

Local Government Act 1972

Borough of North Tyneside

1 February 2018

At the Extraordinary meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Tyneside duly convened and held on Thursday 1 February 2018 at 6.00pm 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 (Elected Mayor)

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

C68/02/18 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Arkle, J Cassidy, M Madden, D McGarr, L Spillard and J I Walker.

C69/02/18 Mayor's Statement

The Elected Mayor referred to media reports regarding the financial position of Capita PLC. Capita Property and Infrastructure Limited was a subsidiary of Capita PLC and had provided property, engineering and regulatory services, including planning and licensing, to the Council since September 2012 and was contracted to provide those services until 2027. The Mayor stated that the Council had received assurances from Capita that there would be no disruption to service delivery to the public or the Council and officers would continue to monitor the situation. The Mayor stated that she would advise all Members if there was any change to the current position.

C70/02/18 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

The Chair reminded all Members of the Council of an email from the Head of Law and Governance sent to all Members which set out the position with regard to interests in meetings of the Cabinet/Council that dealt with the Budget proposals.

In relation to a registerable personal interest held where a Member had been appointed by the Authority to an outside body or bodies, dispensations had been granted to allow them to participate and vote at any meeting. Where Members had been granted such dispensations, they were not required to declare these registerable personal interests or the grant of dispensations at this meeting.

A list of the appointments to the Authority's Outside Bodies and dispensations granted to Members in respect of these appointments had been circulated to all Members.

Members who had any further interests were invited to declare them.

The following additional declarations of interest were made in relation to the item below (Minute C71/02/18):

Item 3 – 2018-2020 Financial Planning and Budget Process: Cabinet's Draft Budget and Council Tax Requirement Proposals

Councillor L Miller – non-registerable personal interest – family member is employed by North Tyneside Council and Director at Health watch

Councillor P Oliver – non-registerable personal interest – a family member with specific needs and supported by the North Tyneside Council

C71/02/18 2018-2020 Financial Planning and Budget Process: 2018/19 Budget and Council Tax Requirement Submission to the Authority

The Chair announced that the purpose of the meeting was to enable the Cabinet to submit to Council their proposals for the estimates of amounts for the calculation of the Council Tax requirement for 2018/19. The General Fund Revenue Budget proposals on which

these calculations would be based were submitted to Council in support of these estimates.

The submission of the Cabinet's estimates of amounts for the 2018/19 General Fund Revenue Budget started the Council's process in setting the Council Tax levels.

The Cabinet's proposals were submitted to the meeting but would be moved and seconded at the reconvened Council meeting on 15 February 2018. There was an opportunity for Members to ask questions about the Cabinet's proposals at the meeting.

Between the submission of the proposals to the meeting and the consideration that would take place at the Council meeting on 15 February 2018, Members were able to submit objections to the Cabinet's proposals. Any objections received would be considered at the reconvened meeting on 15 February 2018.

Members were now in receipt of the report containing the Cabinet's proposals in relation to the Council Tax Requirement and 2018/19 General Fund Revenue Budget.

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources introduced the Cabinet's budget proposals.

The Chair invited Members to ask questions on the Cabinet's proposals. It was indicated that questions would be responded to verbally as far as possible at the meeting. However, if there were any questions of a technical nature that could not be answered at the meeting, a written response would be provided to all Members of the Council.

Following the completion of questions on the Cabinet's proposals, the Chair announced that the meeting stood adjourned until 15 February 2018.