

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of East Staffordshire Borough Council held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Burton upon Trent on Monday 5th March 2018

Present:

Councillor S P Gaskin (Mayor) in the Chair

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| Councillors | Mrs P L Ackroyd | A Johnson |
| | G A Allen | R A Johnston |
| | S Andjelkovic | C B Jones |
| | M J Bowering | Mrs J Jones |
| | K J Built | D C Leese |
| | A A Chaudhry | Mrs J A Killoran |
| | R J Clarke | S McGarry |
| | R A Faulkner | S McKiernan |
| | M T Fitzpatrick | L G Milner |
| | D F Fletcher | B G Peters |
| | D Florence-Jukes | S Smith |
| | Mrs V J Gould | C Smith (Deputy Mayor) |
| | R G W Grosvenor | Mrs B Toon |
| | H Hall | P Walker |
| | S A Hussain | C V Whittaker |
| | Mrs J F Jessel | C Wileman |

Officers Present:

The Chief Executive, the Heads of Service (Mark Rizk and Sal Khan), the Monitoring Officer, the Deputy Monitoring Officer, the Programmes and Transformation Team Leader and the Principal Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E W R Barker, D Goodfellow, G Hall, P Hudson, Ms A J Legg and Mrs L Shelton.

214/18 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at the commencement of the meeting.

215/18 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Borough Council held on 26th February 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

| THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION | THOSE VOTING AGAINST | THOSE ABSTAINING |
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| Mrs P L Ackroyd | | Councillor S Smith |
| G A Allen | | |
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216/18 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements at the commencement of the meeting.

217/18 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business for consideration at the meeting.

218/18 **ELECTION OF MAYOR 2018/19**

The Council received one nomination for the appointment of Mayor 2018/19.

It was proposed and duly seconded that Councillor C Smith be nominated for appointment as Mayor at the annual meeting of the Council on 18th May 2018.

Upon a vote being taken the proposal was carried.

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219/18 **ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2018/19**

The Council received one nomination for the appointment of Deputy Mayor 2018/19.

It was proposed and duly seconded that Councillor C Wileman be nominated for appointment as Deputy Mayor at the annual meeting of the Council on 18th May 2018.

Upon a vote being taken the proposal was carried.

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218/18 **LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADERS' STATEMENTS**

The following Councillors submitted their Annual Statements to Council:-

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| Leader of the Council | Councillor R G W Grosvenor |
| Cultural Services | Councillor C V Whittaker |
| Environment | Councillor D C Leese |
| Housing and Homelessness | Councillor Mrs P L Ackroyd |
| Planning | Councillor Mrs J Jones |
| Regeneration | Councillor Mrs J F Jessel |
| Regulatory Services | Councillor G Hall |

Following questions from Councillors, the statements were received and noted.

219/18 **CORPORATE PLAN**

The Leader of the Council presented the Corporate Plan 2018-2019, a copy of which had been circulated.

Resolved:

That the Corporate Plan 2018-2019 be approved.

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| S P Gaskin | M T Fitzpatrick | |
| Mrs V J Gould | D F Fletcher | |
| R G W Grosvenor | D Florence-Jukes | |
| Mrs J F Jessel | H Hall | |
| A Johnson | S A Hussain | |
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220/18 **ANNUAL REPORTS OF CHAIRMEN OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

The following Councillors submitted their Annual Scrutiny Committee reports to the Council:-

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| Scrutiny (Audit and Value for Money Council Services) Committee | Councillor S Smith |
| Scrutiny (Economic Growth, Communities and Health) Committee | Councillor A Johnson |

Following questions from Councillors the reports were received and noted.

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221/18 **MOTION ON NOTICE**

Councillor D Florence-Jukes had put forward the following motion, in accordance with Rule 14, which had been duly seconded:

“This Council notes that:

February marks 100 years since the Representation of the People Act 1918 was passed which allowed women over the age of 30 who were; householders, the wives of householders, occupiers of property with an annual rent of £5 and graduates of British universities to vote. About 8.4 million women met this criteria but it only represented 40 per cent of the total population of women in the UK. December marks the 100th anniversary since the first general election in which women voted for the very first time. 2018 will celebrate this key step in the process towards female emancipation and universal suffrage with a full year of events across our country.

This Council recognises:

That as this milestone anniversary is commemorated there is still much work to be done. Women are still facing social and economic inequalities as well as a lack of political representation. That equality for women is not solely a women's issue. That when women fulfil their potential all of us in society benefit. That equality results in better politics, a more vibrant economy and a workforce that utilises the talents of the whole population.

This Council resolves:

To continue to call for gender equality in respect of:

Equal representation in politics and business;

Equal representation in education;

Equal pay;

Equal treatment of women by and in the media;

Equal parenting rights;

And calls for an end to the exploitation of and violence against women.”

The Mayor invited Council to debate the motion under Rule 16 (Rules of debate).

In accordance with Rule 15.1 as three hours had elapsed since the commencement of the meeting, the Mayor enquired as to whether any Member wished to move a motion to extend the meeting.

Such a motion was duly moved by Councillor M J Bowering and seconded by Councillor Mrs B Toon. In accordance with the voting, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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Councillor R G W Grosvenor put forward an amendment in accordance with Rule 16.18 which read as follows:

“remove the words following “This Council resolves” and add:

“ This Council resolves

- To continue to call for gender equality;
- Will continue to call for equality and inclusiveness across all the protected characteristics where we can affect change as a district Council;
- And calls for an end to exploitation and violence”

This amendment had been duly seconded.

Upon a vote being taken, the Mayor declared the Motion as amended carried.

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The amended motion therefore became the substantive motion. In accordance with the voting the Mayor declared the substantive motion carried.

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222/18 **QUESTIONS**

One question had been received prior to the meeting pursuant to Rule 18 from Councillor D Florence-Jukes. The response had been circulated at the meeting and is appended to these minutes.

A supplemental question was asked by Councillor D Florence-Jukes. The Deputy Leader (Planning) responded accordingly.

Mayor

COUNCIL MEETING 5TH MARCH 2018

07/18

QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR D FLORENCE-JUKES

The proposed £20 million development of the Burton Bargates site is proving to be controversial according to media reports. Following the submission of a planning application by Jessop Build Development and the recent public consultation event will the Deputy Leader provide an overview of the objections received to date and what weight any objections will carry when the planning department rule on the scheme?

ANSWER BY THE DEPUTY LEADER (PLANNING)

A number of responses have been received by the Local Planning Authority through the normal consultation process and these will be summarised in the officers' report. As I'm sure you are aware, all members of the Planning Committee, many of which are here tonight, have to take care not to 'pre-determine' planning applications until they have read officers' reports, listened to all arguments, discussions and objections at the planning committee meeting. So these, as is due process, will be summarised in the Planning Report when it goes to Planning Committee.

As negotiations on the Planning Application progress we have received initial comments from statutory consultees which include Staffordshire County Council Highways, Staffordshire County Council Rights of Way, Staffordshire County Council Flood Risk Team, Historic England, our Tree Officer and Conservation Officer. A number of statutory agencies have yet to comment and some had no comments to make. As you are aware statutory comments change during the lifecycle of the planning application, and prior to determination, subject to the necessary changes to the proposal or its supporting evidence by the developer.

As you are also aware only those objections that raise valid planning issues and are material planning considerations will carry any weight in the decision making process.

The weight attached to material considerations in reaching a decision is a matter of judgement for the decision-taker however the decision-taker is required to demonstrate that in reaching that decision that they have considered all relevant matters. The Planning Department will not rule on the scheme, the decision taker is not the Planning Department, it is the Planning Committee.