

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY 2022

(as part of the Annual General Meeting)

Minutes of the meeting of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe on Wednesday 18th May 2022.

PRESENT

Councillors Eddy Adam, Tony Armstrong, Martin Ashcroft, Lindsey Aston, Jim Atkinson, Dorothy Bowman, Arun M. Chandran, John Clark, Bob Fleming, George Gray, Ian Gray, Mrs. Sandra Haigh, Brian Haigh, Andy Hill, Jed Hillary, Wendy Hillary, Joanne Jones, Neville Jones, John Moore, Carl Robinson, Ken Robson, Michael Stead, Anne Woodward and John Woodward.

IN ATTENDANCE Councillors Neil Collinson, Phillip Hawkins, Kate Hopper and Andrea Miller.

OFFICIALS

Mr. D. Austin (Town Clerk)
Mrs. T. Woodhead (Finance Manager)
Mrs. S. Stretch (Senior Administrative Officer)
Miss. A. Donald (Corporate and Policy Officer)

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor Martin Ashcroft and seconded by Councillor Bob Fleming that Councillor Arun Chandran be nominated as Chairman for the Municipal Year 2022/23.

It was further proposed by Councillor Jed Hillary and seconded by Councillor Jim Atkinson that Councillor Eddy Adam be nominated as Chairman for the Municipal Year 2022/23.

A vote was undertaken with the following result:

For Councillor Arun Chandran – 12 votes

For Councillor Eddy Adam – 12 votes

The Chairman used his casting vote for Councillor Arun Chandran.

RESOLVED – that Councillor Arun Chandran be appointed Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee for the Municipal Year 2022/23.

Councillor Arun Chandran took the Chair for the meeting.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor Eddy Adam and seconded by Councillor John Clark that Councillor Jed Hillary be nominated as Vice-Chairman for the Municipal Year 2022/23.

It was further proposed by Councillor Carl Robinson and seconded by Councillor Bob Fleming that Councillor Martin Ashcroft be nominated as Vice-Chairman for the Municipal Year 2022/23.

A vote was undertaken with the following result:

For Councillor Jed Hillary - 12 votes

For Councillor Martin Ashcroft - 12 votes

The Chairman used his casting vote for Councillor Martin Ashcroft.

RESOLVED – that Councillor Martin Ashcroft be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee for the Municipal Year 2022/23.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Peter Bergg.

4. MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS

There had been no applications for dispensations.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

6. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

The Policy and Resources Committee considered the appointment of members to the following Sub Committees / Working Groups namely:

- (a) Service Review Working Group
- (b) Personnel Sub-Committee
- (c) Personnel Appeals Sub-Committee
- (d) General Appeals Sub-Committee
- (e) Audit Risk and GDPR Sub-Committee
- (f) Asset Management Member Working Group
- (g) Charges Working Group
- (h) Pre-School Learning Centres Sub-Committee
- (i) Member Appeals Panel

(a) Service Review Working Group

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That a Service Review Working Group be appointed for the Municipal Year 2022/23.
- (ii) That the Service Review Working Group comprise of 13 members.
- (iii) The allocation of places under proportional representation be 6 Independent, 4 Labour and 3 Liberal Democrats.
- (iv) That the membership be:

Councillors: Eddy Adam, Martin Ashcroft, Lindsey Aston, Bob Fleming, George Gray, Brian Haigh, Phillip Hawkins, Andy Hill, Jed Hillary, Wendy Hillary and Michael Stead.

Plus one vacancy available to the Liberal Democrats and one vacancy available to Labour
- (v) That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Service Review Working Group for the Municipal Year 2022/23 be appointed at its first meeting.

(b) Personnel Sub Committee

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the Personnel Sub Committee be appointed for the Municipal Year 2022/23.
- (ii) That the Personnel Sub Committee comprise of 13 members plus the Mayor as ex-officio member.
- (iii) The allocation of places under proportional representation be 6 Independent, 4 Labour and 3 Liberal Democrats.
- (iv) That the membership be:

Councillors: Lindsey Aston, Martin Ashcroft, Arun Chandran, John Clark, Ian Gray, Bob Fleming, Sandra Haigh, Ken Robson, Carl Robinson, Michael Stead.

Plus one vacancy available to the Independents, one vacancy available to the Liberal Democrats and two vacancies available to Labour
- (v) That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Personnel Sub Committee for the Municipal Year 2022/23 be appointed at its first meeting.

(c) Personnel Appeals Sub Committee

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the Personnel Appeals Sub-Committee be appointed for the Municipal Year 2022/23.
- (ii) That the Personnel Appeals Sub-Committee comprise of 3 members plus the Deputy Mayor as ex-officio member.
- (iii) That the membership be:
Councillors: Joanne Jones, Neville Jones, Jed Hillary, Ken Robson.
- (iv) That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Personnel Appeals Sub-Committee for the Municipal Year 2022/23 be appointed at its first meeting.

(d) Generals Appeals Sub Committee

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That appointments to the General Appeals Sub-Committee be chosen from the relevant Service Committee as required and when necessary.
- (ii) That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be appointed at its first meeting.

(e) Audit, Risk and GDPR Sub Committee

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That an Audit, Risk and G.D.P.R. Sub-Committee be appointed for the Municipal Year 2022/23.
- (ii) That the Audit, Risk and G.D.P.R. Sub-Committee comprise 9 members plus the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as ex-officio members.
- (iii) The allocation of places under proportional representation be 4 Independent, 3 Labour and 2 Liberal Democrats.

- (iv) That the membership be:

Councillors: Lyndsey Aston, Eddy Adam, Martin Ashcroft, John Clark, Brian Haigh, Phillip Hawkins, Neville Jones, Ken Robson, Carl Robinson and Michael Stead.

Plus one vacancy available to Labour

- (v) That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Audit, Risk and GDPR Sub Committee for the Municipal Year 2022/23 be appointed at its first meeting.

(f) Asset Management Member Working Group

It was proposed by Councillor Carl Robinson and seconded by Councillor Martin Ashcroft and:

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That an Asset Management Member Working Group be appointed for the Municipal Year 2022/2023.
- (ii) That the Asset Management Member Working Group comprise 16 members.
- (iii) The allocation of places under proportional representation be 7 Independent, 5 Labour and 4 Liberal Democrats.
- (iv) That the membership be:

Councillors: Eddy Adam, Martin Ashcroft, Jim Atkinson, Arun Chandran, John Clark, Bob Fleming, Brian Haigh, Andy Hill, Jed Hillary, George Gray, Joanne Jones, Neville Jones, Carl Robinson and Michael Stead.

Plus one vacancy available to the Liberal Democrats and one vacancy available to Labour

- (v) That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Asset Management Member Working Group for the Municipal Year 2022/23 be appointed at its first meeting.

(g) Charges Working Group

It was proposed by Councillor Arun Chandran and seconded by Councillor Martin Ashcroft that the Charges Working Group be abolished and be subsumed into a Special Policy and Resources Meeting.

There followed a debate on this issue and a vote was taken with a majority decision taken in favour of abolishing the Charges Working Group.

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That the Charges Working Group be abolished and be subsumed into a Special Policy and Resources Meeting.

(h) Pre-School Learning Centres Sub-Committee

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That a Pre-School Learning Centres Sub-Committee be appointed for the Municipal Year 2022/23.
- (ii) That the Pre-School Learning Centres Sub-Committee comprise 9 members plus the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee and the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as ex-officio members.
- (iii) The allocation of places under proportional representation be 4 Independents, 3 Labour and 2 Liberal Democrats.
- (iv) That the membership be:

Councillors: Eddy Adam, Tony Armstrong, Lindsey Aston, Martin Ashcroft, Arun Chandran, Bob Fleming, Sandra Haigh, Phillip Hawkins, Joanne Jones, Neville Jones and Ken Robson.

Plus two vacancies available to Labour

- (v) That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Pre-School Learning Centres Sub-Committee for the Municipal Year 2022/23 be appointed at its first meeting.

(i) Member Appeals Panel

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (i) That appointments to the Member Appeals Panel be chosen as necessary from the Personnel Sub-Committee.
- (ii) That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be appointed at its first meeting.

CHAIRMAN.