

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of East Staffordshire Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall on Monday 8th July 2024 at 6.30pm.

Present:

Councillor S McKiernan (Mayor) in the Chair

Councillors	G Allen	A Mansfield
	B Ashcroft	S Sankey
	A Bailey	M Shrive
	L Bullock	M Slater
	A Chaudhry	S Slater
	A Clarke	C Smedley
	M Fitzpatrick	K Smith
	S Gaskin	L Walker
	V Gould	P Walker
	T Hadley	C Whittaker
	R Hawkins	C Wileman
	M Holton	
	M Huckerby	
	P Hudson	
	S Hussain	
	J Jones	
	A Legg	
	R Lock	

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 Head of Regeneration and Development, the Corporate and Commercial Manager, the Principal Democratic Services Officer and the Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies for absence were received from: Councillor A Afsar, L Beech, D Fletcher, P Krupski, Z Krupski, B Peters

At the commencement of the meeting all present observed a minutes' silence in memory of Councillor Michael Ackroyd who had passed away on 21st June 2024.

115/24 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

116/24 **PUBLIC MINUTES**

Resolved:

That the Public Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough Council held on the 17th May 2024 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
Councillor G Allen Councillor B Ashcroft Councillor A Bailey Councillor A Chaudhry Councillor A Clarke Councillor M Fitzpatrick Councillor S Gaskin Councillor V Gould Councillor R Hawkins Councillor M Holton Councillor M Huckerby Councillor P Hudson Councillor S Hussain Councillor J Jones Councillor A Legg Councillor R Lock Councillor A Mansfield Councillor S McKiernan Councillor S Sankey Councillor M Shrive Councillor M Slater Councillor S Slater Councillor C Smedley Councillor K Smith Councillor L Walker Councillor P Walker Councillor C Whittaker Councillor C Wileman		Councillor T Hadley Councillor L Bullock

117/24 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor indicated that she was pleased to unveil the plaque in celebration of the Windrush Generation on the 21st June.

The Mayor encouraged all members of the public to follow the Burton Barrel Roll trail across the town.

The Mayor congratulated her chaplain Phil Pusey on receiving an MBE for services for the community in Burton-upon-Trent and Staffordshire.

The Mayor and the leader of the council congratulated the new Member of Parliament Jacob Collier on his election and also passed on their thanks to former Member of Parliament Kate Kniveton for her services to the borough.

118/24 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business for consideration at the meeting.

119/24 **MOTION ON NOTICE**

The Mayor invited Councillor G Allen to put forward and propose the motion at item 6 on the agenda for the meeting which reads as follows:

“That this Council expresses its sorrow over the sad passing of a member of the Council, Cllr Mike Ackroyd; and we send our sincerest condolences to his wife, former Cllr Patricia Ackroyd and his family, during this difficult time.”

The Mayor invited Council to debate the motion under rule 16 (rules of debate).

Upon a vote being taken, The Mayor declared the motion was carried.

Voting concerning the above decisions was as follows.

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor G Allen Councillor B Ashcroft Councillor A Bailey Councillor L Bullock Councillor A Chaudhry Councillor A Clarke Councillor M Fitzpatrick Councillor S Gaskin Councillor V Gould Councillor T Hadley		

Councillor R Hawkins		
Councillor M Holton		
Councillor M Huckerby		
Councillor P Hudson		
Councillor S Hussain		
Councillor J Jones		
Councillor A Legg		
Councillor R Lock		
Councillor A Mansfield		
Councillor S McKiernan		
Councillor S Sankey		
Councillor M Shrive		
Councillor M Slater		
Councillor S Slater		
Councillor C Smedley		
Councillor K Smith		
Councillor L Walker		
Councillor P Walker		
Councillor C Whittaker		
Councillor C Wileman		

120/24 **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 (July 2024) (a copy of which is appended to these minutes) had been circulated at the meeting.

Councillor G Allen confirmed that the vacancy on the Licensing Committee would be filled by Councillor Mrs B Ashcroft.

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

Committee	Labour	Conservative	Ungrouped	Total
Licensing Committee*	6	4	1*	11
Planning Committee*	6	4	1*	11

Audit (Statement of Accounts) Committee	5	3	-	8
Audit Committee	5	3	-	8
Scrutiny (Climate Change and Environment) Committee	5	3	-	8
Scrutiny (Health and Well Being) Committee	5	3	-	8
Scrutiny (Regeneration, Development and Market Hall) Committee	5	3	-	8
Scrutiny (Value for Money Council) Committee	5	3	-	8
Chief Officer Standards Committee	3	2	-	5
Development Plan Committee	3	2	-	5
Standards Committee	3	2	-	5
Appeals Panel	2	1	-	3
Complaints Panel	2	1	-	3
Total	55	34	2	91

*Residual seats allocated to ungrouped Member.

Resolved:

1. That the Council agree to the number and allocation of Councillors serving on each Committee and Panel as set out in Paragraph 5.4 of this report.
2. That, subject to Recommendation 13.1, the Council approve the appointment of Councillors to serve on each Committee and Panel, 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:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor G Allen		
Councillor B Ashcroft		
Councillor A Bailey		

Councillor L Bullock		
Councillor A Chaudhry		
Councillor A Clarke		
Councillor M Fitzpatrick		
Councillor S Gaskin		
Councillor V Gould		
Councillor T Hadley		
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Councillor S Slater		
Councillor C Smedley		
Councillor K Smith		
Councillor L Walker		
Councillor P Walker		
Councillor C Whittaker		
Councillor C Wileman		

121/24 **QUESTIONS**

No Questions have been received in advance for the meeting.

122/24 **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 indicated in brackets before each item number on the Agenda.

Voting concerning the above decision is as follows:

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Councillor C Whittaker		
Councillor C Wileman		

Chairman