

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY 2025

(as part of the Annual General Meeting)

Minutes of the meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe on Wednesday 14th May 2025.

PRESENT

Councillors: Tunde Akinsanya, Tony Armstrong, Martin Ashcroft, Lindsey Aston, Jaci Beddard, Tony Beddard, Dorothy Bowman, Arun M. Chandran, Lisa Conners, Neil Collinson, Luke Ellis, Jordan Gill, George Gray, Phillip Hawkins, Andy Hill, Richard Hutchinson, Sandra Kirby, Jacqui McFadden, John Moore, Carl Robinson, Kyle Robinson, Ken Robson, Brian Sowerby, Michael Stead, Tracey Williams, Anne Woodward and John Woodward.

OFFICIALS

Mr. Dan Austin (Town Clerk)
Mrs. Tracey Woodhead (Finance Manager)
Miss. Amanda Donald (Corporate and Policy Officer)
Mrs. Sharna Stretch (Senior Administrative Officer)
Mrs. Vikki Anderson (Corporate Assistant)

IN ATTENDANCE Three members of the public.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor Neil Collinson and seconded by Councillor Andy Hill, that Councillor Martin Ashcroft be nominated as Chairman of the Environment Committee for the Municipal Year 2025/26.

RESOLVED – that Councillor Martin Ashcroft be appointed Chairman of the Environment Committee for the Municipal Year 2025/26.

Councillor Martin Ashcroft took the Chair for the meeting.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor Martin Ashcroft and seconded by Councillor Phillip Hawkins, that Councillor Andy Hill be nominated as Vice-Chairman of the Environment Committee for the Municipal Year 2025/26.

It was further proposed by Councillor Michael Stead and seconded by Councillor Anne Woodward, that Councillor Tony Armstrong be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Environment Committee for the Municipal Year 2025/26.

A vote took place with the following results:

Councillor Andy Hill - 17 votes
Councillor Tony Armstrong - 8 votes

RESOLVED – that Councillor Andy Hill be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Environment Committee for the Municipal Year 2025/26.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Brian Haigh.

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 Environment Committee considered the appointment of members to the Planning Sub-Committee:

RESOLVED – as follows:

(a) Planning Sub-Committee

- (i) That a Planning Sub-Committee be appointed for the Municipal Year 2025/26.
- (ii) That the Planning Sub-Committee comprise of 10 members plus the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as ex-officio members.
- (iii) That the membership be:

Councillors Jaci Beddard, Tony Beddard, Arun M. Chandran, Neil Collinson, Lisa Conners, Jordan Gill, Phillip Hawkins, Andy Hill, Jackie McFadden, Ken Robson, Anne Woodward and John Woodward.
- (iv) That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Planning Sub-Committee for the Municipal Year 2025/26 be appointed at its first meeting.

CHAIRMAN.