

GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, 18 July 2024

PRESENT: THE MAYOR COUNCILLOR K MCCARTNEY (CHAIR)

Councillors: F Geddes, J Adams, V Anderson, R Beadle, L Brand, C Buckley, D Burnett, P Burns, L Caffrey, B Clelland, P Craig, W Dick, S Dickie, P Diston, K Dodds, C Donovan, A Douglas, D Duggan, J Eagle, P Elliott, S Gallagher, M Gannon, A Geddes, J Gibson, T Graham, J Green, S Green, M Hall, K Henderson, H Kelly, L Kirton, P Maughan, J McCoid, J McElroy, J Mohammed, L Moir, R Mullen, B Oliphant, A Ord, C Ord, M Ord, I Patterson, Park, S Potts, D Robson, S Ronchetti, J Simpson, Sowerby, Turnbull, J Turnbull, J Turner, K Walker, J Wallace, D Weatherley, D Welsh and A Wintcher

APOLOGIES: Councillors: M Brain, M Goldsworthy, G Haley, S Hawkins, G Kasfikis, E McMaster, M McNestry and K Wood

CL116 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 23 MAY 2024

COUNCIL RESOLVED:

- (i) That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2024 to be approved as a correct record.

CL117 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

CL118 OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are incredibly saddened to acknowledge the death of Bob Goldsworthy, who was a Councillor for 17 years, elected in 2007.

Councillor Goldsworthy worked in the engineering, constructing, and housing sectors, before pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Combined Studies in Cultural and Social Studies, and afterwards a Post-Graduate Diploma in Housing Management and Social Policy.

As a Councillor, Bob was the Chair of the Planning and Development Committee and a member of:

- Care, Health and Wellbeing OSC;
- Licensing Committee, and;
- Regulatory Committee.

Councillor Goldsworthy entered politics because he believed that the people of

Gateshead deserve the best possible public service provision and that this can only be achieved by getting involved in the decision-making process. His contributions and role as a Councillor have been appreciated by this Council, and we give him our thanks. We also share our sympathies with Councillor Maureen Goldsworthy, and Bob's family and friends.

It is with sadness that I must also inform you that former Councillor and Alderman Malcolm Graham passed away on at the end of May.

Malcolm was elected to the High Fell ward in 1988 and served for 31 years until 2019. Malcolm held the following roles at the Council:

- Chair of Planning Committee – 1995 - 1999
- Vice-Chair of Economic Development Committee – 1990 – 1995
- Cabinet Member 2002 – 2016
- Member of Executive Committee – 1999/2000/01/02
- Member of Policy and Resources Committee – 1991 – 1999

Following his retirement from the Council, Malcolm was made an Honorary Alderman in 2023.

The Mayor announced that within the King's Birthday Honours List 2023 the following people were recognised who live and work within the Borough:

- Vanessa Graham, Head of Commercial Development for the Labour Party, was awarded an MBE for political and public service.
- Jennifer Hartley, Head of Economic Development at Newcastle City Council, has been awarded an MBE for services to businesses and trade.

CL119 PETITIONS

A petition was received from the residents of Chopwell and Rowlands Gill regarding reducing the speed on the A694 in Rowlands Gill. The petition was presented by Councillor Caffrey.

CL120 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions submitted by members of the public

CL121 REVIEW OF CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Considerations were given to seek approval of the Corporate Risk Management Strategy.

COUNCIL RESOLVED:

- i. To approve the Corporate Risk Management Strategy.

CL122 CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2023/24 - YEAR END OUTTURN - CAPITAL MONITORING OUTTURN 2024-24

Considerations were given to a report on the 2023/24 Capital Programme outturn and the monitoring of performance against the statutory prudential indicators.

COUNCIL RESOLVED:

- i. That the Capital Programme Outturn for 2023/24 be noted;
- ii. That the financing of the Capital Programme be approved; and
- iii. That none of the approved prudential indicators set for 2023/24 have been breached.

CL123 REVENUE BUDGET - PROVISIONAL OUTTURN 2023/24

Consideration was given to a report confirming the outturn position on the 2023/24 revenue budget.

COUNCIL RESOLVED:

- i. That the appropriations to and from reserves be approved.

CL124 TREASURY ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24

Considerations were given to a report seeking approval of the Treasury Annual Report 2023/24.

COUNCIL RESOLVED:

- i. That the Treasury Annual Report for 2023/24 be approved.

CL125 NOTICE OF MOTION

There were no motions submitted.

CL126 QUESTIONS

There were no questions received.

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