



North Tyneside Council

Council

To All Members of the Council

Wednesday, 10 July 2024

You are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Tyneside to be held in **Chamber – Quadrant, The Silverlink North, Cobalt Business Park, North Tyneside, NE27 0BY** at 6.00 pm on **Thursday, 18 July 2024** for the transaction of the following business.

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You are invited to declare any registerable and/or non-registerable interests in matters appearing on the agenda, and the nature of that interest.	

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You are also invited to disclose any dispensation from the requirement to declare any registerable and/or non-registerable interests that have been granted to you in respect of any matter appearing on the agenda.

4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2024** **11 - 29**

5. **Motions** **31 - 39**

Five valid Motions on Notice, signed by at least three Members of the Council, have been received for consideration at this meeting.

6. **Chair's Announcements**

To receive any announcements by the Chair of Council.

7. **Elected Mayor's Announcements**

To receive any announcements by the Elected Mayor.

8. **Questions by Members of the Council** **41**

Three valid questions on notice have been received for a response at this meeting.

Yours faithfully



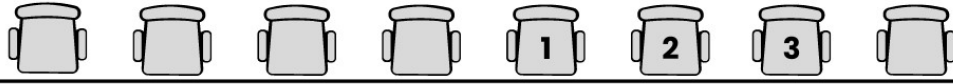
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GUIDANCE NOTES ON THE COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE AND INTERESTS FOR MEMBERS

This brief guidance note is produced to assist Members on some of the issues that are likely to arise during meetings of full Council.

Chairing of Council (Paragraph 17 of the Rules)

When the Chair stands, raises their hand or indicates using any other agreed means for the meeting to stop during a debate, any Member speaking at the time must stop and be seated. The meeting must be silent. If necessary, the microphones in the Chamber will be silenced at the Chair's discretion.

The Chair's interpretation of the Rules (Paragraph 21 of the Rules)

The ruling of the Chair of the Council as to the interpretation or application of the any of the Rules of Procedure, or as to any proceedings of the Council, shall not be challenged at any meeting of the Council. The ruling of the Chair will be given following such consultation with the Monitoring officer as is necessary.

Personal Explanation (Paragraph 12 (7) of the Rules)

A Member may make a personal explanation. A personal explanation may only relate to some material part of an earlier speech by the Member which may appear to have been misunderstood in the present debate. **The ruling of the Chair on the admissibility of a personal explanation will be final.** When making a point of personal explanation, Members must await the conclusion of the relevant Member's speech.

Point of Order (Paragraph 12 (28) of the Rules)

A Member may raise a point of order at any time. The Chair will hear them immediately. A point of order may only relate to an alleged breach of the Rules of Procedure or the law. The Member must indicate the Rule or law which they consider has been broken, and how they consider it to have been broken. The ruling of the Chair on the matter will be final.

Members Conduct (Council Rule of Procedure – Paragraph 17)

When a Member wishes to speak at full Council they must indicate their request by raising their hand or by any other agreed means. If more than one Member indicates a wish to speak, the Chair will ask one to speak and the others must remain silent until they are invited to address the meeting, unless they wish to make a point of order or a point of personal explanation. When a Member is speaking they may stand or sit to address the meeting.

If a Member persistently disregards the ruling of the Chair by behaving improperly or offensively or deliberately obstructs business, the Chair may move that the Member be not heard further. If seconded, the motion will be voted on without discussion.

If the Member continues to behave improperly after such a motion is carried, the Chair may move that either the Member leaves the meeting or that the meeting is adjourned for a specified period. If seconded, the motion will be voted on without discussion.

If there is a general disturbance making orderly business impossible, the Chair may adjourn the meeting for as long as the Chair thinks necessary.

Disturbance by the Public (Council Rules of Procedure -Paragraph 19)

If a member of the public interrupts proceedings, the Chair will warn the person concerned. If the person continues to interrupt, the Chair will order their removal from the meeting room.

If there is a general disturbance in any part of the meeting room open to the public, the Chair may call for that part to be cleared.

Procedural Advice

If any Member requires clarification on a procedural point in the Rules of Procedure, then they are encouraged to contact the Monitoring Officer or one of his team as soon as possible after receipt of the Council agenda and reports. Any advice will be given in confidence.

Advice of Interests

If any Member requires advice on whether or not they need to declare an interest in an item of business to be discussed at a meeting of Council, then members are encouraged to contact the Monitoring Officer or one of his team as soon as possible after receipt of the Council agenda and reports. Any advice will be given in the strictest confidence.

North Tyneside Council

Report to Council

18 July 2024

Title: Questions by Members of the Public

Notice has been received of the following questions from members of the public to be put to the Council meeting.

1. Question to the Elected Mayor from Mr Latham of Whitley Bay

I am writing to hopefully receive an update on the Murton Gap project. I am a local Monkseaton resident renting and wanting to buy my first home in the area I call home near my children's school. Murton Gap fits this bill.

The Robinson Fields development is well underway however there has been no update in some time on the houses to be built by other developers and when we can expect to see some serious progress on building these homes?

2. Question to the Elected Mayor from Ms Bowen of Whitley Bay

From a local resident concerned about Health and Climate Change

Even if we stopped all fossil fuel usage today, the UK's food emissions alone would exceed the 1.5 degrees limit set by the Paris Agreement. Food accounts for $\frac{1}{3}$ of greenhouse gas emissions, the majority of which comes from meat and dairy. A 2023 Oxford University analysis found that plant-based diets resulted in 75% less greenhouse gas emissions, water pollution and land use.

Our food systems are incredibly inefficient. 83% of farmland worldwide is used to farm animals but it only supplies 18% of global calories. Transitioning to plant-based diets would create an opportunity to return three quarters of agricultural land to nature. Tragically, Britain has lost more of its natural biodiversity than almost anywhere else in Western Europe.

Furthermore, a study last year by the Office of Health Economics found that just removing meat from weekday lunches alone could prevent hundreds of thousands of cases of heart disease. And increasing plant-based options can help us all eat more fruit and vegetables. In 2018, only 18% of UK children were eating five portions per day.

North Tyneside Council boldly declared a climate emergency in 2019. And your Carbon Net Zero Action Plan is ambitious but it lacks sufficient emphasis on food emissions. Page 13 of the Plan states "The authority provides a range of healthy balanced meal options in schools and operational buildings which includes non-meat options." But can you go much further?

Several councils, including Edinburgh, Norwich, Lambeth, Exmouth, and Haywards Heath, have endorsed the Plant Based Treaty and initiated real actions to reduce food emissions, such as carbon labelling in schools, plant-based cookery workshops for caterers, promoting Veganuary, and providing fruit and vegetable vouchers for low-income communities.

Will this council boldly confront the climate and health crises by endorsing the Plant Based Treaty?

3. Question to the Elected Mayor from Ms Kinney of North Shields

Following what was meant to be a temporary move by the Queen Alexandra Sixth Form College and its subsequent ending of 6th form provision, when will a 6th form reopen in North Shields to replace this lost provision, given John Spence, Marden and Norham High Schools do not have 6th forms?

4. Question to the Elected Mayor from Mr Rides of North Shields

Given the incoming Government commitment to doubling the size of the co-operative sector, what actions are planned by North Tyneside Council to achieve this goal locally?

5. Question to the Elected Mayor from Ms Pearson of Whitley Bay

I'd like to pose questions to the meeting in relation to water quality in Cullercoats Bay.

I recently submitted a FOI to Northumbria Water and they informed me that the beach at Cullercoats is the responsibility of North Tyneside council. Of course, without clean water, the beach will always be dirty.

What are the council doing to make sure Northumbria Water are fulfilling their side of cleaning up the problem?

What steps are North Tyneside council taking to ensure that Northumbria water are putting actions in place to improve water quality in a timely manner?

When can we expect Cullercoats Bay water to be at a standard equivalent to Longsands and Whitley Bay?

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Local Government Act 1972

Borough of North Tyneside

Thursday, 16 May 2024

At the meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Tyneside duly convened and held on Thursday, 16 May 2024 at 6.00 pm in Chamber – Quadrant, The Silverlink North, Cobalt Business Park, North Tyneside, NE27 0BY at which a quorum of Members were present, that is to say: -

Present

Councillor B Burdis (Chair)
N Redfearn (Elected Mayor)

Councillor S Cox	Councillor L Bartoli
Councillor J Bartoli	Councillor L Bell
Councillor L Bones	Councillor L Bell
Councillor P Bunyan	Councillor S Burtenshaw
Councillor B Clark	Councillor K Clark
Councillor J Cruddas	Councillor E Darke
Councillor L Darke	Councillor Day
Councillor S Day	Councillor D Drummond
Councillor P Earley	Councillor S Graham
Councillor C Gray	Councillor I Grayson
Councillor T Hallway	Councillor J Harrison
Councillor A Holdsworth	Councillor Janet Hunter
Councillor N Huscroft	Councillor C Johnson
Councillor J Johnsson	Councillor J Kirwin
Councillor F Lott	Councillor W Lott
Councillor L Marshall	Councillor I McAlpine
Councillor C McGinty	Councillor A McMullen
Councillor L McMullen	Councillor J Montague
Councillor J Mudzingwa	Councillor T Mulvenna
Councillor M Murphy	Councillor T Neira
Councillor T Bailey	Councillor A Newman
Councillor K Nott	Councillor P Oliver

Councillor R O'Keefe
Councillor S Phillips
Councillor W Samuel
Councillor J Sharp
Councillor A Spowart
Councillor J Walker

Councillor J O'Shea
Councillor B Pickard
Councillor O Scargill
Councillor J Shaw
Councillor M Thirlaway
Councillor J Webster

Apologies: Councillor H Johnson, Councillor D Lilly and Councillor J Wallace

C1/24 Election of Chair of Council for the 2024/25 Municipal Year

A minute's silence was observed in respect of the passing of both former Councillor Gordon and former Councillor Muriel Green (Aldерwoman Green).

Councillor Gordon was a councillor for Cullercoats ward between 1976 and 1995 and St Mary's Ward between 1997 and 1998.

Former Councillor and Alderwoman Muriel Green was a Councillor for Weetslade Ward between 1982 and 2023.

The following nomination then was received for the Office of the Chair of the Council for the 2024/25 Municipal year.

Nominee: Councillor S Cox

Proposer: Councillor I Grayson

Seconder: Councillor T Hallway

The nominations were approved: 49 Votes For, 7 Abstentions

Resolved that Councillor S Cox be, and is hereby elected, Chair of the Council for the 2024/25 Municipal Year and until the acceptance of Office by a successor.

C2/24 Declaration of Acceptance of Office - Chair

The Chair made the formal declaration of acceptance of Office in pursuance of the Local Government Act 1972.

(Councillor S Cox in the Chair).

C3/24 Election of Deputy Chair of Council for the 2024/25 Municipal Year

The following nomination was received for the Office of Deputy Chair of the Council for the Municipal Year 2024/25.

Nominee: Councillor N Huscroft

Proposer: Councillor F Lott

Seconder: Councillor J Webster

The nominations was approved: 49 Votes For, 7 Abstentions

Resolved that Councillor N Huscroft be, and is hereby elected, Deputy Chair of the Council for the 2024/25 Municipal Year and until the acceptance of Office by a successor.

C4/24 Declaration of Acceptance of Office - Deputy Chair

The Deputy Chair made the formal declaration of acceptance of Office in pursuance of the Local Government Act 1972.

C5/24 Vote of Thanks to Retiring Chair

A vote of thanks for the retiring Chair, Councillor B Burdis, was moved by Councillor T Mulvenna.

It was stated by Councillor T Mulvenna that in the position of Chair of Council, Councillor B Burdis had shown exceptional leadership and patience in his role, despite dealing with personal trauma. Councillor T Mulvenna said that It was the measure of Councillor Burdis the man that he did so whilst conducting himself so well during this time. Councillor T Mulvenna stated Councillor Burdis dealt with all members on an equal basis regardless of political persuasion.

The Chair then gave his personal thanks to Councillor B Burdis and addressed the chamber on the matter of behaviour during Council meetings going forward. The Chair drew attention to the Council meeting of 14 March 2024 and the behaviour therein, he stated he would strive to ensure that expected standards are met, and he asked the members for their support to ensure this happens. As the Chair he hoped to run the meetings in an efficient, impartial and respectful manner for all members and officers, in order that members be seen treating their roles with the due respect

by the watching community.

In future, Council meeting papers will include a guidance note issued showing a reminder of rules on conduct and attendance.

Members were reminded that while he encouraged debate the Chair’s interpretation of rules, procedures and decisions taken at Council are final. The Chair extended an invite to the leaders and deputy party leaders (as well as Councillor Wallace, as an independent) to meet to discuss ways to help improve behaviour and discuss expectations.

The Chair extended his congratulations, and best wishes going forward, to all the new and returning members.

C6/24 To receive any Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest reported.

C7/24 Minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2024

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 March 2024 be taken as read and confirmed and signed by the Chair subject to it being noted that Councillor J Harrison attended the meeting but was not marked as such.

C8/24 Municipal Elections - 2 May 2024 - Return of Councillors

The Council received the following return of Councillors elected on 2 May 2024.

WARD	NAME
Backworth and Holystone	Louise Amanda Bell
	Nigel John Huscroft
	James Webster
Battle Hill	Julie Elizabeth Cruddas
	Carl John Johnson
	Steve Phillips
Camperdown	Steve Cox
	Tracy Ann Hallway
	Joan Isabel Walker
Chirton and Percy Main	Hannah Patricia Johnson

	Rebecca O'Keefe
	Charles Bruce Pickard
Cullercoats and Whitley Bay South	Willie Samuel
	Jane Shaw
	Andrew James Spowart
Forest Hall	Peter Gerard Earley
	Janet Hunter
	Joanne Marie Sharp
Howdon	Linda Isabel Bell
	John Lawrence Langford Harrison
	Matthew Brian Thirlaway
Killingworth	Paul Bunyan
	Bryan Shaun Clark
	Pat Oliver
Longbenton and Benton	Karen Anne Clark
	Eddie Darke
	Linda Darke
Monkseaton	Sarah Day
	Davey Drummond
	Martin James Murphy
New York and Murton	Jay Luca Bartoli
	Claire Louise McGinty
	Olly Scargill
North Shields	Frank Lott
	Wendy Lott
	Josephine Mudzingwa
Preston with Preston Grange	Liam Adam Bones
	John Joseph Johnsson
	David Wallace Lilly
Shiremoor	Brian Burdis
	Tommy Mulvenna
	Kristin Dominica Nott
St Marys	Andy Holdsworth
	Ian McAlpine
	Judith Wallace
Tynemouth	Tom Bailey
	Lewis Carlo Bartoli
	Julie Day
Wallsend Central	Charlie Gray
	Ian Raymond Grayson

	Louise Delores Marshall
Wallsend North	Jim Montague
	Tricia Neira
	Andy Newman
Weetslade	Sarah Ellen Burtenshaw
	Anthony William McMullen
	Liz McMullen
Whitley Bay North	Sandra Maria Graham
	Joe Kirwin
	John O'Shea

C9/24 Address by the Elected Mayor including Cabinet Composition and Delegation Scheme

The Cabinet would consist of 9 Councillors and the Elected Mayor, as shown below.

Cabinet Member	Cabinet Portfolio	Key Areas of Responsibility
Dame Norma Redfearn DBE	Elected Mayor	Overall Strategic Policy Direction National and Regional Engagement Leadership within the North East Combined Authority Leadership of the North Tyneside Strategic Partnership Law and Governance
Councillor Carl Johnson	Deputy Mayor	Delivery and presentation of Strategic Policy Direction Regeneration and Economic Development Corporate Strategy (including Customer Service)

		<p>Planning and Strategic Transport</p> <p>Culture, Tourism and Events</p> <p>Delivery of the Investment Programme</p> <p>Community and Voluntary Sector</p>
Councillor Anthony McMullen	Cabinet Member responsible for Finance and Resources	<p>Finance, ICT and HR</p> <p>Audit, Assurance and Risk</p> <p>Asset and Property Management</p> <p>Procurement and Supply Chain (including the Capita and Equans Partnerships)</p> <p>Delivery of the Investment Programme</p>
Councillor Janet Hunter	Cabinet Member responsible for Adult Social Care	<p>Adult Social Care and Safeguarding</p> <p>Carers Champion</p> <p>Older People's Champion</p>
Councillor Peter Earley	Cabinet Member responsible for supporting and protecting Children	<p>Children and Young People's Plan</p> <p>Safeguarding and Children's Services</p> <p>Young People's Champion</p>
Councillor Steven Phillips	Cabinet Member responsible for Education,	<p>Ambition for Education</p> <p>Inclusive Economy Strategy</p>

	Inclusion, Employment and Skills	Employment and Skills
Councillor Karen Clark	Cabinet Member responsible for Public Health, Safety and Wellbeing	Health and Wellbeing: Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Health and Wellbeing Strategy Public Health and tackling Socio-Economic Inequalities Community Safety and Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour Public Protection Emergency Planning and Business Continuity
Councillor John Harrison	Cabinet Member responsible for Housing	Housing Strategy Housing Management Housing Investment Affordable Homes Programme
Councillor Sandra Graham	Cabinet Member responsible for the Climate Emergency	Tackling the Climate Emergency Delivering the North Tyneside Climate Emergency Action Plan Cycling Champion
Councillor Hannah Johnson	Cabinet Member responsible for the Environment	Delivering great places to live – stewardship of our communities Waste Management Environmental and Local Transport Services (including roads, pavements, parking, and

		the Capita Partnership)
		Sport, Leisure and Libraries
		Equality and Diversity

Details of the Mayor's proposed approach to managing executive decision making, which included her delegation scheme of executive decision making to Cabinet Members, were also circulated.

- a) approving the Authority's response to government consultation papers;
- b) approval of service specific plans;
- c) debt write off up to £50,000 in relation to Council Tax, Business Rates, Sundry Debts and Housing Benefit Overpayments (Cabinet Member with responsibility for Finance and Resources);
- d) to approve responses to regional strategies that impact on the Borough;
- e) to determine Traffic Regulation Orders where any objections are not withdrawn (Cabinet Member with responsibility for Environment);
- f) to consider any representations received in relation to the proposed construction of road humps and thereafter determine if road humps should be installed (Cabinet Member with responsibility for Environment);
- g) to consider any representations received in relation to proposals to establish a pedestrian crossing and thereafter determine if a pedestrian crossing should be established (Cabinet Member with responsibility for Environment);
- h) to approve any proposals directly related to the delivery of objectives in the approved Our North Tyneside Plan;
- i) to approve the Member Development Programme (Deputy Mayor);
- j) to consider any applications received for discretionary relief for Council Tax or Business Rates, considered only when exceptional circumstances apply, as set out in the Policy for the awarding of local taxation discretionary relief (Cabinet Member with responsibility for Finance and Resources);
- k) debt write off up to £50,000 in respect of current and former Council house tenant arrears and write off of credit balances between £3,000 and £10,000 associated with untraceable former tenants (Cabinet Member with responsibility for Housing); and
- l) to approve the appointment of representatives to serve on those outside

bodies that exercise executive functions (Elected Mayor).

Executive decision making on other matters not listed above will, except in exceptional (urgent) circumstances, be taken by Cabinet collectively.

Any decisions taken by Cabinet Members will have to comply with many of the same good governance requirements that will apply to collective decision-making by Cabinet, namely:

- Publication on the Forward Plan.
- Presentation of a written report to the Cabinet Member – the report to be in the same format as current Cabinet reports including reference to legal and financial implications background papers, etc.
- Publication of a record of the decision and availability for call in within specific deadlines.

C10/24 Leaders of Political Groups

1. It was reported that Dame N Redfearn DBE, Elected Mayor, had been appointed as the Leader of the Labour Group.
2. It was reported that Councillor L Bones had been appointed as Leader of the Conservative Group.

C11/24 Deputy Leaders of Political Groups

1. It was reported that Councillor C Johnson had been appointed as Deputy Leader of the Labour Group.
2. It was reported that Councillor J Johnsson had been appointed as Deputy Leader of the Conservative Group.

C12/24 Annual Review of the Constitution

Council received a report on the annual review of the Constitution and associated documents undertaken by the Head of Governance and the Head of Law (Monitoring Officer).

The annual review of the Constitution and associated documents makes sure that they continue to be fit for purpose and provide a framework that ensures the efficient discharge of the Authority's business by allowing for decision making at

the appropriate level.

The Constitution Task Group had considered the proposed changes received for consideration as part of the latest annual review, and the changes had been approved by the Task Group for progression to the Annual Council meeting at which a decision would be made.

The Constitution and associated documents will continue to be kept under review and updated to reflect any changes in the organisational structure of the Council or any legislative changes. It is proposed that changes can be brought to Council meeting at any point during the year following consultation with the Constitution Task Group.

It was moved by Councillor C Johnson and seconded by Councillor M Thirlaway to:

- agree the proposed changes to the Constitution, including the proposed changes to the Contract Standing Orders and the Officer Delegation Scheme as set out in **Appendix 1** to this report;
- agree that in-year changes to the Constitution can be proposed to full Council for decision, following consideration by the Constitution Task Group, in addition to the annual review, and any changes to the Constitution made at that time;
- agree the proposed updated Financial Regulations, which have been developed following a continuous review of the Authority's Financial Regulations which has taken place during 2023/24;
- agree to refer the approved changes to the Constitution, including Contract Standing Orders, Officer Delegation Scheme and Financial Regulations to the Elected Mayor for her consent to such changes in accordance with Article 16 of the Constitution, other than the change relating to Scrutiny Committees, which does not require this consent.

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

C13/24 Annual Appointments 2024/25

The Council was requested to consider the appointment of committees / sub committees, Chairs and Deputy Chairs of those committees / sub committees, the allocation of seats to political groups on those committees / sub committees and the appointment of representatives to serve on outside bodies that exercised non-executive functions for the 2024/25 Municipal year.

It was moved by the Elected Mayor Norma Redfearn and seconded by Councillor C Johnson that :

1. The following committees/sub committees be appointed for the 2024/25 municipal year on the basis of the number of seats indicated:

Committee/Sub-Committee	No of Seats
Overview, Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance Committee	15 (plus 2 parent governor and 2 church representatives)
Caring Sub-Committee	12
Family Friendly Sub-Committee	12
Secure Sub Committee	12
Thriving Sub-Committee	12
Green Sub-Committee	12
Appointments and Disciplinary Committee	7
Audit Committee	9 (7 elected/2 co-opted members)
Licensing Committee	12
Planning Committee	11
Regulation and Review Committee	12
Standards Committee	9
Health and Well Being Board	See section 1.5.1.2 of report

2. The following nominations of chairs and deputy chairs of committees/sub committees for the 2024/25 municipal year be approved.

	Committee/Sub Committee	Chair	Deputy Chair
1.	Overview, Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance Committee	Jim Montague	Charlie Gray
2.	Caring Sub-Committee	Jane Shaw	James Webster
3.	Family Friendly Sub-Committee	Pat Oliver	Linda Darke
4.	Thriving Sub-Committee	Bruce Pickard	Rebecca O'Keefe
5.	Secure Sub-Committee	Andy Newman	Tricia Neira
6.	Green Sub-Committee	Martin Murphy	Tracy Hallway
7.	Health and Wellbeing Board	Karen Clark	John O'Shea
8.	Licensing Committee	Matthew Thirlaway	Wendy Lott
9.	Planning Committee	Willie Samuel	Julie Cruddas
10.	Regulation and Review Committee	Davey Drummond	Tommy Mulvenna
11.	Standards Committee	Frank Lott	Eddie Darke

3. The following nominations of appointments to Outside Bodies for the 2024/25 municipal year be approved.

	Body	Appointments / Nominations 2024/25
1	Association of North East Councils Resources Task and Finish Group	Councillor A McMullen Councillor W Samuel Substitutes: Councillor N Huscroft Councillor L Marshall

2	British Destinations	Councillor W Samuel
3	Integrated Care Partnership – North East and North Cumbria	Councillor K Clark
4	Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board	Councillor J O'Shea Councillor J Shaw Councillor P Bunyan
5	Local Government Association Assembly	Mayor N Redfearn Councillor C Johnson Councillor J Hunter Councillor W Samuel
6	Newcastle Airport Consultative Committee	Councillor L McMullen
7	North East Migration Partnership Members Forum	Councillor J Harrison
8	North East Regional Employers Organisation	Councillor A McMullen Councillor S Graham Councillor P Bunyan
9	North Tyneside Citizens Advice Bureau	Councillor J Sharp
10	North Tyneside Veterans Committee	Councillor A Newman
11	OPCC ASB Strategic Board	Councillor K Clark
12	OPCC VRU Serious Violence	Councillor K Clark

	Strategic Board	
13	Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education	Councillor S Phillips (Chair) Councillor P Earley Councillor J Mudzingwa Councillor N Huscroft
14	Wallsend Charitable (Victor Mann) Trust	Councillor J Cruddas Councillor C Johnson Councillor M Thirlaway Councillor J Harrison Councillor I Grayson Councillor L Marshall Councillor J Montague Councillor T Neira Councillor W Lott Councillor N Huscroft

The Motion was to accept the recommendations as per the circulated report.

Councillor L Bones requested clarity on whether the vote was solely on the content of the agenda, and then afterwards separate voting could commence on the nominations made. It was confirmed that the vote would be to determine the list of nominations circulated for the Annual Appointments 2024/25.

An amendment was moved by Councillor L Bones and seconded by Councillor L Bartoli for alternative nominations for Chairs and Deputy Chairs of committees/sub committees for the 2024/25 municipal year as follows:

Councillor J Johnsson as Chair of Licensing committee.

Councillor D Lilly as Deputy Chair of Family Friendly committee.

A named vote on the amendment was held.

Votes for the amendment:

Councillors J Bartoli, L Bartoli, L Bones, J Johnsson, I McAlpine, C McGinty and O Scargill.

Votes against the amendment:

Councillors T Bailey, Linda Bell, Louise Bell, P Bunyan, B Burdis, S Burtenshaw, B Clark, K Clark, S Cox, J Cruddas, E Darke, L Darke, J Day, S Day, D Drummond, P Earley, S Graham, C Gray, I Grayson, T Hallway, J Harrison, A Holdsworth, J Hunter, N Huscroft, C Johnson, J Kirwan, F Lott, W Lott, L Marshall, A McMullen, L McMullen, J Montague, J Mudzingwa, T Mulvenna, M Murphy, T Neira, A Newman, K Nott, R O'Keefe, J O'Shea, P Oliver, S Phillips, B Pickard, N Redfearn, W Samuel, J Sharp, J Shaw, A Spowart, M Thirlaway, J Walker and J Webster.

The amendment was rejected by 51 votes to 7 votes.

Councillor Bones requested clarity on the advice given by the Local Government Association regarding allocation of places on the Local Government Association Assembly, and it was confirmed by the legal officer present that this was the advice given by that organisation, and was not mandatory.

An amendment was moved by Councillor J Johnsson and seconded by Councillor J Bartoli for an alternative nomination of Councillor Liam Bones for Local Government Association Assembly Chair for the 2024/25 municipal year.

A named vote on the amendment was held.

Votes for the amendment:

Councillors J Bartoli, L Bartoli, L Bones, J Johnsson, I McAlpine, C McGinty and O Scargill.

Votes against the amendment:

Councillors T Bailey, Linda Bell, Louise Bell, P Bunyan, B Burdis, S Burtenshaw, B Clark, K Clark, S Cox, J Cruddas, E Darke, L Darke, J Day, S Day, D Drummond, P Earley, S Graham, C Gray, I Grayson, T Hallway, J Harrison, A Holdsworth, J Hunter, N Huscroft, C Johnson, J Kirwan, F Lott, W Lott, L Marshall, A McMullen, L McMullen, J Montague, J Mudzingwa, T Mulvenna, M Murphy, T Neira, A Newman, K Nott, R O'Keefe, J O'Shea, P Oliver, S Phillips, B Pickard, N Redfearn, W Samuel, J Sharp, J Shaw, A Spowart, M Thirlaway, J Walker and J Webster.

The amendment was rejected by 51 votes to 7 votes.

A named vote on the substantive motion was held.

Votes for the substantive motion:

Councillors T Bailey, Linda Bell, Louise Bell, P Bunyan, B Burdis, S Burtenshaw, B Clark, K Clark, S Cox, J Cruddas, E Darke, L Darke, J Day, S Day, D Drummond, P Earley, S Graham, C Gray, I Grayson, T Hallway, J Harrison, A Holdsworth, J Hunter, N Huscroft, C Johnson, J Kirwan, F Lott, W Lott, L Marshall, A McMullen, L McMullen, J Montague, J Mudzingwa, T Mulvenna, M Murphy, T Neira, A Newman, K Nott, R O'Keefe, J O'Shea, P Oliver, S Phillips, B Pickard, N Redfearn, W Samuel, J Sharp, J Shaw, A Spowart, M Thirlaway, J Walker and J Webster.

Votes against the substantive motion:

Councillors J Bartoli, L Bartoli, L Bones, J Johnsson, I McAlpine, C McGinty and O Scargill.

The substantive motion was approved by 51 votes to 7 votes.

C14/24 Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report

Council received the Annual Scrutiny Report for 2023/24 which provided a summary of the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance Committee and its sub committees during 2023/24.

The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance Committee, Councillor J Montague, presented the report and advised that in May 2023 Council agreed a new committee structure for scrutiny in North Tyneside. This reflects good practice recommended by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny.

The report presented to Council was the first Annual Report under the new Scrutiny Committee structure. It provided a summary of the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance Committee and its five sub committees during 2023/24. The report described the wide breadth of topics which have been considered under our scrutiny function over the last year.

Scrutiny is intended to support good decision-making by local authorities. Councillor J Montague said that the new committees have worked hard to develop scrutiny and to implement the good practice highlighted by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny in 2023/24. Councillor J Montague stated that in particular the committee has sought to develop focus as a critical friend. This should continue into 2024/25. As Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance Committee, Councillor J Montague thanked elected members, co-opted members, officers and representatives of our partner

organisations for their support and contributions to the scrutiny process over the past year.

The Council received the report, and agreed that it be noted.

C15/24 Standards Committee Annual Report

Council received a report which summarised the work undertaken by the Standards Committee during 2023/24.

Councillor F Lott presented the Annual Report of Standards Committee for the 2022/23 municipal year, and placed on record the Committee's gratitude to Independent Persons, Mr Dan Entwisle, Mrs Kerry Roffe and Dr Stuart Green, for their contributions.

At the time of writing the report there had been 18 code of conduct complaints received against members, with one having been received since then. Of those made in 2023/24, none were referred for full investigation.

Three complaints were carried over from 2022/23 into 2023/24 and in two of those cases the sub-committee found three where there had been breaches of the code and sanctions were imposed. On the third of these the sub-committee accepted the independent persons advice that there had been no breach of the code.

There are currently two outstanding complaints which will be included as part of the 2024/25 report.

During 2023/24, of the 7 requests to the monitoring officer to review the initial decisions, all were upheld.

The Council received and agreed to note the report.

C16/24 Chair's Announcements

There were no Chair's announcements.

C17/24 Mayor's Announcements

The Elected Mayor congratulated all members who were successful in the recent elections, and thanked all those who took part in the smooth running of the recent elections.

The Mayor gave a reminder to members of the importance of respect within the chamber, and thanked the outgoing Chair, Councillor B Burdis, for his time served as Chair and the work done for both his and Councillor C Burdis' charity.

The Mayor also reminded members of her open door policy to them.

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North Tyneside Council

Report to Council

18 July 2024

Motions

Notice has been received of the following motions from Members of the Council to be put to the Council meeting.

Motion 1

Support for Structural Issues in Schools

Proposer: Cllr Liam Bones

Seconder: Cllr Dave Lilly

Signed by Cllr John Johnsson, Cllr Ian McAlpine, Cllr Claire McGinty, Cllr Lewis Bartoli, Cllr Jay Bartoli, Cllr Dr Olly Scargill

Council notes with concern the news of structural issues unrelated to RAAC at four local schools, and specifically the significant financial impact this issue will have on the Council's budget without central government support.

Council wishes to express its gratitude to Council officers who have reacted quickly and worked diligently to ensure disruption to teaching has been minimised.

Council asks the Mayor to write to the new Secretary of State for Education, requesting an urgent meeting to discuss the issue and explore how funding from central government can be secured to address these structural problems.

Council asks the Mayor to ensure that the cabinet member provides an update report on the situation and financial implications at each meeting

of the Overview & Scrutiny Co-ordination & Finance Committee until these issues are fully resolved.

Legal and Financial Implications in relation to this Motion will be circulated prior to the meeting.

Motion 2

Motion to Address Cycling safety concerns in Tynemouth

Proposed by: Cllr. Lewis Bartoli,

Seconded by Cllr Ian McAlpine

Signed by Cllr Liam Bones, Cllr John Johnsson, Cllr Dr Olly Scargill, Cllr Claire McGinty, Cllr Dave Lilly, Cllr Jay Bartoli.

This Council notes with concern:

1. The recent evidence from London regarding the safety risks associated with floating bus stops, as reported by BBC News and the Evening Standard. Advocacy groups, including Age UK London and Disability Rights UK, have highlighted incidents where pedestrians, especially those who are blind or visually impaired, have been endangered by these designs. Safety concerns from other areas where floating bus stops have been implemented suggest a need for caution. It is imperative to ensure that such designs do not compromise the safety of our most vulnerable residents.
2. The installation of a floating bus stop in Tynemouth as part of the new cycle path initiative by the Labour-run North Tyneside Council. Given the concerns raised in other areas, it is crucial to assess the local impact thoroughly before proceeding with similar infrastructure.
3. There have also been several reports of near misses with cyclists at the newly designed junction at the top of the South Ramp to Longsands, video footage of which has been provided to officers.

This Council requests:

1. That the Mayor asks officers to look at the possibility of one of the mobile CCTV cameras which the Council already owns being relocated to the site of the new floating bus stop in Tynemouth to monitor its impact on pedestrians, cyclists, and overall safety.
2. That the Mayor asks officers to conduct a review of the junction at the top of the South Ramp to Longsands which has already seen several near misses with cyclists and cars. Once the review is

complete Council asks the Cabinet member to provide a report to the Overview & Scrutiny Co-ordination & Finance Committee.

3. That local groups, including those representing blind and visually impaired residents, be contacted for their comments and feedback on the new bus stop design. Feedback from affected local groups will provide valuable data to make informed decisions regarding future infrastructure projects.
4. That no further floating bus stops of this type be constructed until a comprehensive assessment of the current installation's impact is completed, with all findings presented to the Council for review. This ensures a cautious and well-informed approach to public transport infrastructure development, prioritising the safety and well-being of all residents.

Legal and Financial Implications in relation to this Motion will be circulated prior to the meeting.

Motion 3

Recycling Centre Appointments

Proposed by: Cllr. Liam Bones

Seconded by Cllr Ian McAlpine

Signed by Cllr John Johnsson, Cllr Claire McGinty, Cllr Dr Olly Scargill, Cllr Claire McGinty, Cllr Dave Lilly, Cllr Jay Bartoli.

Council Notes:

- During the COVID-19 pandemic, the North Tyneside Recycling Centre transitioned to an appointment-based system to reduce busy periods and mitigate the spread of the virus.
- This system remains in place despite calls from some residents to revert to a first-come, first-serve basis.

Council Believes:

- Restricting access to the recycling centre and making it less convenient for some residents may increase fly-tipping rates as residents struggle to secure appointments.
- The appointment system has been beneficial for some residents, providing a more predictable and orderly process.
- However, there is a significant portion of residents that find the appointment system restrictive and inconvenient.

Council Requests:

1. The Mayor to work with officers to establish a hybrid system that incorporates appointments during peak hours (e.g., mornings) and a first-come, first-serve basis during off-peak hours (e.g., afternoons and weekends). This approach aims to improve accessibility for all residents and reduce fly-tipping across the borough.
2. The Mayor to explore potential funding streams for additional mobile CCTV units to be deployed at fly-tipping hotspots throughout the borough.
3. The Mayor look at the feasibility of beginning negotiations with Newcastle City Council to give residents in the North West of North

Tyneside access to Brunswick Household Waste site. Council believes this will be more convenient for residents and reduce carbon emissions by reducing the distance residents have to travel.

4. The Mayor to report back to the Council within six months on the implementation progress and effectiveness of the hybrid system and progress on securing funding for new CCTV units.

Legal and Financial Implications in relation to this Motion will be circulated prior to the meeting.

Motion 4

Motion – Unadopted Roads

Proposed by Cllr. Olly Scargill,

Seconded by Cllr Jay Bartoli,

Signed by Cllrs Liam Bones, John Johnsson, Dave Lilly, Claire McGinty, Lewis Bartoli, Ian McAlpine.

Forsyth Street is an unadopted road in New York, North Tyneside. It is a small street, just 84 metres long, but is in a worse condition than perhaps any road in North Tyneside. The Council have also installed warning signs to indicate how dangerous this road is.

Instead of resurfacing roads in our estates, the Council chose to resurface the road in the Tyne Tunnel trading estate that cars cannot use. They've also refused to open this road up to cars to ease congestion.

Council asks the Mayor to look at possible ways to secure the full resurfacing of Forsyth Street by the end of 2024.

Council also asks the Mayor to work with the Highways team to look at opening High Flatworth to all motorists by the end of 2024 to alleviate congestion.

Dr Olly Scargill

Councillor for Collingwood ward

Legal and Financial Implications in relation to this Motion will be circulated prior to the meeting.

Motion 5

Motion to Request a Financial Stability Report for North Tyneside Council

Proposer: Cllr Lewis Bartoli

Seconder: Cllr Dr Olly Scargill

Signed by Cllr Liam Bones, Cllr John Johnsson, Cllr Ian McAlpine, Cllr Claire McGinty, Cllr Dave Lilly, Cllr Jay Bartoli.

This Council notes with concern the recent low ranking in the financial section of the Office for Local Government (Oflog) report, which placed North Tyneside at 302nd out of 317 councils in finance and 235th overall as reported in the Times on 30 April 2024. As representatives of our community, it is imperative that we ensure transparency and financial robustness to maintain the trust and confidence of our residents.

Ministers set up Oflog last summer to provide “authoritative and accessible” performance data to support improvement in local government. Oflog measures councils across 27 categories in five main areas: waste management, corporate and finance, adult social care, planning, and roads.

Therefore, this Council resolves to request a report from the S.151 Officer addressing the following points:

- An analysis of the reasons behind North Tyneside’s low financial ranking in the recent Oflog report, including a comparison with similarly sized councils and identification of specific areas where our financial performance falls short.
- An outline of the current measures in place to ensure the financial stability and sustainability of North Tyneside Council, as well as the steps being taken to improve financial management and efficiency within the council’s operations.
- An assessment of potential financial risks and how they are being mitigated, alongside long-term financial strategies and plans to prevent future declines in financial performance.
- Information on any external support or audits the council is receiving or planning to ensure financial best practices, along with outcomes

of recent audits and steps taken in response to audit recommendations, should be included.

The requested report should be presented at the next Council meeting for questions and discussion.

The low financial ranking has raised concerns among residents and councillors about the financial health of North Tyneside Council. This report will provide a clear understanding of the underlying issues, highlight the steps being taken to address them, and ensure that the Council is on a path to financial robustness and stability.

By approving this motion, North Tyneside Council demonstrates its commitment to transparency, financial responsibility, and the wellbeing of its residents. We must work collectively to address the challenges and reassure our community of our financial health and stability.

Legal and Financial Implications in relation to this Motion will be circulated prior to the meeting.

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Title: Questions by Members of the Council

1. Question to the elected Mayor from Councillor Andy Newman

Would the Elected Mayor give us an update on the progress made with the veterans walk way which is planned to be installed near Spanish City in Whitley Bay?

2. Question to the elected Mayor from Councillor Matthew Thirlway

Would the Elected Mayor tell us how much funding North Tyneside Council has lost, since she was first elected in 2013, due to cuts to local government imposed on us by the Conservative Party while in power?

3. Question to the elected Mayor from Councillor Andy Newman

North Tyneside Council has a proud track record of supporting our armed forces and veterans. Some local authorities take into account military compensation payments when working out benefit entitlement. Would the Elected Mayor confirm what the position is in North Tyneside?

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