#### DONCASTER METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

#### ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

#### 22ND MAY, 2015

The ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING was held at the MANSION HOUSE, DONCASTER, on FRIDAY, 22ND MAY, 2015 at 10.30 a.m.

#### PRESENT:

Chair - Pat Haith Vice-Chair - Paul Wray Mayor - Ros Jones Deputy Mayor - Councillor Glyn Jones

#### FOR ITEMS 1 TO 5 (PART 1)

Councillors Nick Allen, Nigel Ball, Iris Beech, Joe Blackham, Rachael Blake, Elsie Butler, Bev Chapman, Phil Cole, Tony Corden, Jane Cox, Steve Cox, Jessie Credland, Linda Curran, George Derx, Susan Durant, Nuala Fennelly, Neil Gethin, Sean Gibbons, James Hart, John Healy, Rachel Hodson, Charlie Hogarth, Sandra Holland, Mark Houlbrook, Eva Hughes, Alan Jones, Jane Kidd, Majid Khan, Jane Kidd, Pat Knight, Sue Knowles, Chris McGuinness, Sue McGuinness, John McHale, Bill Mordue, John Mounsey, David Nevett, Jane Nightingale, Andy Pickering, Tony Revill, Kevin Rodgers, Craig Sahman, Dave Shaw, Alan Smith, Clive Stone and Sue Wilkinson.

#### APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from the following Members for Items 1 to 5 (Part 1) of the meeting:-

Councillors John Cooke, R. Allan Jones, Ken Keegan, Ted Kitchen, Cynthia Ransome and Austen White.

#### FOR ITEMS 6 TO 18 (PART 2) – COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICE, WATERDALE

Councillors Nick Allen, Nigel Ball, Iris Beech, Joe Blackham, Rachael Blake, Elsie Butler, Bev Chapman, Phil Cole, John Cooke, Tony Corden, Jane Cox, Steve Cox, Jessie Credland, Linda Curran, George Derx, Susan Durant, Nuala Fennelly, Neil Gethin, Sean Gibbons, James Hart, John Healy, Rachel Hodson, Charlie Hogarth, Sandra Holland, Mark Houlbrook, Eva Hughes, Alan Jones, Ken Keegan, Majid Khan, Jane Kidd, Ted Kitchen, Pat Knight, Sue Knowles, Chris McGuinness, Sue McGuinness, John McHale, Bill Mordue, John Mounsey, David Nevett, Jane Nightingale, Andy Pickering, Tony Revill, Kevin Rodgers, Craig Sahman, Dave Shaw, Alan Smith, Clive Stone, Austen White, Sue Wilkinson and Jonathan Wood.

#### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from the following Members for Items 6 to 18 (Part 2) of the meeting:-

Councillors R. Allan Jones and Cynthia Ransome.

1. PRAYERS

Prior to the commencement of formal business, Elected Members, Officers and members of the public, were led in prayer by the Reverend David Stevens.

#### 2. <u>RECENT DEATH OF FORMER COUNCILLORS STEVE JUDGE, MAUREEN</u> <u>MUDDIMAN AND JACK MEREDITH</u>

Elected Members, Officers and members of the public, observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect and remembrance in relation to the recent deaths of former Councillors Steve Judge, Maureen Muddiman and Jack Meredith, who passed away on 13th and 14th March, and 16th May, 2015, respectively.

#### 3. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

On behalf of the Council, the Chair of Council, Councillor Pat Haith, welcomed all newly elected Members who were attending their first meeting of the Council and to all those who were re-elected on the 7th May, 2015. The Chair also extended a warm welcome to all guests present at the meeting.

In addition, the Chair thanked the Reverend David Stevens for saying prayers.

#### 4. ELECTION OF CHAIR OF COUNCIL

It was MOVED by Councillor Jane Kidd and SECONDED by Councillor Sue Knowles, that Councillor Paul Wray be elected as Chair of Council of Doncaster Metropolitan Borough for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

On being put to the meeting, the Motion was declared CARRIED.

<u>RESOLVED</u> that Councillor Paul Wray be and is hereby elected, Chair of Council for Doncaster Metropolitan Borough, for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

The Chair of Council made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

#### 5. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR OF COUNCIL

It was MOVED by Councillor Glyn Jones and SECONDED by Councillor Tony Revill, that Councillor David Nevett be elected as Vice-Chair of Council of Doncaster Metropolitan Borough for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

On being put to the meeting, the Motion was declared CARRIED.

<u>RESOLVED</u> that Councillor David Nevett be and is hereby elected, Vice-Chair of Council for Doncaster Metropolitan Borough, for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

The Chair of Council then announced a 15 minute recess for exchanging robes and determined that the meeting would reconvene at 11.05 a.m.

#### 6. <u>PRESENTATION OF BADGES TO THE RETIRING CHAIR OF COUNCIL AND</u> <u>CONSORT</u>

On behalf of the Council, Roger Harvey, Assistant Director of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer, presented badges to the retiring Chair of Council and her Consort.

#### 7. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING CHAIR OF COUNCIL

It was MOVED by Councillor Pat Knight and SECONDED by Councillor Linda Curran, that the Council place on record its thanks and appreciation to Councillor Pat Haith for the manner in which she had fulfilled the Office of Chair of Council, during the past year.

Councillor Pat Haith suitably responded and thanked Councillors Pat Knight and Linda Curran for their support over the past year. She expressed thanks to the staff in Member Support, in particular, Kay Marelli, Mandy Bingham and Paul Lawson, for their valued support over the year. Councillor Haith also expressed her gratitude to the Junior Civic Mayor, Mai Hurley, who had been a credit to her parents, Rosedale School and the children of Doncaster.

Councillor Haith recalled some of the memorable highlights from her year in office and spoke of how she had been overwhelmed by the generosity and commitment by the Voluntary Groups she had visited. Councillor Haith also expressed thanks to her husband Alan Haith, who had been her Consort and also thanked her sister, Linda Rodgers, who had stood in for the Consort at certain events throughout the year. Councillor Haith thanked everyone who had attended and supported her charities by donating prizes and attending events in particular, she gave thanks to Councillor Eva Hughes for her support. To conclude, Councillor Haith wished Councillor Paul Wray and his Consort, every success for the future.

#### 8. CHAIR OF COUNCIL'S INAUGURAL SPEECH

The Chair of Council, Councillor Paul Wray, delivered his inaugural speech.

"Good afternoon, fellow Members, Ladies and Gentlemen.

To begin, I would like to offer my congratulations and gratitude to Pat and Alan for all their hard work throughout a very successful year.

I would like to acknowledge Councillor Jane Kidd and Councillor Sue Knowles for proposing and seconding me for Chair of Council, and I would also like to say how much I appreciate the support that my family and colleagues have given me in getting me to this point today. In particular, I would like to say thank you to my dear friend Liz Marsden, who will be my Mayoress for this year. I'm not sure if she knows what she's letting herself in for, but I know that she is passionate about her forthcoming role and will do me proud. I understand that she has been invited to the Royal Garden Party. I need to up my game.

I have decided to support charities that are for the benefit of the residents of Doncaster. My first charity will be Doncaster Cancer Detection Trust. I am supporting the current appeal to raise funds to buy vital scanning equipment that will save local lives. I was in hospital a few years ago, so this is a charity I want to support.

I would also like to support the youngest members of our community and so I will be raising funds for Home-Start; a local charity supporting parents to give their children the best possible start in life. Home-Start Doncaster was established in 1984. They are a charity that offers support, friendship and practical help to parents with young children in Doncaster. It's a unique service which recruits and trains volunteers who are usually parents themselves, to visit families with at least one child under the age of 5, at home to offer informal, friendly and confidential support. So I hope that everyone here today will support them.

It is a great honour that you have bestowed upon me today and I aim to do my best in representing Doncaster throughout my time as Civic Mayor."

The Chair of Council then announced a recess and determined that the meeting would reconvene at 1.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Civic Office, Waterdale, Doncaster, to consider the remaining items of business.

#### 9. SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 25.1

The Chair referred to the requirement within Council Procedure Rules for Members to stand and address the meeting through the Chair, which had dated back to the Mansion House and the days before the new Council Chamber Audio system.

The Chair announced that there were a number of Members who had some difficulties standing to address the Chamber during Full Council meetings and that the Council Procedure Rule requiring Members to stand was now unnecessary. Subsequently, Members were informed that it was intended to submit a report to the next meeting of Council, proposing to change this requirement on a permanent basis.

However, pending consideration of this report, the Chair Moved that in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 27.1, (Suspension and Amendment of Council Procedure Rules) Council Procedure Rule 25.1, be suspended to allow Members to remain seated whilst speaking.

The Motion was Seconded by Councillor Jane Nightingale.

On being put to the meeting, the Motion proposed by the Chair of Council, Councillor Paul Wray, was declared CARRIED.

<u>RESOLVED</u> that Council Procedure Rule 25.1, be suspended to allow Members to remain seated whilst speaking.

#### 10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at the meeting.

#### 11. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3RD MARCH, 2015

<u>RESOLVED</u> that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 3rd March, 2015, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### 12. <u>TO RECEIVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR OF COUNCIL, THE</u> <u>MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE CABINET OR THE HEAD OF THE PAID</u> <u>SERVICE</u>

No announcements were made at the meeting.

#### 13. <u>RESULTS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY GENERAL, BOROUGH COUNCIL AND</u> <u>PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS HELD ON 7TH MAY 2015</u>

The Council considered a report which advised Members of the results of the Parliamentary General, Borough Council and Parish Council Elections held on Thursday, 7th May 2015.

<u>RESOLVED</u> that the report on the results of the Parliamentary General, Borough Council and Parish Council Elections held on 7th May, 2015, be noted.

# 14. <u>NOTIFICATION BY THE ELECTED MAYOR OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE AND THE ELECTED MAYOR'S SCHEME OF DELEGATIONS</u>

The Mayor of Doncaster, Ros Jones, informed the Council of the composition of her Cabinet and Portfolio Holder responsibilities of her Cabinet Members.

The Mayor stated that she would continue to take on the remit of the Budget and Policy Framework and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Glyn Jones, would take responsibility for Adult Social Care and Equalities.

Councillor Joe Blackham would oversee Regeneration and Transportation and Councillor Nuala Fennelly would hold the Portfolio for Children, Young People and Schools.

Councillor Pat Knight would hold the Portfolio for Public Health and Wellbeing and Councillor Bill Mordue would oversee Business, Skills, Tourism and Culture.

Councillor Sandra Holland would take responsibility for Housing and the Environment and Councillor Chris McGuinness would hold the Portfolio for Communities and the Voluntary Sector.

To conclude, Councillor Tony Corden would hold the Portfolio for Customer, Corporate and Trading Services.

<u>RESOLVED</u> that the revisions to the composition and Portfolio remits of the Mayor's Cabinet, be noted.

#### 15. <u>CHANGES TO (STANDING ORDERS) (ENGLAND) (AMENDMENT)</u> <u>REGULATIONS 2015</u>

The Monitoring Officer, Roger Harvey, left the meeting during consideration of this item and the following agenda item. The Deputy Monitoring Officer, Scott Fawcus, presented a report which informed Members of the changes to the procedure when dealing with the disciplining and dismissal of the Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service), Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer) and Monitoring Officer, as set out in the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015.

It was reported that there were specific policies in place for the disciplining and dismissal of the Council's Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer. Such processes were set out in law and must be followed. The current position was that disciplinary action could not be taken unless a report had been prepared by a Designated Independent Person (usually referred to as a DIP). The Government had considered the DIP process to be over-lengthy and expensive and therefore, had introduced a new process which it required Local Authorities to adopt at their first meeting after the Elections in May.

Members were informed that the new Regulations, as contained within the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) (Regulations) 2015, had removed the DIP process and that disciplinary matters would now be considered by a Council Panel which must contain at least 2 Independent Persons. It was therefore proposed that the Council's Chief Officers' Investigatory Sub-Committee would carry out this duty. In the event that the Sub-Committee considered that dismissal should occur, Full Council would be asked to approve the recommendations put forward by the Sub-Committee.

It was further reported that the Regulations set out the criteria for the appointment of Independent Persons. The Council currently had one appointed Independent Person, Phil Beavers, who had been appointed under the Members' Code of Conduct regime, who had agreed to take on this role. A further Independent person would be required to fulfil this requirement.

Council was asked to note and approve the revised Standing Orders, as attached at Appendix A to the report.

<u>RESOLVED</u> that the changes to Standing Orders (i.e. Employment Procedure Rules) in Section 8 of Part 4, paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Council's Constitution, in respect of disciplinary action against the Head of Paid Service, the Monitoring Officer and Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer), as set out in Appendix A, be approved.

#### 16. <u>COMMITTEES' AND SUB-COMMITTEES' - TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR</u> 2014/15

The Council considered a report which sought the Council's approval to the proposed revisions to the Terms of Reference of some Committees and Sub-Committees, for the 2015/16 Municipal Year, for the discharge of functions.

In light of operational experience during the current year and as a consequence of legislative requirements, it was proposed to make minor revisions to the Terms of Reference of the Audit Committee, Chief Officers' Appointments Committee, Chief Officers' Investigatory Sub-Committee, Chief Officers' Appeals Committee, Joint Safety Committee and the Health and Wellbeing Board, which were set out within Paragraph 7 and Appendix A to the report.

Council was asked to support the recommendations outlined in paragraph 2 of the report, which aimed at ensuring that the Terms of Reference were 'fit for purpose' for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

Whilst welcoming the revisions made to the Terms of Reference of Committees, the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Glyn Jones, held the view that the amendments proposed to the service responsibilities of the Joint Safety Committee were unnecessary. Therefore, Councillor Glyn Jones Moved that they remain unchanged. This proposal was Seconded by Councillor Charlie Hogarth.

#### RESOLVED that

- (1) for the reasons set out at paragraphs 7(a), (b) and (d) of the report, the proposed revisions to the Terms of Reference of the following Committees, as set out at Appendix A to the report, be approved, subject to the Terms of Reference of the Joint Safety Committee remaining unchanged;
  - (i) Audit Committee;
  - (ii) Chief Officers' Appointments Committee;
  - (iii) Chief Officers' Investigatory Sub-Committee;
  - (iv) Chief Officers' Appeals Committee; and
  - (v) Health and Wellbeing Board.

- (2) it be noted that the existing Terms of Reference for all other Committees and Sub-Committees, as set out within Part 3 of the Constitution, remain unchanged; and
- (3) it be noted that the Constitution will be updated to reflect any revisions to the Terms of Reference agreed at this meeting.

#### 17. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT 1989 - REVIEW OF THE ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES

The Council considered a report which proposed the allocation of seats on Committees and Sub-Committees of the Council, having regard to political balance in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, following the Borough Council Elections held on 7th May, 2015.

The Council was also advised of adjustments necessary to reflect a best proportionate fit in accordance with the principles of proportionality, as set out within paragraph 25 of the report.

It was reported that following the dispatch of the agenda papers, a list of Political Group nominations for the appointment of Members to serve on Committees, Sub-Committees and Scrutiny Panels, had been tabled at the meeting, which outlined nominations received from Group Leaders.

The Council was also requested to make appointments and co-options to other Committees of the Council, not subject to the requirement for proportional balance.

Members noted that the proposed allocation of seats set out in the report, was based on:-

| Committee/Sub-Committee                          |    |
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|  |    |
| Planning Committee                               | 11 |
| Elections and Democratic Structures Committee    | 11 |
| Chief Officers' Appointments Committee           | 11 |
| Awards, Grants and Transport (Appeals) Committee | 7  |
| Audit Committee                                  | 5  |
| Chief Officers' Appeals Committee                | 5  |
| Employee Relations Disputes Resolution Committee | 5  |
| Chief Officers' Investigatory Sub-Committee      | 5  |
| Total  | 60 |

(i) Proportionality being applied to the Committees/Sub-Committees shown in the table below based on the membership indicated:-

 Proportionality would not apply to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee or the four Overview and Scrutiny Standing Panels, in order to maximise cross-party representation;

- (iii) the Licensing Committee, set up under the Licensing Act 2003, need not be politically proportionate. However, in seeking nominations from Group Leaders onto these 14 seats, these had been sought in proportion to the overall composition on the Council. The appointment of Licensing Sub-Committees to conduct hearings under Section 10 of the Licensing Act 2003, was a statutory function reserved by the Act to the statutory Licensing Committee. Accordingly, it was a matter for the Licensing Committee to appoint these Sub-Committees and to schedule any required meetings; and
- (iv) Proportionality would not apply to the Health and Wellbeing Board in accordance with legislative requirements.

Councillor James Hart drew Members attention to an amendment to page 8 of the Conservative Group's nominations in relation to the Regeneration and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Panel, as set out at page 8 of the Group Nominations List for the allocations of seats on Committees and Sub-Committees, a copy of which had been provided to Members in the Chamber, in that Councillor R. Allan Jones be replaced by Councillor Alan Smith.

#### RESOLVED that

- (1) seats on Committees and Sub-Committees, be allocated as set out in the table at paragraph 25 of the report, subject to the adjustments detailed below:-
  - (a) the Conservative Group lose one seat on each of the following Committees:-
    - Elections and Democratic Structures Committee (Councillor R. Allan Jones)
    - Chief Officers' Appointments Committee (Councillor Cynthia Ransome, Substitute, Councillor Jonathan Wood)
  - (b) the Mexborough First Group lose one seat on the Awards, Grants and Transport (Appeals) Committee;
- (2) as a consequence of the loss of the 3 seats at (1) above, two seats be allocated to the UKIP Group and one seat to the Independent Member, Councillor John Cooke, as follows:-
  - (a) UKIP Group:-
    - Awards, Grants and Transport (Appeals) Committee (Councillor Clive Stone)
    - Elections and Democratic Structures Committee (Councillor Clive Stone)

- (b) Councillor John Cooke
  - Chief Officers' Appointments Committee
- (3) the membership of Committees and Sub-Committees for 2015/16 including, substitute provision in respect of the Chief Officers' Appointments Committee, the Chief Officers' Appeals Committee and the Employee Relations Disputes Resolution Committee, be as set out in the schedule attached to these minutes at Appendix A (pages AA.1 to AA.9) in accordance with the wishes of Political Groups;
- (4) it be noted that in appointing Members to the Audit Committee in accordance with CIPFA guidance, any Member appointed to Cabinet should not be a member of the Audit Committee;
- (5) the requirement to include an Executive Member on the Chief Officers Appointments Committee, be noted;
- (6) for the reasons referred to in paragraph 8(iii) of the report, the rules of proportionality do not apply to the Licensing Committee;
- the membership of the Licensing Committee be as set out in the schedule attached to these minutes at Appendix B (page AA.10);
- the membership of the Joint Safety Committee, the Parish Councils' Joint Consultative Committee and the Member Development Working Group, be as set out in the schedule attached to these minutes at Appendix C (pages AA.11 to AA.12);
- (9) the addition of the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Adult Social Care and a representative from South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue, be incorporated within the membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board, as detailed at paragraphs 53 to 55 of the report and as set out in the schedule attached to these minutes at Appendix C (page AA. 12);
- (10) the appointments of John Hoare, as the Church of England representative and Damien Thorpe, as the Roman Catholic representative on the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Panel and on the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, where they are considering issues relating to education matters, be endorsed;
- (11) future appointments made during the course of the year to any of the Co-opted Member vacancies, be determined by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee;

- (12) the appointment of workforce representatives as non-voting invitees onto the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and the Standing Panels, as detailed at paragraphs 44 to 45 of the report and as set out in the schedule attached to these minutes at Appendix A (pages AA.1 to AA.4) be approved;
- (13) the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee appoint as necessary, any further non-voting invitees to its membership or the membership of the Standing Panels during the course of the year, should it deem necessary; and
- (14) the Council reaffirms that future reviews on the proportional allocation of seats on Committees and Sub-Committees, be limited to the Annual Meeting and if appropriate, a mid-point in the year.

#### 18. <u>APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES AND</u> <u>SUB-COMMITTEES</u>

Members considered a revised list of Political Group nominations for the appointment of Members to serve as Chairs and Vice-Chairs on Committees, Sub-Committees and Scrutiny Panels, which outlined amendments received from Group Leaders, that had been tabled at the meeting following the despatch of the agenda papers.

<u>RESOLVED</u> that the Chair and Vice-Chair of Committees and Sub-Committees for the 2015/16 Municipal Year, be as follows:-

| <u>Committee</u>  | <u>Chair</u>             | <u>Vice-Chair</u>           |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Overview and Scrutiny<br>Management Committee               | Councillor John Mounsey  | Councillor Jane Nightingale |
| Children and Young People's<br>Overview and Scrutiny Panel  | Councillor Rachel Hodson | Councillor Neil Gethin      |
| Community and Environment<br>Overview and Scrutiny Panel    | Councillor Jane Kidd     | Councillor Jane Cox         |
| Health and Adult Social Care<br>Overview and Scrutiny Panel | Councillor Tony Revill   | Councillor Cynthia Ransome  |
| Regeneration and Housing<br>Overview and Scrutiny Panel     | Councillor Craig Sahman  | Councillor Kevin Rodgers    |
| Planning Committee  | Councillor Iris Beech    | Councillor Dave Shaw        |
| Elections and Democratic<br>Structures Committee            | Councillor Phil Cole     | Councillor James Hart       |

| <u>Committee</u>                                    | <u>Chair</u>   | <u>Vice-Chair</u>  |
|---|--|--|
| Chief Officers' Appointments<br>Committee           | Councillor Sandra Holland  | Councillor Glyn Jones  |
| Awards, Grants and Transport (Appeals) Committee    | Councillor Susan Knowles   | Councillor Linda Curran  |
| Audit Committee                                     | Councillor Austen White  | Councillor R. Allan Jones  |
| Chief Officers' Appeals<br>Committee                | Councillor Linda Curran  | Councillor Craig Sahman  |
| Employee Relations Disputes<br>Resolution Committee | Councillor Charlie Hogarth   | Councillor Sue Knowles   |
| Chief Officers' Investigatory<br>Sub-Committee      | Councillor Bill Mordue   | Councillor John Mounsey  |
| Licensing Committee                                 | Councillor Ken Keegan  | Councillor Linda Curran  |
| Health and Wellbeing Board                          | Councillor Pat Knight<br>Portfolio Holder responsible<br>for Public Health | To be appointed at the first<br>meeting of the Health &<br>Wellbeing Board |

#### 19. <u>DIARY OF MEETINGS – 2015/16 (Minute No. 94 – 3rd March, 2015)</u>

Further to the above Minute, the Council considered a report which outlined the finalised diary of meetings for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

At its meeting on 3rd March, 2015, the Council considered a report outlining a proposed Diary of Meetings for 2015/16, upon which comments were sought and these were now reflected in the schedule, attached at Appendix A.

Members were asked to note that as of last year, the frequency of Council meetings had been retained at six, with evening meetings starting at 6.00pm being held in the months of July and September.

In addition, in order to comply with statutory requirements for agreeing the Council Budget and setting the Council Tax, it was proposed to hold one meeting of Council in March, 2016. Meetings had been kept to a minimum during peak holiday periods in late July/August and over the Christmas period.

A schedule of Cabinet Meetings approved by the Mayor of Doncaster, had been incorporated in the Diary of Meetings. The dates for Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee meetings had been diarised to ensure that they synchronised with the budget setting process and coincided with the publication of the quarterly Performance and Improvement reports, to be considered in a timely manner.

#### RESOLVED that

- (1) the proposed Diary of Meetings for the 2015/16 Municipal Year, attached at Appendix A to the report, be approved; and
- (2) the schedule of Cabinet meetings as determined by the Mayor of Doncaster, be noted.

#### 20. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2015/16

The Council considered a report which sought the appointment of Members to the schedule of Outside Bodies for the 2015/16 Municipal Year, as set out in the revised list detailed within Appendices A and B to the report, which had been tabled at the meeting.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Glyn Jones, proposed an amendment to the Council appointments to Outside Bodies in respect of the Doncaster and District Deaf Society, in that Councillor Sue Wilkinson, be replaced by Councillor Sue Knowles.

In addition, it was Moved by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Glyn Jones and Seconded by the Mayor of Doncaster, Ros Jones, that Members appointed to the South Yorkshire Pensions Authority (SYPA) were required to attend mandatory training in order to ensure that they were fully aware of their obligations to be able to perform their role and for those Members who had not attended the mandatory training, they be removed from the SYPA.

On being put to the meeting, the Motion proposed by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Glyn Jones, was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED that

- the appointments to Outside Bodies in accordance with the nomination lists, as set out in the revised Appendix A to the report, be approved subject to the replacement of Councillor Sue Wilkinson with Councillor Sue Knowles on the Doncaster and District Deaf Society;
- (2) should any vacancies remain on the schedule of appointments to Outside Bodies, the relevant Group Leader contact the Monitoring Officer following the meeting, to confirm details of the appointment(s), and that details of such appointments be reported to the next available Council meeting; and
- (3) Members appointed onto the South Yorkshire Pensions Authority, be required to attend mandatory training and that failure to do so, would result in that Member being removed.

#### 21. AUDIO AND VISUAL RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Council considered a report which sought approval for the future audio and visual recording of Full Council meetings and the Annual Council Meeting, and the creation of a record of the proceedings to be retained as a source of reference.

Members noted that a number of requests had recently been made to investigate the possibilities of audio visual recording of Council meetings. At present, there was no legal requirement for the Council to record the proceedings of Council meetings. In keeping with the Government's openness agenda and to ensure there was an accurate record of decisions and debate, it was proposed to retain and provide an audio visual recording of the meeting accessible through the Council's Website which was the most cost effective option and allowed Council to consider at a later date, if it wished to consider live webcasting.

It was noted that the current Chamber Management System could be upgraded and modified to allow for both webcasting and audio visual recording.

Members were informed that the recordings were intended to be made accessible to the public as a true record of proceedings, but there could be occasions where exempt items were discussed or sensitive dialogue or comments were made, which would be omitted from the version uploaded to the Council's website, but the Council would retain the unedited version. Any editing of recordings to ensure they were suitable and appropriate for viewing via the Council's website, would be made subject to the agreement of the Monitoring Officer. Any links to audio visual recordings would remain accessible on the website for a period of 12 months. The minutes from these meetings, which formed a true and official record of proceedings and decisions, would continue to be retained on the Council's Website and Intranet on the new Committee Management System.

#### RESOLVED that

- (1) the audio and visual recording of Council meetings be implemented with effect from September 2015;
- audio and visual recordings of Council meetings be made accessible and available on the Council's Website following the meeting;
- (3) any editing of recordings to ensure the recordings are suitable and appropriate for viewing via the Council's website and editing thereof, be agreed by the Monitoring Officer; and
- (4) a further report be submitted to Council within the current Municipal Year, reporting back on the implementation of these arrangements together with any associated protocols and to consider whether Members would wish to implement arrangements for webcasting.

# OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - 8

|              | COUNCILLOR                  |
|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Labour       | Councillor Craig Sahman     |
|              | Councillor Rachel Hodson    |
|              | Councillor Jane Kidd        |
|              | Councillor Jane Nightingale |
|              | Councillor John Mounsey     |
|              | Councillor Tony Revill      |
| Conservative | Councillor R. Allan Jones   |
| Independent  | Councillor John Cooke       |
| Invitee      | Paul O-Brien (GMB)          |

# CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL - 9

|                  | COUNCILLOR  |  |
|------------------|---|--|
| Labour           | Councillor Nigel Ball   |  |
|                  | Councillor Neil Gethin  |  |
|                  | Councillor Rachel Hodson  |  |
|                  | Councillor Alan Jones   |  |
|                  | Councillor Sue McGuinness   |  |
|                  | Councillor Sue Wilkinson  |  |
| Conservative     | Councillor Nick Allen   |  |
|                  | Councillor James Hart   |  |
| Mexborough First | Councillor Bev Chapman  |  |
| Co-optees        | Nomination being sought<br>(Parent Governor Secondary Sector)     |  |
|                  | Nomination being sought<br>(Parent Governor Primary Sector)       |  |
|                  | Nomination being sought<br>(Parent Governor Special Needs Sector) |  |
|                  | John Hoare<br>(Diocese of Sheffield Church of England)            |  |
|                  | Damien Thorpe<br>(Diocese of Hallam Roman Catholic Church)        |  |
| Invitees         | Jim Board (Unison)  |  |

# COMMUNITIY AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL - 9

|              | COUNCILLOR                 |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| Labour       | Councillor Iris Beech      |
|              | Councillor Susan Durant    |
|              | Councillor Mark Houlbrook  |
|              | Councillor Ken Keegan      |
|              | Councillor Majid Khan      |
|              | Councillor Jane Kidd       |
| Conservative | Councillor Jane Cox        |
|              | Councillor Cynthia Ransome |
| UKIP         | Councillor Clive Stone     |
| Invitees     | Tom Fent (Unison)          |

## HEALTH & ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL - 9

|                  | COUNCILLOR                 |
|------------------|----------------------------|
| Labour           | Councillor Rachael Blake   |
|                  | Councillor Elsie Butler    |
|                  | Councillor Linda Curran    |
|                  | Councillor George Derx     |
|                  | Councillor Dave Nevett     |
|                  | Councillor Tony Revill     |
| Conservative     | Councillor Cynthia Ransome |
| Mexborough First | Councillor Sean Gibbons    |
| UKIP             | Councillor Jessie Credland |
| Invitee          | Lorna Foster (Unison)      |

## **REGENERATION & HOUSING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL - 9**

|              | COUNCILLOR                 |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| Labour       | Councillor John Healy      |
|              | Councillor Charlie Hogarth |
|              | Councillor Eva Hughes      |
|              | Councillor Ted Kitchen     |
|              | Councillor Kevin Rodgers   |
|              | Councillor Craig Sahman    |
| Conservative | Councillor Alan Smith      |
|              | Councillor Jonathan Wood   |
| UKIP         | Councillor Clive Stone     |
| Invitees     | Paul Smillie (Unite)       |

# PLANNING COMMITTEE - 11

|                  | COUNCILLOR                |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| Labour           | Councillor Iris Beech     |
|                  | Councillor George Derx    |
|                  | Councillor Susan Durant   |
|                  | Councillor John Healy     |
|                  | Councillor Eva Hughes     |
|                  | Councillor Alan Jones     |
|                  | Councillor Sue McGuinness |
|                  | Councillor Dave Shaw      |
| Conservative     | Councillor Alan Smith     |
|                  | Councillor Jonathan Wood  |
| Mexborough First | Councillor Andy Pickering |

# ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURES COMMITTEE - 11

|                  | COUNCILLOR                  |
|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Labour           | Councillor Phil Cole        |
|                  | Councillor Pat Haith        |
|                  | Councillor Charlie Hogarth  |
|                  | Councillor Majid Khan       |
|                  | Councillor John McHale      |
|                  | Councillor Jane Nightingale |
|                  | Councillor Kevin Rodgers    |
|                  | Councillor Sue Wilkinson    |
| Conservative     | Councillor James Hart       |
| Mexborough First | Councillor Sean Gibbons     |
| UKIP             | Councillor Clive Stone      |

# CHIEF OFFICERS' APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - 11

|                  | COUNCILLOR                | SUBSTITUTES                 |
|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Labour           | Councillor Nuala Fennelly | Councillor Nigel Ball       |
|                  | Councillor Pat Haith      | Councillor Neil Gethin      |
|                  | Councillor Sandra Holland | Councillor John Healy       |
|                  | Councillor Mark Houlbrook | Councillor Jane Kidd        |
|                  | Councillor Glyn Jones     | Councillor Jane Nightingale |
|                  | Councillor Majid Khan     | Councillor Tony Revill      |
|                  | Councillor Pat Knight     | Councillor Chris McGuinness |
|                  | Councillor Bill Mordue    | Councillor Sue Wilkinson    |
| Conservative     | Councillor Nick Allen     | Councillor James Hart       |
| Mexborough First | Councillor Andy Pickering | Councillor Bev Chapman      |
| Independent      | Councillor John Cooke     | -                           |

\* Substitutes to be called from the pool listed above for each respective Political Group.

# AWARDS, GRANTS AND TRANSPORT (APPEALS) COMMITTEE - 7

|              | COUNCILLOR              |
|--------------|-------------------------|
| Labour       | Councillor Linda Curran |
|              | Councillor Neil Gethin  |
|              | Councillor Ken Keegan   |
|              | Councillor Sue Knowles  |
|              | Councillor Dave Shaw    |
| Conservative | Councillor Jane Cox     |
| UKIP         | Councillor Clive Stone  |

## AUDIT COMMITTEE - 5

|              | COUNCILLOR                |
|--------------|---------------------------|
| Labour       | Councillor Susan Durant   |
|              | Councillor John Healy     |
|              | Councillor Alan Jones     |
|              | Councillor Austen White   |
| Conservative | Councillor R. Allan Jones |

## CHIEF OFFICERS' APPEALS COMMITTEE - 5

|              | COUNCILLOR               | <u>SUBSTITUTE</u>         |
|--------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Labour       | Councillor Nigel Ball    | Councillor Joe Blackham   |
|              | Councillor Linda Curran  | Councillor Tony Corden    |
|              | Councillor Eva Hughes    | Councillor Pat Haith      |
|              | Councillor Craig Sahman  | Councillor Sue McGuinness |
| Conservative | Councillor Jonathan Wood | Councillor James Hart     |

\* Substitutes to be called from the pool listed above for each respective Political Group.

## **EMPLOYEE RELATIONS DISPUTES RESOLUTION COMMITTEE - 5**

|              | COUNCILLOR                 | <u>SUBSTITUTE</u>        |
|--------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Labour       | Councillor Susan Durant    | Councillor Elsie Butler  |
|              | Councillor Charlie Hogarth | Councillor George Derx   |
|              | Councillor Sue Knowles     | Councillor Rachel Hodson |
|              | Councillor David Nevett    | Councillor Kevin Rodgers |
| Conservative | Councillor Nick Allen      | Councillor Jonathan Wood |

\* Substitutes to be called from the pool listed above for each respective Political Group.

# CHIEF OFFICERS' INVESTIGATORY SUB-COMMITTEE - 5

|              | COUNCILLOR               |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| Labour       | Councillor Nigel Ball    |
|              | Councillor Rachael Blake |
|              | Councillor Bill Mordue   |
|              | Councillor John Mounsey  |
| Conservative | Councillor Jane Cox      |

## **LICENSING COMMITTEE - 14**

|                  | COUNCILLOR                 |
|------------------|----------------------------|
| Labour           | Councillor Iris Beech      |
|                  | Councillor Rachael Blake   |
|                  | Councillor Elsie Butler    |
|                  | Councillor Linda Curran    |
|                  | Councillor Neil Gethin     |
|                  | Councillor Charlie Hogarth |
|                  | Councillor Ken Keegan      |
|                  | Councillor John McHale     |
|                  | Councillor David Nevett    |
|                  | Councillor Tony Revill     |
| Conservative     | Councillor Steve Cox       |
|                  | Councillor James Hart      |
| Mexborough First | Councillor Bev Chapman     |
| UKIP             | Councillor Clive Stone     |

## **APPENDIX C**

#### JOINT SAFETY COMMITTEE - 4

|              | COUNCILLOR                 | <u>SUBSTITUTE</u>           |
|--------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Labour       | Councillor George Derx     | Councillor John Healy       |
|              | Councillor Charlie Hogarth | Councillor Mark Houlbrook   |
|              | Councillor Sue Knowles     | Councillor Jane Nightingale |
| Conservative | Councillor R. Allan Jones  | Councillor James Hart       |

\* Substitutes to be called from the pool listed above for each respective Political Group.

# PARISH COUNCILS' JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE - 8

|                   | COUNCILLOR                  |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Labour            | Councillor Rachael Blake    |
|                   | Councillor Linda Curran     |
|                   | Councillor George Derx      |
|                   | Councillor Mark Houlbrook   |
|                   | Councillor Tony Revill      |
| Conservative      | Councillor R. Allan Jones   |
| Executive Members | Councillor Glyn Jones       |
|                   | Councillor Chris McGuinness |

## MEMBER DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP - 3

|                  | COUNCILLOR                  |
|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Labour           | Councillor Tony Corden      |
|                  | Councillor Jane Nightingale |
| Conservative     | Councillor James Hart       |
| Mexborough First | Vacancy                     |
| UKIP             | Councillor Clive Stone      |

## HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD - 3

|              | COUNCILLOR                 |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| Labour       | Councillor Nuala Fennelly  |
|              | Councillor Glyn Jones      |
|              | Councillor Pat Knight      |
| Conservative | Councillor Cynthia Ransome |