

## **NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a remote meeting of the **Northumberland County Council** held on Wednesday 23 September 2020 at 3.00 pm.

### **PRESENT**

Councillor R.R. Dodd  
(Business Chair of the Council) in the Chair

### **MEMBERS**

Armstrong, E.  
Bawn, D.  
Beynon, J.  
Bowman, L.  
Bridgett, S.C.  
Campbell, D.  
Cartie, E.  
Castle, G.  
Cessford, T.  
Clark, T.  
Crosby, B.  
Dale, P.A.M.  
Daley, W.  
Davey, J.G.  
Davey, S.  
Dickinson, S.  
Dunbar, C.  
Dungworth, S.  
Dunn, L.  
Flux, B.  
Foster, J.  
Gallagher, B.  
Gibson, R.  
Gobin, J.J.  
Grimshaw, L.  
Hepple, A.  
Hill, G.  
Horncastle, C.W.  
Hutchinson, J.I.  
Jackson, P.A.  
Kennedy, D.  
Lang, J.A.

Lawrie, R.  
Ledger, D.  
Murray, A.H.  
Nisbet, K.  
Oliver, N.  
Parry, K.  
Pattison, W.  
Purvis, M.  
Quinn, K.  
Reid, J.  
Renner-Thompson, G.  
Richards, M.E.  
Rickerby, L.J.  
Riddle, J.R.  
Robinson, M.  
Roughead, G.  
Sanderson, H.G.H.  
Seymour, C.  
Sharp, A.  
Simpson, E.  
Stewart, G.  
Stow, K.  
Swinburn, M.  
Swithenbank, I.C.F.  
Thorne, T.N.  
Towns, D.  
Wallace, R.  
Watson, J.G.  
Wearmouth, R.W.  
Webb, G.  
Wilson, T.S.

## OFFICERS

Angus, K. Hadfield, K.	Interim Acting Chief Executive Democratic and Electoral Services Manager
Hand, C. Henry, L. McEvoy-Carr, C.	Executive Director of Finance Legal Services Manager Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Children's Services
McLoughlin, J.	Executive Director Regeneration, Commercial and Economy
Morgan, L. O'Farrell, R.	Director of Public Health Interim Executive Director Regeneration, Commercial and Economy

### 88. ELECTION OF BUSINESS CHAIR AND DEPUTY BUSINESS CHAIR

Councillor Dodd called for nominations for the position of Business Chair. He commented it had been a privilege to be the Business Chair for the last 3.5 years, he thanked members for their support and he wished his successor well. Councillor Dungworth thanked Councillor Dodd for his work as Business Chair and expressed the Labour Group's appreciation for the way he had tried to tackle some difficult issues.

Councillor Watson nominated Councillor Flux for the position of Business Chair, seconded by Councillor Gibson. There were no other nominations.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Flux be elected Business Chair for the remainder of the Council year.

#### **Councillor Flux in the Chair.**

Councillor Flux called for nominations for the position of Deputy Business Chair. Councillor Watson nominated Councillor Stewart for the position of Deputy Business Chair, seconded by Councillor Riddle. There were no other nominations.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Stewart be elected Deputy Business Chair for the remainder of the Council year

## **89. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Homer and Jones.

## **90. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER**

Councillor Cessford nominated Councillor Sanderson as Leader, which was seconded by Councillor Riddle. There were no other nominations. On the required number of members requesting a named vote, the votes were cast as follows:-

**FOR: 36** as follows:-

Armstrong, E.	Oliver, N.
Bawn, D.L.	Pattison, W.
Beynon, J.A.	Quinn, K.
Castle, G.	Renner-Thompson, G.
Cessford, T.	Riddle, J.R.
Crosby, B.	Robinson, M.
Dale, P.A.M.	Roughead, G.
Daley, W.	Sanderson, H.G.H.
Dodd, R.R.	Seymour, C.
Dunbar, C.	Sharp, A.
Flux, B.	Stewart, G.
Gibson, R.	Stow, K.
Horncastle, C.W.	Swinburn, M.
Hutchinson, J.I.	Thorne, T.
Jackson, P.A.	Towns, D.
Kennedy, D.	Wallace, R.
Lawrie, R.	Watson, J.G.
Murray, A.H.	Wearmouth, R.

**AGAINST: 1** as follows:-

Hill, G.	
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**ABSTENTIONS: 26** as follows:-

Bowman, L.	Grimshaw, L.
Bridgett, S.C.	Hepple, A.
Campbell, D.	Lang, J.
Cartie, E.	Ledger, D.
Clark, T.S.	Nisbet, K.
Davey, J.G.	Parry, K.
Davey, S.	Purvis, M.
Dickinson, S.	Reid, J.
Dungworth, S.	Richards, M.E.
Dunn, L.	Rickerby, L.
Foster, J.	Simpson, E.
Gallacher, B.	Swithenbank, I.C.F.
Gobin, J.J.	Wilson, T.

It was therefore **RESOLVED** that Councillor Sanderson be elected Leader for the remaining Council year.

Councillor Sanderson felt this was a great honour and commented that every single member was as much a director of this multi million pound company as he was. He hoped members together would concentrate on being positive, getting behind the staff, working on the best for residents and on better communication between members. His Deputy Leader would be Richard Dodd and his Cabinet Members were:-

Corporate Services – Nick Oliver  
 Adult Wellbeing – Veronica Jones  
 Community Services – John Riddle  
 Business and Tourism – Richard Wearmouth  
 Children and Young People – Guy Renner Thompson  
 Healthy Lives - Jeff Watson

In the Cabinet would also be the Equality and Diversity Champion, Councillor Wendy Pattison who would work with Councillor Jones and sit in Cabinet meetings to renew the Council's commitment to all those protected in law to make sure that equality was at the heart of everything the Council did.

Councillor Dungworth offered congratulations to the new Business Chair and Leader. Her Group had abstained from voting on the Leader's position as this was a matter for the Administration, and whilst she had a lot of personal respect for Councillor Sanderson, she commented the new Leader and Cabinet were on probation with her Group. She was disappointed that there were some members in the Cabinet over whom there were still questions, and queried whether the newly created position would be of any cost to the Council. Councillor Sanderson confirmed there would not be.

Councillor Dale referred to the F40 Group's letter to the Department for Education about the delivery of education and school services and asked the Leader and Cabinet Member for Children's Services to ensure that the Council supported schools on this. The Leader took these points on board.

## **91. DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBERS**

These were noted as detailed above.

## **92. UPDATE ON COVID**

Council received a presentation from the Director of Public Health on the current position. The main points of this were:-

- A public facing dashboard had been developed which provided the latest information available. The situation had changed significantly in three weeks.
- There had been nearly 300 cases in the last week and the virus was spreading exponentially. There was some evidence to show that the rate at which cases were increasing in Northumberland was one of the highest in England.
- A map showed the number of positive cases over the last seven days. Ms Morgan advised that the data being provided now was more up to date than the mapping website she had highlighted at the last meeting.
- There was widespread community transmission, and though rates were still highest in the south east of the County, it was spreading up the coast and along the A69 corridor and into rural communities.
- There was an increase in Pillar One tests done in hospitals which reflected both the increased prevalence of infection in the community and also increasing admissions with Covid 19.
- There had been a big impact in schools – 31 schools had positive cases, with a significant impact on parents.
- One testing site was up and running in Ashington and another was in progress in Blyth. There had been work with the community to address local concerns.
- This was a critical time and there had to be a collective effort to get things back under control. Everyone needed to be careful to reduce risk by social distancing, wearing a face mask, hand washing etc and by

complying with the rules on household mixing and who they socialised with generally.

Members raised a number of queries including:-

- Councillor Bridgett asked whether the dashboard would be available to members and whether it was true that admissions to the Covid ward at Cramlington had tripled in the last couple of days. Ms Morgan advised that she had no details about actual numbers, only that they were increasing. The dashboard would be in the public domain once the IT fix to make that possible was sorted, and hopefully a link would be sent to members later that day.
- Councillor Seymour asked whether there would be sufficient hospital capacity in the County to deal with the projected figures. Ms Morgan replied that currently the infection was still largely in the younger population, and the important thing was to make sure this did not get into those groups who were most vulnerable.
- Councillor Hill asked Ms Morgan's view of the public's frustration about where this was going to end, the effect on the economy and the view that the public lived with risk all of the time. She also asked what the future would look like until there was a vaccine? Ms Morgan commented that this was much more virulent than flu and the level of morbidity and mortality was also much greater. There was a balance to be struck between restrictions to repress the virus and keeping the economy open. It was not clear when a vaccine would be available, which would have to be subject to robust clinical trials. There was still a lot of uncertainty around how long people would have to live with this.
- Councillor Robinson stressed the importance of being able to keep residents supplied with up to date information to reinforce the important messages. Ms Morgan advised that the dashboard would be in the public domain and a daily message could be put out regarding its content. She agreed the public were fatigued and that there was confusion about what was required.
- Councillor Purvis queried whether care homes were now more prepared for what might come. Ms Morgan confirmed that they were and there was a wrap around support team for care homes now in place seven days a week. There was also good information about cases in care homes. There were currently four outbreaks, three of which had been identified through the care home testing process.
- Councillor Daley thanked Councillor Sanderson for his call to Government in getting the rules changed on informal childcare arrangement, which demonstrated that schools needed additional support, especially around communication because where there were outbreaks in schools, members needed to know this quickly. The Authority needed to lobby Government for a recovery premium to prevent children from being disproportionately impacted by not being in school for months, and some thought needed to be given to re-purposing some outdoor space as the weather deteriorated. He also lobbied for a testing site in Cramlington.
- Councillor Dungworth supported the position taken by the LA7 Authorities and thanked the Leader for the part he had played in it. She

referred to the rise in numbers in the 20-40 female age group, which she accepted was for a number of reasons, but she asked whether any conclusions could be drawn yet about whether this would lead to an increase in deaths. She also welcomed testing sites being set up and she asked whether the capacity at the labs was adequate. She also supported Councillor Daley's request for a site at Cramlington. She queried whether the Council either individually or regionally would be considering any further restrictions because she was still concerned that people were not seeing the bigger picture and there was still a lot of community activity going on. Northumberland had taken a cautious approach in the first wave which had benefitted residents, and she sought reassurance that, in the Chief Executive's absence, the same level of caution was being exercised. Ms Morgan agreed that higher infection rates were being seen in younger age groups, but the people who would come to harm from the infection would still be the vulnerable groups. Regarding lab capacity, it was felt that this was still being diverted nationally to the north west and West Yorkshire, and there would be strong lobbying for reprioritising testing capacity to the north east. Regarding further restrictions, there had been discussion within the LA7 about what escalation and de-escalation criteria might look like, but this could be overtaken by the expected national restrictions, and some time was needed to see what effect the current restrictions had. She didn't see any reason why the current cautious approach should not continue.

- Councillor Dungworth asked whether there were any plans for bringing shielding in for vulnerable groups and she agreed that the political might of the north east needed to be used to get some additional resources, including through the MPs. Ms Morgan replied that there was only one area in the country so far that had advised the clinically vulnerable to shield, but the message did need to get out that all vulnerable people should be very cautious.
- Councillor Hepple supported the call for a testing site in Cramlington. He felt the public were confused about the difference between local and national restrictions and weren't sure which to follow. He felt the messages going out needed to be more hard hitting, possibly involving those who had suffered from Covid, to be more effective. Ms Morgan agreed that there was public confusion about the overlap between national and local restrictions. The advice would be to adopt those which were most restrictive and messages which went out needed to be very clear regarding expectations of the public. The Council worked very closely with Northumbria Trust and the CCG regarding discharges to care homes and work was ongoing to ensure care homes were supported as much as possible.
- Councillor Dickinson agreed with the points made regarding the approach to the first wave and the very pragmatic approach which had been taken. He also agreed with the points made regarding the quality of the leadership which had given confidence to the public. He was concerned that, although the Comms Team had done a fantastic job, it always seemed like the public were being told what they couldn't do, which often provoked a negative reaction. He felt that some of the detailed facts that Ms Morgan had provided would have more of an

impact if they were promoted more locally and would encourage the public to play their part. He also asked if it would be possible to share the member briefings with residents. Ms Morgan advised that the dashboard was on the Council's website and all members would be sent a link to it. It would be safer to share that information rather than anything else.

- Councillor Swinburn commented on the level of communication. It had been initially correct that Northumberland low rates but the position regarding the increase in cases had not been understood by residents until the information from the maps could be seen, and this was reinforced by the information put to members today. He reported that a large red trailer was going around south east Northumberland highlighting "Coronavirus - High Risk Area" and causing panic to residents. This was prompting unnecessary panic buying and he asked if Comms could get some kind of message out to stop this. Ms Morgan did not know who was behind this but if it was provoking panic then it needed to be addressed and she would speak to the Comms team.
- Councillor Dale commented that the F40 letter would show what schools needed. Regarding the testing sites, people should be made aware that they did not have to visit a Northumberland test site if there was one in another Authority area which was closer. She suggested that using local councillors to get messages out, especially in rural areas, would be effective. Ms Morgan responded that the availability of testing was set nationally. Slots were released twice each day and would automatically direct the public to the nearest test site, taking into account mobile testing units. The number of testing slots available for the north east was inadequate because of resources being diverted elsewhere as mentioned previously.
- Councillor Grimshaw asked if the Authority could lobby the Government for additional resources for school budgets to help children who were having to learn at home. She also asked for an update on the Community Hub and how things could be moved forward with the volunteers to provide much needed support for the vulnerable. Ms Morgan advised that the Community Hub had continued to operate and an update on the Community Hub would be provided for members.
- Councillor Foster commented that there was a lot of public apathy despite the area having very high rates. She was very concerned that there were a lot of people who would not abide by the new the restrictions and she commented on a local restaurant advertising that it was ok to have groups of six from mixed households because the government guidance was only "advice" to do otherwise. The public were confused and she felt the Authority needed to be on top of the communications on this. Ms Morgan agreed it was unfortunate that there had to be a distinction between legislation and guidance, and that there was variable application of the guidance. She agreed there was a need to be blunt with the public going forward and that people needed to follow the guidance for everyone's benefit.
- Councillor Quinn commented that she had received a number of emails questioning the need for the local restrictions so she agreed it was important to get the figures out so that the public could see cases were rising quickly. Also, older people were very scared about having to self



isolate again during winter so this was going to be a fine balancing act. She asked whether there was a ward by ward breakdown of the figures on the dashboard. Ms Morgan replied that the challenges were well understood and it was really tricky to get messages across which different communities and age groups would understand. She understood the anxieties of the more vulnerable groups and the advice would be just for them to take extra care for the moment.

- Councillor Castle commented that Alnwick ward had a relatively low rate of infection but visitor numbers had remained high. He asked if there an evidential link between the rate of infection and visitor numbers. Ms Morgan agreed this might have been expected, but there was no evidence that the County's cases were related to tourism. Most were related to household mixing and socialising in younger age groups.
- Councillor Gallacher suggested that the Authority could link in with the major supermarkets, and use the online delivery service which was now being used by a lot more of the elderly and vulnerable to get important comms out via leaflets. Petrol stations could also be used. Ms Morgan replied that community pharmacies had been considered, but the challenge was that the situation was changing so quickly the messages would have to be quite generic. However, these suggestions could be considered.

A lot of members spoke in support of the Director and her team and all staff who were involved in responding to the pandemic. These efforts were very much appreciated by all members.

### **93. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Flux reported to members the recent death of former Councillor Wyndham Rogers-Coltman, who represented Berwick North from 1985 and 1993. He also reported the deaths during lockdown of two former mayors of Berwick upon Tweed Borough Council, Councillor Ivor Dixon and Alderman David Lockie.

Councillor Dungworth also reported the recent death of Councillor Olga Potts who had been a Blyth Valley Borough Councillor for many years.

Councillor Dale also reported the death of Councillor Audrey Hutchinson, former Leader of Tynedale Council.

The County Council passed on its sincere condolences to the families and friends of those concerned.

### **94. MEMBER QUESTIONS**

#### **Question 1 from Councillor Kennedy to the Leader**

The previous Leader of the Council replying to my question (2 September 2020) on the unnecessary close down of democracy during the pandemic at

Northumberland County Council, stated that 84 meetings had been cancelled from a total of 136 between dates in March and August 2020

I am conscious that there are a number of cancelled meetings in September also including Area Committees for Tynedale, Ashington and Blyth, Castle Morpeth, Cramlington, Bedlington and Seaton Valley.

Backbench Councillors and residents feel excluded from this council and have felt frustrated that a dialogue has not been available to them on matters such as managing the impacts of the lockdown and the reopening of our towns high streets, schools, sporting clubs etc.

Can the Leader provide assurances that one of his priorities will be to re-establish democracy into the Council, so Councillors and officers can start a dialogue with residents on these important matters via their local area Committees (via electronic meetings).

The Leader replied that one of his priorities was to ease back into a full committee programme. September was due to have around 20 meetings, and October was planned to have more. There was a meeting planned for next Tuesday with LAC Chairs, and the intention was to get back into the regular schedule, which was of course Covid dependant.

Councillor Kennedy welcomed this, but commented that Covid was an even stronger argument to have these meetings to talk about relevant issues and to allow residents to ask questions and give them information, given the amount of confusion there was. The Leader agreed with this.

### **Question 2 from Councillor Wallace to Cabinet Member for Corporate Resources**

I note that Newbiggin Sports Centre has recently had £1.5m of capital programme funding confirmed. This is great news. Could the Cabinet Member therefore confirm that capital programme resources will be made available for Bedlington to support the development of leisure facilities in the town centre?

Councillor Oliver replied that funding had been agreed by Council at its budget meeting in February. However, the pandemic had necessitated a re-think of the Bedlington Town Centre regeneration scheme and to this the end the Council had engaged Advance Northumberland to develop revised proposals for the regeneration of the town centre, including a focus on leisure. This had been helped by a bid to the £3m 'Getting Building Fund' subject to confirmation of the final business case and once the plans had been finalised it would come back to Council for formal sign off.

Councillor Wallace made reference to a recent press release from Advance on the new facilities, which had been downplayed by an unnamed County Council spokesperson. He asked for reassurance that everyone at the Council was fully behind this, and that Bedlington would get the leisure facilities it deserved. He also suggested that future press releases made it clear who the spokesperson was.

Councillor Oliver agreed that generally, it should be a named person though this was not always possible and it would pick this up with the Head of

Comms. On the wider issue of commitment, it was true that Bedlington had been one of the forgotten towns but the Administration was committed to it and everyone was working hard to develop some exciting plans for the town.

Councillor Dungworth raised a point of order and asked whether this reply to Councillor Wallace was a political reply or an officer prepared reply. Councillor Flux replied that this was not a point of order. Councillor Dungworth advised that she would submit her question as an FOI.

### **Question 3 from Councillor Hill to the Leader**

In light of the recent, shockingly poor governance within this Council including the failures to;

- Give any explanation as to who refused requests for Extraordinary meetings of the Council and Audit Committee and on what constitutional basis.
- Provide any answers to questions around the process of the apparent “independent investigation” or assurances around its integrity.

Do you agree that this is totally unacceptable and how will you rectify the situation?

The Leader replied that Councillor Hill was aware he had arranged meetings for her with himself and the Acting Chief Executive to discuss some of her queries. He felt “governance” meant two things. Firstly, strong decision making and service delivery. He asked members to consider what had happened in the last ten days since the Covid decision was taken to work with the LA7. All the region’s Leaders and MPs had worked closely together to get the right result for the region and its people. Despite the difficulties, staff had managed to deliver two testing stations, provide very detailed internal and external communications, deliver regular member briefings, and continue valuable work on the hub. There had also been an all member Covid workshop recently. On top of all this, essential services had still been maintained and he thanked Mrs Angus and all of the staff involved in that.

The second definition of governance was around the effective delivery of projects and he reminded members of the work that was ongoing in the Berwick area alone as well as across the County. Despite everything that was happening, governance had shown that there was strong decision making and effective project delivery by fantastic staff at every level.

Councillor Hill commented that the Leader had not answered her questions. There had been no transparency and she reiterated that she, and others, had had no answers to questions they had asked or reassurances around process. In a situation where there no answers forthcoming around process and there was no transparency, then people within the Council and the public would be suspicious of cover ups.

The Leader replied that he had arranged two meetings with Mrs Angus to meet with Councillor Hill and others, they had asked questions which were answered, and a follow up meeting had been held. If they felt they still had not had answers they could contact him again, but he stressed the need for positivity and openness.

#### **Question 4 from Councillor Hill to the Leader**

Successive governments of all political colours have failed to build enough social housing or adequately replace the properties which have been purchased under “right to buy”.

In particular, this has led to a chronic shortage of three or more bedroom properties in certain areas including Berwick.

What progress has this Council made since 2017 in addressing this situation and providing hope to the many families in Berwick currently living in extremely cramped conditions?

Councillor Riddle answered the question as this fell within his portfolio. He advised that the Council did not hold social housing stock in Berwick, as the former Borough council housing was transferred to a stock holding Housing Association before the Unitary Authority was formed. The Right to “Buy” didn’t apply to Housing Associations in the same way it would to Council tenancies. (There was a right to acquire for Housing Association Tenants but the discounts were less and the incentive was reduced).

Data held indicated there were approximately 1260 socially rented homes in Berwick, with Bernicia being the largest stock holding Housing Association. It was right to acknowledge that there was a shortage of larger family homes in the Berwick area and the Council was working very closely with them to try to address Northumberland residents' needs on a case by case basis because he understood the challenges that some families faced.

In terms of new provision, the last social housing to be built in Berwick completed in 2016, although there were currently planning consents for 106 affordable homes across 5 development sites in and around the town. The mix of units would vary from scheme to scheme, based on viability.

The Council was developing a pipeline to provide new homes working with MHCLG and NoTCA to access its share of £24 million of BrownField Housing Fund that would bring new affordable housing stock into the County.

The need to increase new affordable homes was at the heart of the Council’s housing strategy and there plans to facilitate up to 1000 new affordable units across the County. Development sites were being considered across the County and funding had recently been secured from Homes England to support the first phase. Initial grant award of £920,000 would support the first true Council housing to be built in a number of years. Sites at Embleton and Allendale already had planning permission and another site at Amble had been submitted for permission. The grant would also support a programme of up to 20 acquisitions this financial year on a purchase and repair basis. The future pipeline of schemes included potential development sites at Berwick.

Councillor Hill asked Councillor Riddle to confirm that he would continue to bear in mind the very chronic shortage of suitable homes in Berwick and that he would continue to fight the corner for Berwick residents living in cramped conditions. Councillor Riddle confirmed this was the case and he

acknowledged particularly the main shortage of larger homes in the area. If properties came on the market that satisfied that need, and there was a need for them, then it was feasible that properties would be acquired where there were gaps.

## **95. NOTICE OF MOTION**

### **Motion No.1**

Councillor Dickinson advised that he wished to withdraw the motion for submission to the next Council meeting following amendment.

## **96. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND OUTSIDE BODY PLACES**

Council was asked to consider a number of appointments to committees and outside body places as a result of recent changes, including the appointment of the Chairs of the Family and Children's Services and Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committees. If any Group Leaders wished to make any changes, the Business Chair asked that this be done as soon as possible. He asked Council to agree that Councillor Mark Swinburn be elected Chair of FACS OSC and Councillor Beynon be elected Chair of Health and Wellbeing OSC. He also asked Council to agree that Julie Parkin be replaced as the NASUWT representative on FACS OSC by Lynne Horton.

Councillor Dickinson asked for an assurance from the Leader that the approval mechanism for in year changes by the Group Leaders would be returned, and he assumed that now there was an equalities champion in the Cabinet that some of the places would be reviewed to include more women. The Leader replied that this would be looked at and he would come back to him.

Councillor Dungworth advised that she would let Democratic Services know of any changes to Committee memberships as per the normal procedure. She supported Councillor Dickinson's remarks regarding more women in the team.

Councillor Hill asked, with regard to the withdrawn motion, if there could be further explanation of this and whether there had been any legal advice as to why this should not be considered, for the benefit of the public. The Monitoring Officer advised that the motion had been withdrawn and the item was now closed. Council was now on item 11 and it would therefore not be appropriate to comment.

Councillor Dale asked for a weekly Covid update. The Leader agreed there would be regular briefings and welcomed feedback from members on the format.

Councillor Dungworth asked the Leader to consider reinstating monthly Council meetings during this period to keep members informed as well as the public. Councillor Flux asked Councillor Dungworth to email him about that.

**RESOLVED** that:-

- (a) Councillor Mark Swinburn be elected Chair of FACS OSC and Councillor Beynon be elected Chair of Health and Wellbeing OSC;
- (b) Julie Parkin be replaced as the NASUWT representative on FACS OSC by Lynne Horton; and
- (c) the remaining Committee place appointments be agreed, subject to any further changes notified by Group Leaders to Democratic Services.

The Common Seal of the County Council  
of Northumberland was hereunto affixed

in the presence of:-

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Chair of the County Council

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Duly Authorised Officer