

# EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of East Staffordshire Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## Present:

Councillor S A Hussain (Mayor) in the Chair

Councillors	A Afsar	Z Krupski
	G Allen	Ms A J Legg
	Mrs B Ashcroft	R Lock
	A Bailey	A Mansfield
	L Beech	S McKiernan (Deputy
	A A Chaudhry	Mayor)
	A Clarke	B G Peters
	M T Fitzpatrick	S Sankey
	D F Fletcher	M Shrive
	Mrs V J Gould	M Slater
	T Hadley (min No	S Slater
	111/24 onwards)	C Smedley
	R Hawkins	K Smith BEM
	M Holton	L Walker
	M Huckerby	P Walker
	P Hudson	C V Whittaker
	Mrs J Jones	C D Wileman
	P Krupski	

## Officers Present:

The Chief Executive, the Head of Corporate and Environment Services, the Chief Financial Officer, the Head of Legal and Regulatory Services and Monitoring Officer, the Corporate and Commercial Manager, the Principal Democratic Services Officer and the Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Ackroyd, L Bullock and S P Gaskin.

### 94/24 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations at the commencement of the meeting.

### 95/24 **MINUTES**

The public minutes of the meeting of the Borough Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

<b>THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor</b>	<b>THOSE VOTING AGAINST Councillor</b>	<b>THOSE ABSTAINING Councillor</b>
A Afsar		P Hudson
G Allen		
Mrs B Ashcroft		
A Bailey		
L Beech		
A A Chaudhry		
A Clarke		
M T Fitzpatrick		
D F Fletcher		
Mrs V J Gould		
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## 101/24 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor indicated that he and the Mayoress had the honour of meeting HRH King Charles III on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024, when they attended the Royal Garden Party.

The Mayor wished to pass on the best wishes from the Council for a speedy recovery to Councillor M Ackroyd who had been recently admitted to hospital.

The Leader of the Council indicated that Councillor S McKiernan would be standing down from her position as Cabinet Support Member for the time being and that this post would remain vacant until further notice.

102/24 **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

The report of the Head of Corporate and Environment Services on the number and allocation of Councillors to serve on Committees, to receive nominations to those committees from the political groups and to appoint to those committees was considered.

Appendix 1: List of Member nominated to serve on Committees and Panels (May 2024) (a copy of which is appended to these minutes) had been circulated at the meeting

Council noted the number of seats to be allocated following the application of the political balance calculations, as follows:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Ungrouped</b>	<b>Total</b>
Licensing Committee*	6	4	1*	<b>11</b>
Planning Committee*	6	4	1*	<b>11</b>
Audit (Statement of Accounts) Committee	5	3	-	<b>8</b>
Audit Committee	5	3	-	<b>8</b>
Scrutiny (Climate Change and Environment) Committee	5	3	-	<b>8</b>
Scrutiny (Health and Well Being) Committee	5	3	-	<b>8</b>
Scrutiny (Regeneration, Development and Market Hall) Committee	5	3	-	<b>8</b>
Scrutiny (Value for Money Council) Committee	5	3	-	<b>8</b>
Chief Officer Standards Committee	3	2	-	<b>5</b>
Development Plan Committee	3	2	-	<b>5</b>
Standards Committee	3	2	-	<b>5</b>
Appeals Panel	2	1	-	<b>3</b>
Complaints Panel	2	1	-	<b>3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>91</b>

\*Residual seats allocated to ungrouped Member.

**Resolved:**

- 1) That Council agree to the number and allocation of Councillors serving on each Committee and Panel as set out in paragraph 5.3 of the report;
- 2) That, subject to the above, Council approve the appointment of Councillors to serve on each Committee and Panel (appendix 1 of the report refers), including appointing the ungrouped Independent Member to the residual seats on Planning Committee and the Licensing Committee.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

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C Smedley		
K Smith BEM		
L Walker		
P Walker		
C V Whittaker		
C D Wileman		

103/24 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN**

**Resolved:**

That the appointment of the Members listed below as Chairman of each of the following Committees be approved:

Appeals Panel	Councillor P Walker
Audit Committee	Councillor A Mansfield
Audit (Statement of Accounts) Committee	Councillor A Mansfield
Chief Officer Standards Committee	Councillor M Fitzpatrick
Complaints Panel	Councillor S Slater
Development Plan Committee	Councillor S McKiernan
Planning Committee	Councillor A Afsar
Licensing Committee	Councillor S Hussain
Scrutiny (Climate Change and Environment) Committee	Councillor M Slater
Scrutiny (Regeneration, Development and Market Hall) Committee	Councillor K Smith
Scrutiny (Health & Well Being) Committee	Councillor T Hadley
Scrutiny (Value for Money Council) Committee	Councillor Z Krupski
Standards Committee	Councillor L Walker

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104/24 **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE HEALTH AND CARE OVERVIEW  
AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OF THE STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Resolved:**

That Councillor Ms A J Legg be appointed to serve on the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the Staffordshire County Council

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105/24 **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE FIRE AND CRIME PANEL**

**Resolved:**

That Councillor Z Krupski be appointed to serve on the Staffordshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

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106/24 **COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2024/25**

**Resolved:**

That the following Council meeting dates be approved:

8<sup>th</sup> July 2024;

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024;

9<sup>th</sup> December 2024;

17<sup>th</sup> February 2025;

17<sup>th</sup> March 2025;

16<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (Annual Council meeting to be held at 6pm).



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107/24 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business for consideration at the meeting.

108/24 **QUESTIONS**

No questions had been received in advance of the meeting.

109/24 **APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR**

It was moved by Councillor M Holton and seconded by Councillor R Hawkins and

**Resolved:**

That Councillor S McKiernan be elected the thirty second Mayor of the Borough of East Staffordshire until the Annual Meeting in May 2025.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

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The Mayor gave her speech of thanks and intentions during her year of office and announced that Mr John McKiernan would be her Consort and Felix Scully-Crane would be her cadet.

110/24 **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

It was moved by Councillor D Fletcher and seconded by Councillor M Shrive and

**Resolved:**

That Councillor K Smith BEM be appointed the Deputy Mayor of the Borough of East Staffordshire until the Annual Meeting in May 2025.

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111/24 **VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR AND MAYORESS**

At this juncture Councillor T Hadley joined the meeting.

It was moved by Councillor P Walker and seconded by Councillor K Smith BEM and

**Resolved:**

That we, the Council, record our sincere appreciation of the excellent manner in which Councillor Syed Hussain has carried out his duties as the Mayor of the

Borough of East Staffordshire over the last year, and we acknowledge the interest he has shown in the welfare of all parts of the Borough. We also wish to place on record our thanks to him for representing the Council at approximately 174 events during his year of office and we also thank the Mayoress, Mrs Forjea Khan, for the help and support she has so readily given to him during his year of office.

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Councillor S A Hussain replied suitably.

112/24 **PRESENTATION TO THE PAST MAYOR**

The Mayor presented a Past Mayor's badge to Councillor S A Hussain and a Past Mayoress' badge to Mrs Forjea Khan.

The Mayor presented a badge to Evangeline Kininmonth, his cadet for the past year.

113/24 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**Resolved:**

That, in accordance with Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting during discussion of the following items as it would likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

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**Mayor**