

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 24th February 2020

Present:

Councillor C Wileman (Mayor) in the Chair

Councillors	Mrs P L Ackroyd (Deputy Mayor)	H Hall
	G A Allen	P Hudson
	Mrs B Ashcroft	S A Hussain
	E W R Barker	Mrs J A Killoran
	L Beech	G Lamb
	Mrs B Brady	Ms A J Legg
	A A Chaudhry	S McGarry
	A Clarke	S McKiernan
	R A Faulkner	M Metcalfe
	M T Fitzpatrick	B G Peters
	D Florence-Jukes	G Raybould
	S P Gaskin	S Sankey
	D Goodfellow	M Shrive
	Mrs V Gould	C Sylvester
	G Hall	P Walker

Officers Present:

The Chief Executive, the Heads of Service (Mark Rizk and Sal Khan), the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Accountant, the Corporate and Commercial Manager, and the Principal Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K J Built, D F Fletcher, R G W Grosvenor, Mrs J Jones, Mrs B Toon and C V Whittaker.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, all stood in silence as a mark of respect following the sudden passing of Councillor Sonia Andjelkovic.

62/20 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

63/20 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Borough Council held on 13th January 2020 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor	THOSE VOTING AGAINST	THOSE ABSTAINING
Mrs P L Ackroyd		L Beech
G Allen		Mrs B Brady
Mrs B Ashcroft		R A Faulkner
E W R Barker		
A A Chaudhry		
A Clarke		
M T Fitzpatrick		
D Florence-Jukes		
S P Gaskin		
D Goodfellow		
Mrs V J Gould		
G Hall		
H Hall		
P Hudson		
S A Hussain		
Mrs J A Killoran		
G Lamb		
Ms A J Legg		
S McGarry		
S McKiernan		
M Metcalfe		
B G Peters		
G Raybould		
S Sankey		
M Shrive		
C Sylvester		
P Walker		
C Wileman		

64/20 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements at the meeting.

65/20 **URGENT BUSINESS**

The Mayor indicated he had received one urgent question which would be considered at item 15 on the agenda.

66/20 **MONITORING OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT**

The report of the Monitoring Officer on the annual review of arrangements for the discharge of the Monitoring Officer's duties and proposals for amendments was noted.

NOTED.

67/20 **CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the Changes to Committee Membership was considered. Appendix 1 List of Members nominated to serve on Committees and Panels (Feb 2020) had been circulated with the report.

Council noted the number of seats relating to individual Committees, as follows:

	Conservative	Labour	Independent Alliance	Total	Notes
Appeals Panel	2	1	0	3	
Audit (Statement of Accounts) Committee	11	4	1	16	
Complaints Panel	2	1	0	3	
Development Plan Committee	3	1	1	5	
Licensing Committee	10	4	1	15	
Planning Applications Committee	10	4	1	15	
Scrutiny (Audit and Value for Money Council Services) Committee	11	4	1	16	
Scrutiny (Community Regeneration, Environment and Health & Well-Being) Committee	11	4	1	16	
Senior Officer Employment Committee	3	1	1	5	
Standards Committee	3	1	1	5	
	66	25	8	99	

The Leader of the Council, the Leader of the Opposition and the Leader of the Independent Alliance Group had provided the following nominations in advance of the meeting:

- Councillor L Beech be appointed to serve on the Scrutiny (Community Regeneration, Environment and Health and Well-Being) Committee; the Audit (Statement of Accounts) Committee and Scrutiny (Audit and Value for Money Council Services) Committee and all other Conservative vacant seats to remain vacant;
- The Labour Group vacancies on the Licensing Committee, Planning Committee, Audit (Statement of Accounts Committee and Scrutiny (Audit and Value for Money Council Services) Committee to remain vacant;
- Councillor D Florence-Jukes be appointed to serve on the Development Plan Committee and the Senior Officer Employment Committee and Councillor H Hall be

appointed to serve on the Audit (Statement of Accounts) Committee and Scrutiny (Audit and Value for Money Council Services) Committee.

The Leader of the Council stated that he had appointed Councillor Mrs V J Gould as Chairman of the Planning Committee to replace Councillor G Hall.

An amended appendix 1 List of Member nominated to serve on Committees and Panels (February 2020) is appended to these minutes.

Resolved:

- 1) That the Council approve the appointment of Councillor Mrs V J Gould as Chairman of the Planning Committee with immediate effect;
- 2) That the Council agree to the number and allocation of Councillors serving on each Committee and Panel as set out in paragraph 6.2 of the report;
- 3) That, subject to the above, the Council note the nominations of the political groups to the Committees and Panels;
- 4) That, subject to the above, the Council appoint Councillors to serve on each Committee and Panel in accordance with those nominations.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor	THOSE VOTING AGAINST	THOSE ABSTAINING
Mrs P L Ackroyd		
G Allen		
Mrs B Ashcroft		
E W R Barker		
L Beech		
Mrs B Brady		
A A Chaudhry		
A Clarke		
R A Faulkner		
M T Fitzpatrick		
D Florence-Jukes		
S P Gaskin		
D Goodfellow		
Mrs V J Gould		
G Hall		
H Hall		
P Hudson		
S A Hussain		
Mrs J A Killoran		
G Lamb		
Ms A J Legg		
S McGarry		
S McKiernan		

M Metcalfe		
B G Peters		
G Raybould		
S Sankey		
M Shrive		
C Sylvester		
P Walker		
C Wileman		

68/20

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2020/21 -2024/25

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the Medium Term Financial Strategy for the period covering 2020/21 to 2024/25 was considered.

Council noted the contents of the following appendices, which had been circulated previously:

- Appendix A – Detailed Budget Summary 2020/21 – 2021/22-;
- Appendix B - Reserves Forecast;
- Appendix C - Asset Management and Capital Strategy 2020/21.

A Councillor moved the following motion which was duly seconded:

“To approve the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020/21 to 2024/25, which includes the revenue budget, capital programme and the asset management and capital strategy and to note the level and appropriateness of reserves.”

As required by the Rules of Procedure a named vote was taken as follows

THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor	THOSE VOTING AGAINST	THOSE ABSTAINING
Mrs P L Ackroyd	D Florence-Jukes	A A Chaudhry
G Allen	H Hall	M T Fitzpatrick
Mrs B Ashcroft	S A Hussain	G Lamb
E W R Barker	M Shrive	Ms A J Legg
L Beech	P Walker	S McKiernan
Mrs B Brady		
A Clarke		
R A Faulkner		
S P Gaskin		
D Goodfellow		
Mrs V J Gould		
G Hall		
P Hudson		
Mrs J A Killoran		
S McGarry		
M Metcalfe		
B G Peters		
G Raybould		

S Sankey		
C Sylvester		
C Wileman		

In accordance with the voting, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2020/21

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2020/21 was considered. Appendix A: Treasury Management Statement and Annual Investment Strategy had been circulated with the report.

Resolved:

That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy and Annual Investment Strategy 2020/21 as set out in Appendix A to the report be approved.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor	THOSE VOTING AGAINST	THOSE ABSTAINING
Mrs P L Ackroyd		M Shrive
G Allen		P Walker
Mrs B Ashcroft		
E W R Barker		
L Beech		
Mrs B Brady		
A A Chaudhry		
A Clarke		
R A Faulkner		
M T Fitzpatrick		
D Florence-Jukes		
S P Gaskin		
D Goodfellow		
Mrs V J Gould		
G Hall		
H Hall		
P Hudson		
S A Hussain		
Mrs J A Killoran		
G Lamb		
Ms A J Legg		
S McGarry		
S McKiernan		
M Metcalfe		
B G Peters		

G Raybould		
S Sankey		
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COUNCIL TAX SETTING 2020/21

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on Setting the Amount of Council Tax for 2020/21 was considered. Councillors noted the following appendices, which had been circulated with the report:

- Appendix 12.1 Special Expenses;
- Appendix 12.2 Council Tax Base;
- Appendix 12.3 Calculation of Council Tax and East Staffordshire Borough Council Tax Rates;
- Appendix 12.4 Major Precepts;
- Appendix 12.5 Total Council Tax Rates;
- Appendix 12.6 Local Precepts.

A Councillor moved the following motion which was duly seconded:

“(1) That for the purpose of section 35(e) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, all expenses incurred by the Council in 2020/21 be declared general expenses, apart from those expenses which are incurred by the Council in performing in a part of its area a function performed elsewhere in its area by a body with power to issue a precept to the Council, as listed in Appendix 12.1 and are therefore special expenses;

(2) That having calculated in each case the aggregate of the amounts of the schedule at Appendix 12.3(h) and the amounts in Appendix 12.4, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the amounts shown on Appendix 12.5 as the amounts of council tax for the year 2020/21, for each of the categories of dwellings shown.”

As required by the Rules of Procedure, a named vote was taken as follows

THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor	THOSE VOTING AGAINST	THOSE ABSTAINING
Mrs P L Ackroyd		
G Allen		
Mrs B Ashcroft		
E W R Barker		
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A A Chaudhry		
A Clarke		
R A Faulkner		
M T Fitzpatrick		
D Florence-Jukes		
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D Goodfellow		
Mrs V J Gould		

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Mrs J A Killoran		
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S McKiernan		
M Metcalfe		
B G Peters		
G Raybould		
S Sankey		
M Shrive		
C Sylvester		
P Walker		
C Wileman		

In accordance with the voting, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE POLICY REVIEW OF VEHICLE SPECIFICATION INCLUDING THE APPROVED VEHICLE LIST, EMISSIONS AND ASSOCIATED AMENDMENTS

The report of the Head of Service (Mark Rizk) on the amendments to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy 2019-2022 was considered. The following appendices had been circulated with the report:

- Appendix 1: Draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy 2019-22;
- Appendix 2: Matrix of Changes;
- Appendix 3: Summary of consultation response and comments.

Council noted that the proposed amendments included vehicle specification, Emissions, Approved Vehicle List and Write off Vehicles (Appendix M, N, O, P, Q, R, AA, BB of the policy).

Resolved:

- (1) That the amendments to the policy be adopted;
- (2) That the Approved Vehicle List be adopted;
- (3) That the Euro Standard 4 and 6 be adopted;
- (4) That Cat S Write Off Vehicles no longer be licensed and that the vehicles be no longer licensed on renewal.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

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Mrs P L Ackroyd		S A Hussain
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REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING ACT POLICY 2020-2025

The report of the Head of Service (Mark Rizk) on the review of the Statement of Licensing Policy, including a review of the Cumulative Impact Policy was considered. The following appendices had been circulated with the report:

- Appendix 1: Revised Statement of Licensing Policy 2020-2025;
- Appendix 2: Matrix of Changes;
- Appendix 3: Cumulative Impact Assessment – Evidence document from Staffordshire Police.

Resolved:

(1) That the Statement of Licensing Policy 2020-2025 be approved;

(2) That the associated Cumulative Impact Policy be approved.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

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Mrs P L Ackroyd		S A Hussain
G Allen		P Walker
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Mrs V J Gould		
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Mrs J A Killoran		
G Lamb		
Ms A J Legg		
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S Sankey		
M Shrive		
C Sylvester		
C Wileman		

73/20 **ELECTION OF MAYOR 2020/21**

The Council received one nomination for the appointment of Mayor 2020/21.

It was proposed and duly seconded that Councillor Mrs P L Ackroyd be nominated for appointment as Mayor at the annual meeting of the Council on 15th May 2020.

Upon a vote being taken the proposal was carried.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

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74/20 **ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2020/21**

The Council received one nomination for the appointment of Deputy Mayor 2020/21.

It was proposed and duly seconded that Councillor P Hudson be nominated for appointment as Deputy Mayor at the annual meeting of the Council on 15th May 2020..

Upon a vote being taken the proposal was carried.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

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S McGarry		
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M Metcalfe		
B G Peters		
G Raybould		
S Sankey		
M Shrive		
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C Wileman		

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QUESTIONS

The Mayor indicated he had received an urgent question from Councillor D Florence-Jukes in advance of the meeting. A copy of the question and response from the Leader of the Council was circulated at the meeting and is appended to these minutes.

Mayor

