plan?

Councillor Harrison responded on behalf of the Elected Mayor as follows:

Thank you for this question Councillor Newman.

I am pleased to say that the Government proposal to introduce what is being termed as a standard methodology for calculating housing need will have no effect in the case of North Tyneside. This is because the Council have gone ahead and adopted a local plan which includes a lower figure of 790 homes per year.

Had this Council listened to the opposition members and not moved forward with the adoption of the Local Plan then the Council would have indeed been affected by this higher figure of 824 homes (a further 34 homes per year) than set out and approved within the plan and over the 15 year lifespan this would have equated to an additional 500 homes.

In fact even during our recent budget meeting Councillor Wallace was relying on an increased number of houses to balance the budget proposals put forward by the Conservative Group.

To help put the Local Plan into context and remind ourselves on what we have had to do and done and make sure we are all aware to where we are at, I want to add this.

Local Authorities are required to produce a Local Plan, outlining how land would be used for homes and industry over a 15 year period and how the area will be developed.

The Government made it clear that if North Tyneside did not have a local plan in place by early 2017. They would intervene and produce one on its behalf, which would mean the Council and the local people would have less control over the future development. Take what happened to us at White House Farm and Station Road, Wallsend as an example of planning and development by appeal.

In October 2015 following public consultation the Council agreed to put forward a Local Plan based on a medium growth figure over a 15 year period and following public inspection the plan was agreed by the Government Inspector.

The Council adopted the North Tyneside Local Plan in July 2017. The average annual housing requirement of 790 homes per year included in the Local Plan was determined by an independent planning inspector as in accordance with the Government's policy.

A lower housing requirement is unlikely to be considered as acceptable. If a lower housing requirement was to be proposed it was likely the inspector would have asked the Council to increase its housing requirement or withdraw its local plan and in effect we would not have had a Local Plan.

In both instances the adoption of the Local Plan would have been significantly delayed and in those circumstances the authority would be now revising its Local Plan in context with the latest government expectations regarding housing requirement and the standard methodology that would be increasing the numbers.

In addition to a lower housing requirement on the government estimate the adopted Local Plan housing requirement is in stepped 5 year tranches. This stepped approach starts with 551 homes per year from 2011/16 and 740 homes per year from 2016/21. The standard methodology would require the delivery of 824 homes per year.

The stepped approach in the local plan gives the authority greater flexibility to manage the increase in housing delivery necessary to meet the current local housing need.

Can I also remind members to support the Local Plan, we have worked with the developers and others to create our master plan for both of our bigger sites at Killingworth and Murton Gap. This will help assure an agreed development on both sites and doing so for example we should see no over development, in fact in Murton we should see more of the area opened up for leisure than it is at present with only 40% of the site being used for housing and the remaining 60% for the environment and leisure, with similar figures also with Killingworth.

Our approach for North Tyneside for going forward in the plan also includes a starting point the use of brown field sites. Within the plan we have retained our green belts along with our parks and other green fields and there are more open spaces than built up areas within North Tyneside.

I conclude Chair with there are no mega estates being proposed, there is no wall to wall housing but a sensible approach to the development of North Tyneside going forward into the future.