

EDR Nun	Decision Taken By	Decision	Reason	Key Decision	Confidential	Date of Decision
190.20	Deputy Leader (Environment and Housing)	To approve the demolition of the public conveniences at Whitehall Close, Kingstone	In 2012, due to very low usage figures, the Council took a decision to close the public conveniences at Whitehall Close, Kingstone. They have remained closed since this date and the building structure, whilst structurally sound, has slowly dilapidated. In March 2020, the Council received a letter from Kingston Parish Council requesting that the toilet block be demolished. Following a Parish consultation, they stated that the toilets "served no purpose to the parish or the wider community". They also raised concerns about the appearance of the building and its negative impact on the local environment.	No	No	16/10/2020
238.20	Deputy Leader (Regeneration and Planning Policy)	To release the money from a S106 contribution to Yoxall Parish Council for a pathway which has been built at Goose Green, a community recreational site owned and managed by Yoxall Parish Council. The S106 agreement includes a clause relating to the National Forest solely for to the provision of landscaping and or the planting of trees within the forest area. National Forest are in agreement that the S106 monies can be spent towards this landscaping project. All monies have been provided by the relevant developer to the Borough Council, Totalling £8335.00 and is to be used as a contribution towards the cost of the project.	The public open space is owned and managed by the Parish Council for informal recreation. However due to its location the site is often very wet which limits peoples use. The path provided by the monies will improve the overall site and allow more people to visit and use the site for recreational purposes.	No	No	26/10/2020
239.20	Leader of the Council	To award the contract for the provision of Insurance Services as per the Tender Evaluation process to Zurich Municipal on a Full Package basis.	A tender process has been undertaken for the provision of the main Insurances for the Council and has been conducted following the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and using the Crown Commercial Services Framework - RM6138 Insurance Services 3. This has been undertaken in conjunction with Arthur J Gallagher Insurance Brokers Ltd, who are the Council's appointed Insurance Broker. The provision will be under a Long Term Agreement basis for 3 years with the further option of 2 x 12 months extension periods, effective from 29th September 2020. A separate exercise is being undertaken for the covers in respect of Terrorism and Fine Arts cover, due to the specialist nature of these policies. The invitation to tender was split into individual lots for the different classes of Insurance and included an overall package lot, this was issued to Insurers as per the CCS Framework, with the following providers submitting responses and quotations: Protector Risk Management Partner (RMP) Travelers Zurich Municipal An Evaluation exercise has been carried out by the Council's Officers in conjunction with the appointed broker. The objective of the exercise was to award the contract on the basis of the most economically advantageous tender, based on the Award Criteria and weighting. This was split with 55% weighting on Price, with the remaining 45% comprising of Scope of Cover provided, Claims Handling Services, Underwriting Services and Added Value Services offered. As a result of this exercise and in line with the Brokers recommendations, the contract be awarded to Zurich Municipal as their submission for the package lot obtained the highest overall score. Their full package proposal was the most competitive of all submissions from a combined pricing and cover perspective. By placing the whole range of covers in a package with one main Insurer also means that they are able to offer an overall package discount, which clearly keeps the price competitive. There are also further benefits to the Council for placing the whole range of covers in a package with one Insurer under a Long Term Agreement as they will have more scope to be able to offset any potential increases in premiums across other types of cover in future	Yes	No	11/09/2020

242.20	Leader of the Council	To roll forward the existing business rates pooling arrangement to 2021/22, subject to review of the terms of the agreement being revisited post the spending review and settlement.	MHCLG have in advance of the Financial Settlement issued an "Invitation to Pool 2021-22" to both existing pools and to non-pooling authorities." A cut-off date of 23rd October 2020 has been set for authorities, or pools of authorities to state whether they wanted existing pools to continue or to revoked or reconfigured or new pools created. The deadline enables such a pool to be proposed (designated) in the provisional settlement. Our existing Business Rates Pool will not continue past 31 March 2021 and authorities, including us are required to make a decision on whether to remain as a pool. Existing Government arrangements requires a Tariff Authority; whereby Business Rates is greater than funding requirement, to pay 50% of its growth to the Government (A top up authority is not subject to a Levy). We, as well as each other Borough/District Council are currently a Tariff Authority and would be subject to a 50% levy on growth unless in a pooling arrangement. The aggregation of the County Council, Stoke City Council and Fire authorities Top up amounts results in no levy being paid since a net Top Up position exists. A sound financial business case has existed to date for pooling, as demonstrated with all authorities being a member of Business Rates pool, in one form or another since 2013/14. The business case is based upon both "historical" growth, achieved since 2013/14, and the potential for new growth. In 2019/20 the current Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Pool retained over £9.1 million which would normally be paid to Central Government as a levy (representing 50% of growth above its baseline funding in 2013/14). Pooling of business rates for 2021/22 is however particularly complicated since as yet the Government have not determined how Business Rates Growth achieved since 2013/14 is to be treated and in particular whether this will be reset in full or part. In addition the impact of Covid 19 on the economy and business rates cannot be determined whereas it is similarly unknown whether the current government measures to mitigate the impact on businesses/business rates will remain in place. Budget modelling has been undertaken to take into account scenarios in relation to the Reset and the potential impact of	Yes	No	19/10/2020
245.20	Deputy Leader (Regulatory and Community Support)	To waive car parking charges on all ESBC car parks on Saturdays; 5th, 12th and 19th December 2020.	By waiving parking charges on the specified days in the run up to Christmas, the Council will be supporting retailers and other businesses to maximise footfall. Saturdays have tended to be the busiest shopping days in the run up to Christmas and this action will essentially support those retailers and other businesses during this period.	No	No	30/10/2020