

## EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of East Staffordshire Borough Council held in the Main Hall, Town, Burton upon Trent on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

### Present:

Councillor Mrs P L Ackroyd (Mayor) in the Chair

Councillors	G A Allen	S A Hussain
	Mrs B Ashcroft	Mrs J Jones
	E W R Barker	Mrs J A Killoran
	L Beech	G Lamb
	Mrs B Brady	Ms A J Legg
	K J Builth	R Lock
	A A Chaudhry	S McGarry
	A Clarke	M Metcalfe
	R A Faulkner	B G Peters
	M T Fitzpatrick	S Sankey
	D F Fletcher	M Shrive
	S P Gaskin	C Sylvester
	D Goodfellow	Mrs B Toon
	Mrs V J Gould	L Walker
	R G W Grosvenor	P Walker
	T Hadley	C Wileman
	P Hudson (Deputy Mayor)	

### Officers Present:

The Chief Executive, the Heads of Service (Sal Khan and Mark Rizk), the Monitoring Officer, the Interim Solicitor, the Corporate and Commercial Manager, the Enterprise Manager, the Principal Democratic Services Officer and the Senior Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Florence-Jukes, G Hall, H Hall, S McKiernan and C V Whittaker.

#### 167/21 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

#### 168/21 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Borough Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021 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</b>	<b>THOSE ABSTAINING</b>
Mrs P L Ackroyd		K J Builth
G Allen		Mrs V J Gould
Mrs B Ashcroft		S A Hussain
E W R Barker		R Lock
L Beech		
Mrs B Brady		
A A Chaudhry		
A Clarke		
R A Faulkner		
M T Fitzpatrick		
D F Fletcher		
S P Gaskin		
D Goodfellow		
R G W Grosvenor		
T Hadley		
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Mrs J Jones		
Mrs J A Killoran		
G Lamb		
Ms A J Legg		
S McGarry		
M Metcalfe		
B G Peters		
S Sankey		
M Shrive		
C Sylvester		
Mrs B Toon		
L Walker		
P Walker		
C Wileman		

The public minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Borough Council held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021 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</b>	<b>THOSE ABSTAINING</b>
Mrs P L Ackroyd		K J Builth
G Allen		S A Hussain
Mrs B Ashcroft		G Lamb
R W R Barker		R Lock
L Beech		
Mrs B Brady		
A A Chaudhry		
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#### 169/21 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor informed Council that former Councillor Lynne Shelton and former Democratic Services and Resilience Planning Manager Peter Davies had recently passed away. All present remained silent as a mark of respect.

#### 170/21 **URGENT BUSINESS**

In accordance with Rule 12, the Mayor indicated that she had received an urgent motion on notice.

The motion had been received from Councillor R G W Grosvenor and the motion read as follows:

“The council has received a business case proposal from the Burton Market Action Group dealing with conversion of the market hall into predominantly a food hall offering. The council welcomes this initiative and shows appreciation to those

involved for their passion, time, commitment and use of their own resources in putting this plan together. The council commits to fully investigate these proposals and to recommend to the Burton Town Deal Board that it utilises all of its resources to urgently consider this plan as an alternative or “Plan B” proposal to the one which is currently being considered by the County Council.”

The Mayor indicated that she had considered the motion to be urgent and it would therefore be dealt with at this meeting.

The motion was duly moved and seconded.

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

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

<b>THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor</b>	<b>THOSE VOTING AGAINST</b>	<b>THOSE ABSTAINING</b>
K J Builth	Mrs P L Ackroyd	
A A Chaudhry	G Allen	
M T Fitzpatrick	Mrs B Ashcroft	
D F Fletcher	E W R Barker	
R G W Grosvenor	L Beech	
T Hadley	Mrs B Brady	
S A Hussain	A Clarke	
Mrs J Jones	R A Faulkner	
G Lamb	S P Gaskin	
Ms A J Legg	D Goodfellow	
M Shrive	Mrs V J Gould	
Mrs B Toon	P Hudson	
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#### 171/21 **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Councillor P Walker had put forward the following motion, in accordance with Rule 14, which had been deferred from the previous meeting. The motion had been duly seconded:

“This Council condemns all business that use Fire and Rehire tactics on workers We resolve to support unions lawfully engaged in protecting their members against Fire and Rehire tactics and call on business to instead enter meaningful negotiations with workers and their representatives.

To this end the council resolves, as far as it is legally possible to

- i) Exclude from the councils list of authorised suppliers any business using Fire and Rehire tactics within a three year period of such a contract coming into force, updating our ethical procurement and social value policy to achieve this aim;
- ii) Notify the councils authorised suppliers of its intention to procure in accordance with (i) above and to further preclude procuring from business who themselves do business with those using such Fire and Rehire tactics;
- iii) Instruct the Chief Executive of the Council to identify the appropriate officer to liaise with Trade Unions and keep a record of business who have threatened workers with Fire and Rehire contracts”.

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

In accordance with the voting, the Mayor declared the motion was defeated.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

<b>THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor</b>	<b>THOSE VOTING AGAINST</b>	<b>THOSE ABSTAINING</b>
K J Builth	Mrs P L Ackroyd	
A A Chaudhry	G Allen	
M T Fitzpatrick	Mrs B Ashcroft	
D F Fletcher	E W R Barker	
R G W Grosvenor	L Beech	
T Hadley	Mrs B Brady	
S A Hussain	A Clarke	
G Lamb	R A Faulkner	
Ms A J Legg	S P Gaskin	
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#### 172/21 **APPOINTMENT OF MONITORING OFFICER**

The report of the Chief Executive on the appointment of the Monitoring Officer with effect from 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 was considered.

**Resolved:**

- 1) That John Teasdale be appointed as the Monitoring Officer of the Council pursuant to the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (as amended) and all related legislation, with effect from 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022;
- 2) That the appointment of Chris Ebberley as the Interim Monitoring Officer of the Council pursuant to the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (as amended) and all related legislation be extended from January 2022 to 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022, with the end date to ensure continuity of service.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

<b>THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor</b>	<b>THOSE VOTING AGAINST</b>	<b>THOSE ABSTAINING</b>
Mrs P L Ackroyd		
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## 173/21 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the update on the ramifications for the membership of committees and sub committees of the Council following the Tutbury and Outwoods by-election held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 was considered.

Appendix 1: List of Member nominated to serve on Committees and Panels (Dec 2021) (a copy of which is appended to these minutes) had been circulated with the report.

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

	Conservative	Labour	Independent Alliance	Total
Appeals Panel	2	1	0	3
Audit (Statement of Accounts) Committee	10	5	1	16
Complaints Panel	2	1	0	3
Development Plan Committee	3	1	1	5
Licensing Committee	9	4	2	15
Planning Committee	9	4	2	15
Scrutiny (Audit and Value for Money Council Services) Committee	10	5	1	16
Scrutiny (Community Regeneration, Environment and Health & Well-Being) Committee	10	5	1	16
Senior Officer Employment Committee	3	1	1	5
Standards Committee	3	1	1	5
	<b>61</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>99</b>

### **Resolved:**

- 1) That the number and allocation of Councillors serving on each Committee and Panel as set out in paragraph 5.3 of the report be agreed;
- 2) That, subject to the above, the nominations of the political groups to the Committee and Panels (Appendix 1 refers) be noted;

- 3) That, subject to the above, Councillors be appointed to serve on each Committee and Panel in accordance with those nominations.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

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K J Builth		
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174/21 **OPTING INTO THE NATIONAL SCHEME FOR EXTERNAL AUDITOR APPOINTMENTS FOR THE FIVE YEAR PERIOD FROM 2023/24**

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the proposals for appointing the external auditor to the Council for the accounts for the five year period from 2023/24 was considered.



Council noted that under the Local Government Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (“the Act”), the Council was required to appoint an auditor to audit its accounts for each financial year and that the Council had three options as follows:

- 1) To appoint its own auditor;
- 2) To act jointly with other authorities to procure an auditor;
- 3) To opt in to the national auditor appointment scheme, administered by a body designated by the Secretary of State as the “appointing person”.

**Resolved:**

That the Public Sector Audit Appointments’ invitation to opt into the sector-led option for the appointment of external auditors to principal local government and police bodies for five financial years from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 be accepted.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

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175/21 **MID-YEAR TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2021-22**

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the update against the Treasury Management Strategy Statement (TMSS), setting out current investment and borrowing portfolios and outlining any other treasury related matters was considered.

Appendix A: Treasury Management Report had been circulated with the report.

**Resolved:**

That the mid-year Treasury Management Report as set out in Appendix A be approved.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

<b>THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor</b>	<b>THOSE VOTING AGAINST</b>	<b>THOSE ABSTAINING</b>
Mrs P L Ackroyd	R G W Grosvenor	M Shrive
G Allen	T Hadley	Mrs B Toon
Mrs B Ashcroft	L Walker	
E W R Barker	P Walker	
L Beech		
Mrs B Brady		
K J Builth		
A A Chaudhry		
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176/21 **STATUTORY ANNUAL PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2021**

The report of the Chief Executive on the changes to the Pay Policy Statement for 2020/21 was considered.

Appendix 1: Pay Policy Statement with tracked Changes had been circulated with the report.

**Resolved:**

That the Pay Policy Statement changes as presented be agreed.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

<b>THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor</b>	<b>THOSE VOTING AGAINST</b>	<b>THOSE ABSTAINING</b>
Mrs P L Ackroyd		R G W Grosvenor
G Allen		T Hadley
Mrs B Ashcroft		L Walker
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177/21 **REVIEW OF COMMITTEES**

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the findings of a review of the Council's committees was considered.

The following appendices had been circulated with the report:

- Appendix A: Survey responses: Planning Committee;
- Appendix B: Survey responses Licensing Committee;
- Appendix C: Survey responses: Licensing Sub Committees;
- Appendix D: Survey responses: Scrutiny (Audit and Value for Money Council Services) Committee;
- Appendix E: Survey responses: Scrutiny (Community Regeneration, Environment and Health and Well Being) Committee;
- Appendix F: Survey responses: Standards Committee;
- Appendix G: Appeals Panel;
- Appendix H: Survey responses: Development Plan Committee;
- Appendix I: Survey responses: Senior Officer Employment Committee;
- Appendix J: Survey responses: Complaints Panel;
- Appendix K: Complete Survey responses.

It was proposed and duly seconded:

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- 1) That the membership of the Planning Committee be reduced from 15 to 11 Members;
- 2) That the membership of the Licensing Committee be reduced from 15 to 11 Members;
- 3) That the Licensing Committee meeting timings be moved to the evenings;
- 4) That a standalone Audit Committee be created, consisting of 6 Members and 2 independent Members;
- 5) That the number of Scrutiny Committees be increased to 3;
- 6) That the membership of scrutiny committees be reduced from 16 to 8 Members;
- 7) That there be no changes to the Standards Committee; the Complaints Panel; the Appeals Panel or to the Senior Officer Employment Committee;
- 8) That the Senior Officer Employment Committee be renamed as the Chief Officer Standards Committee;
- 9) That there be no change in the current arrangements with regards to independent membership on the Standards Committee;
- 10) That an additional meeting of the Council be added to the Council calendar in September from the 2022 municipal year onwards;
- 11) That the changes above be implemented with effect from the new municipal year i.e. 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022;
- 12) That a further report be brought to the next meeting of the Council with the relevant changes to the Constitution including setting out detailed terms of reference for the new scrutiny committees and Audit Committee;
- 13) That the proposed new structure be referred to the Council's Independent Remuneration Panel with a request that they review the Council's current Member Allowance Scheme;
- 14) That the Council's approach to Committee Training be reviewed during the next municipal year;
- 15) That reference to remote/hybrid meetings and relevant legislation where applicable be considered as part of the next update to the Constitution;
- 16) That Freedom of the Borough and Alderman procedures be clarified as part of the next update to the Constitution.”

An amendment was proposed by Councillor G Lamb and seconded by Councillor R G W Grosvenor. The amendment read as follows:

“Delete reduction in planning committee from 15 to 11”

The amendment was debated.

Upon a vote being taken, the Mayor declared the amendment was defeated.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

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K J Builth	Mrs P L Ackroyd	Mrs B Toon
A A Chaudhry	G Allen	
M T Fitzpatrick	Mrs B Ashcroft	
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R G W Grosvenor	L Beech	
T Hadley	Mrs B Brady	
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A further amendment was proposed by Councillor M T Fitzpatrick and seconded by Councillor D F Fletcher. The amendment read as follows:

“at 12.1.5 delete 3; replace with 4”

The amendment was debated.

Upon a vote being taken, the Mayor declared the amendment was defeated.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

<b>THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor</b>	<b>THOSE VOTING AGAINST</b>	<b>THOSE ABSTAINING</b>
K J Builth	Mrs P L Ackroyd	R G W Grosvenor
A A Chaudhry	G Allen	
M T Fitzpatrick	Mrs B Ashcroft	
D F Fletcher	E W R Barker	
T Hadley	L Beech	
S A Hussain	Mrs B Brady	
G Lamb	A Clarke	
Ms A J Legg	R A Faulkner	
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The original motion therefore became the substantive motion. In accordance with the voting the Mayor declared the substantive motion as carried.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

<b>THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor</b>	<b>THOSE VOTING AGAINST</b>	<b>THOSE ABSTAINING</b>
Mrs P L Ackroyd	K J Builth	M T Fitzpatrick
G Allen	A A Chaudhry	D F Fletcher
Mrs B Ashcroft	R G W Grosvenor	Ms A J Legg
E W R Barker	T Hadley	
L Beech	S A Hussain	
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## 178/21 **REVIEW OF LOCAL PLAN**

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the regulation 10a review of the local plan was considered.

The following appendices had been circulated with the report:

- Appendix 1: Performance of adopted Plan in terms of delivery against all objectives'
- Appendix 2: Compliance of Local Plan policies against the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and National Planning Policy Guidance.

Council noted that the Planning Policy officers assessed the Plan in the same way as in 2020 with the addition of the following:

- All appeal decisions assessed from the last 12 months;
- Policies in the Local Plan assessed against the 2021 National Planning Policy framework;
- Policies in the Local Plan assessed against any new planning practice guidance and ministerial statements since the last review.

The driver for undertaking an update to the Council's plan had been linked to incremental changes to National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) since the local plan was produced and the fact that the local plan had been adopted more than 5 years ago. The NPPF had changed since the existing plan had been adopted, with three revisions since that time and the latest update, published on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Alongside this there had been a number of amendments and additions to planning practice guidance and written ministerial statements.

**Resolved:**

That in accordance with the resolution of the Extraordinary Council meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020, Council agree to defer the review of the East Staffordshire Local Plan until at least November 2022.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

<b>THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor</b>	<b>THOSE VOTING AGAINST</b>	<b>THOSE ABSTAINING</b>
Mrs P L Ackroyd	R G W Grosvenor	A A Chaudhry
G Allen	T Hadley	D F Fletcher
Mrs B Ashcroft	S A Hussain	Ms A J Legg
E W R Barker	M Shrive	
L Beech	L Walker	
Mrs B Brady	P Walker	
K J Builth		
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**179/21 NOTICE OF MOTION**

Councillor T Hadley had put forward the following motion, in accordance with Rule 14, which had been duly seconded:

“This Council resolves to:

1. Formally acknowledge the rising levels of poverty so widely evidenced over the past decade and further exacerbated by the dual crises of pandemic and recession;
2. Identify, report on and address unfair socio-economic barriers to democratic participation, security and wellbeing wherever they exist;



3. Ensure that the Poverty Emergency workstream sits alongside all other workstreams within the council's recovery planning;
4. Develop a Poverty Emergency Strategy which takes a People and Planet approach to helping residents in our borough cope which aims to remedy the disproportionate social and economic impacts of the pandemic and recession;
5. Continue to streamline and widely publicise access routes to advocacy and support for those directly impacted by the crisis and facing homelessness and unemployment/underemployment;
6. Work collaboratively with partners to provide space for community-led 'hubs' where solutions to low income and crisis impacts can be explored by local residents and support provided;
7. Keep the disproportionate impacts of the crisis on low income communities at the forefront of our response to planning, housing, land allocation and development including our response to recent legislative changes;
8. Develop a dedicated online space for sharing of good practice, networking with other councils and providing a platform for the Leader's Champion and an interface for collaboration with those directly impacted;
9. Support the Leader's Champion for Poverty and Inequality to lead on this work, assisted by the cross-party Poverty Truth Advisory Board (PTAB) and a wide network of residents with lived experience;
10. Take a collaborative and evidence-based approach, working more closely with health, universities, trade unions and poverty-related community groups to improve our research and intelligence;
11. Use what we learn through the work of the Poverty Emergency to raise the voices of those affected by poverty to help inform the government to shape and deliver their 'Levelling Up' agenda in our Borough and sub-region;
12. Invite other Councils to join with us in declaring a Poverty Emergency as a vehicle for systemic change in our society;
13. To share through networks like the LGA, our model for declaring a Poverty Emergency alongside a Climate Emergency as best practice in recovery and renewal." "

(The full text of the motion is appended to these minutes).

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

In accordance with the voting, the Mayor declared the motion was defeated.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

<b>THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor</b>	<b>THOSE VOTING AGAINST</b>	<b>THOSE ABSTAINING</b>
K J Builth	Mrs P L Ackroyd	
A A Chaudhry	G Allen	
M T Fitzpatrick	Mrs B Ashcroft	
D F Fletcher	E W R Barker	
R G W Grosvenor	L Beech	
T Hadley	Mrs B Brady	
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#### 180/21 **QUESTIONS**

Two urgent questions had been submitted prior to the meeting from Councillor R G W Grosvenor. Councillor R G W Grosvenor asked two supplemental questions and the Leader of the Council agreed to provide a response in writing outside of the meeting.

One urgent question had been submitted prior to the meeting from Councillor P Walker. Councillor P Walker asked one supplemental question and the Leader of the Council agreed to provide a response in writing outside of the meeting.

A copy of the questions and the responses are appended to these minutes.

#### 181/21 **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 following item on the agenda for the Meeting as it is 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 paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.



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Urgent Question received from Councillor R G W Grosvenor and response from the Leader of the Council Councillor D Goodfellow.

17/21 **We learn from various media publications that ESBC is drawing up plans to pursue a “County Deal” with government under its levelling up agenda. Could Cllr Goodfellow advise what this means for ESBC and why is Stoke-On-Trent City Council not involved?**

Since 2019/20, the County Council and district council leaders have come to value collaboration. A “County Deal” allows all councils to accelerate changes and make progress on important priorities such as climate change, social care workforce recruitment and further developing Staffordshire as a logistics hub. Through the joint working the Staffordshire family will continue to strengthen waste and recycling services, create the right conditions for economic growth and reduce health inequalities.

Stoke on Trent is in discussions with the Staffordshire authorities but at the moment does not sit inside the county deal arrangements.

Urgent Question received from Councillor R G W Grosvenor and response from the Leader of the Council Councillor D Goodfellow.

18/21 **We learn that Cllr Goodfellow wrote to the Leader of SCC on November 8<sup>th</sup> saying that he asks the County Council Cabinet to support the proposal to relocate the library into the Market Hall. Had Councillor Goodfellow seen the business case or consultation results behind this proposal before he sent this letter to the Leader of the County Council?**

You have not quoted correctly from my letter to Cllr Alan White. It stated:

“With this in mind, I would ask that the County Council Cabinet supports the proposal to relocate the library into the Market Hall, ***if the whole business case for Project E is positive*** . This comment is in line with the Heads of Terms agreed with Government and as such it is not revelatory.

I would add that consultation results are one element of the business case process (not the sole decision making criteria) and the business case must stack up against HM Treasury's Green Book Headings.

In my role as a member of the Towns Fund board partnership I was and am able to see progress being made by the County Council and the relevant Towns Fund board members.

19/21 Urgent Question received from Councillor P Walker and response from the Leader of the Council Councillor D Goodfellow

**Taxi drivers across Burton have suffered greatly due to the loss of trade seen during the pandemic. As many struggle to find their feet again, the last thing around a 106 drivers expected was to be forced into paying money that they do not have for a new vehicle with a Euro six engine.**

**Whilst the trade acknowledges the need to tackle climate change and are not broadly opposed to the introduction of Euro six engines drivers would like to see a delay into their mandatory introduction until 2025 in line with other authorities in order to allow for revenue to recover. Does the Leader of the Council agree that the Taxi trade should be given the extension they are looking for and give taxi drivers the extra time needed to rebuild their livelihoods?'**

The implementation of compliance with the Euro 4/6 emissions regulations was approved at full Council in February 2020 as part of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy (which you voted in favour of). On November 17<sup>th</sup> 2021, a report was taken to the Licencing Committee providing an option to either continue with the implementation date or temporarily suspend the implementation whilst the current Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy is reviewed. A petition on the subject has also been received from the taxi trade and will be heard by the Licensing committee this Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 2021, and as such I wouldn't want to pre-judge the members response to that.