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**NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON**

**25<sup>th</sup> May, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Shepherd (in the Chair)  
Councillors Barber, Barfield, Beasant, Bolton, Bramley, Brookes, Brown, Burton, Cairns, Chase, Colquhoun, Cracknell, Darby, De Freitas, Dickerson, Fenty, Harness, Hasthorpe, Hudson, Hyldon-King, Jackson, James, Lindley, McGilligan-Fell, Mickleburgh, Oxby, Parkinson, Patrick, Pettigrew, Rogers, Rudd, Shepherd, Shreeve, Stinson, Stockton, Sutton, Walker, Watson, K. Wheatley, P. Wheatley and Wilson.

<b>OFFICERS:</b>	Rob Walsh	Chief Executive
	Simon Jones	Acting Monitoring Officer
	Paul Windley	Democratic and Scrutiny Team Manager

Prior to the meeting commencing, Members stood to observe a minute's silence as a mark of respect for the victims of the recent terror attack in Manchester.

**NEL.5 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reflected on the recent events in Manchester and the need to stand together and remain resolute against terrorism.

**NEL.6 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence for this meeting.

**NEL.7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Stockton declared a personal interest in any matters relating to his role as Vice Chair of Centre 4.

Councillor Darby declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in NEL.14 upon a question being asked on health matters, as an employee of Navigo.

Councillor Rogers declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in NEL.14 upon a question being asked on health matters, as an employee of the Clinical Commissioning Group.

Councillor Shreeve declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in NEL.14 upon a question being asked on health matters, as a non-executive member of the Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust.

Councillor Lindley declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in NEL.14 upon a question being asked on health matters, as an employee of the Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust.

NEL.8 **LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED – That the third year of service of Councillor Oxby as Leader of North East Lincolnshire Council be noted.

NEL.9 **DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBERSHIP**

Council noted a paper setting out the Leader’s choice of Deputy Leader and the Cabinet. The Leader reported that he would be taking portfolio responsibility for stronger communities. He confirmed his appointments and the other portfolio responsibilities as follows:

Deputy Leader	Councillor Watson	Energy and Environment
Portfolio Holder	Councillor Bolton	Safer Communities and Public Protection
Portfolio Holder	Councillor Hyldon-King	Health, Adult Social Care and Well-being
Portfolio Holder	Councillor James	Children and Young People
Portfolio Holder	Councillor Patrick	Finance, Community Assets, Governance and Tourism
Portfolio Holder	Councillor P. Wheatley	Regeneration, Assets, Skills and Housing

NEL.10 **REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION**

The Council considered a report from the Monitoring Officer, setting out amendments and modifications to the Council’s constitutional and governance arrangements for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the Scheme of Delegation, as currently set out in the Constitution and incorporating the proposed changes as set out in Appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be approved for the Municipal Year 2017/18 subject to any

changes required by (i) operation of law or (ii) owing to the direct effect of Cabinet or Committee decisions, in which case authority be delegated to the Monitoring Officer to make such changes, in consultation with the Leader of the Council (in respect of executive arrangements) and the Chair of any relevant Committee or Panel (non executive arrangements) as the case may be.

- (2) That the amendments to the Contract Procedure Rules, as set out in appendix 2 of the report now submitted, be approved.
- (3) That the amended names and terms of reference of the five Scrutiny Panels, as set out in Appendix 3 of the report now submitted, be approved.
- (4) That the amendment to the terms of reference of the Appointments Committee, as set out at Appendix 4 of the report now submitted, be approved.
- (5) That the revised Employees' Code of Conduct, as set out at Appendix 5 of the report now submitted, be approved subject to any minor amendments arising from the stakeholder review.
- (6) That authority be delegated to the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Group Leaders, to make any amendments of a minor nature to the Constitution.

NEL.11

### **MEETINGS TIMETABLE 2017/2018**

The Council considered a proposed schedule of meetings of the Council, its Cabinet and Committees and Panels for the Municipal Year 2017-2018.

The Leader moved the schedule of meetings with an amendment that all scrutiny panel meetings commence at 6.30 p.m. in order to promote inclusivity. This was seconded by Councillor Watson.

The amendment was debated and put to the vote. The amendment was defeated by 19 votes to 22.

Councillor Jackson moved a further amendment that at the first meeting of the scrutiny panels there be a discussion and vote on the timing of their own panel for the remainder of the Municipal Year and that there be further consultation among the political groups of the Council about the timing of meetings in the following Municipal Year. This was seconded by Councillor Fenty and, upon a vote, carried.

The amended Motion, being the new substantive Motion, was then put to the vote by the Mayor and it was:

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the meetings of the Council and its Committees for the ensuing Municipal Year as set out in the schedule now submitted be approved, subject to there be a discussion and vote at the first scrutiny panel meetings on the timing of individual panels for the remainder of the Municipal Year.
- (2) That there be further consultation among the political groups of the Council about the timing of meetings in the 2018/19 Municipal Year.

NEL.12 **COMMITTEE AND PANEL MEMBERSHIP**

The Council considered a schedule allocating seats on the Council's Committees and Panels for the Municipal Year 2017-2018. Nominations to the role of Chair (and Deputy Chair where appropriate) for each Committee and Panel were also considered.

Voting took place on contested nominations for the chairmanship of the following Committees and Panels:

RESOLVED - That appointments of the Chairs and Deputy Chairs and to the seats on the Committees and Panels of the Council be agreed as set out in the schedule now submitted, including the Leader of the Council's appointments to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

NEL.13 **REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

The Council considered a schedule setting out representation on Outside Bodies for 2017-2018.

The Mayor reported that since the schedule had been circulated, the nominations of Councillor Dickerson for the Care Plus Council of Governors, Councillor Bolton for the Grimsby and Cleethorpes Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee, and Councillor Darby for the NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors had been withdrawn. The Mayor put the remaining nominations to the vote, as set out, and it was:

RESOLVED - That the Schedule of Representation on Outside Bodies for 2017-2018 now submitted be approved, subject to the withdrawal of the nominations referred to above.

NEL.14 **ANNUAL REVIEW OF SCRUTINY FOR 2016/2017**

The Council considered a report from the Statutory Scrutiny Officer reviewing the work undertaken by Scrutiny in 2016-17 and the planned work programme for 2017-18.

Councillor P. Wheatley enquired how the Health Scrutiny Panel had monitored the performance of the Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust and whether it had expressed concerns over the inadequate performance.

Councillor Dickerson, Chair of the Health Scrutiny Panel, confirmed how monitoring had been undertaken and that the panel's concerns were expressed to the trust via its representatives who had attended the panel meetings. She offered to provide copies of agendas and minutes as evidence.

RESOLVED - That the Annual Report of Scrutiny be received and noted.

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.