

## 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 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### Present:

Councillor S G Gaskin (Mayor) in the Chair

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

### Officers Present:

The Chief Executive, the Heads of Service (Mark Rizk and Sal Khan), the Monitoring Officer, the Deputy Monitoring Officer, the Chief Accountant, the E-Communications Officer and the Principal Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ms A J Legg, Mrs L Shelton and S Smith.

#### 202/18 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

#### 203/18 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Borough Council held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 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</b>	<b>THOSE VOTING AGAINST</b>	<b>THOSE ABSTAINING</b>
Councillor Mrs P L Ackroyd		Councillor S Andjelkovic

Councillor G A Allen		Councillor A A Chaudhry
Councillor E W R Barker		Councillor D F Fletcher
Councillor M J Bowering		Councillor C B Jones
Councillor K J Builth		Councillor Mrs J A Killoran
Councillor R J Clarke		
Councillor R A Faulkner		
Councillor M Fitzpatrick		
Councillor D Florence-Jukes		
Councillor S P Gaskin		
Councillor D Goodfellow		
Councillor Mrs V Gould		
Councillor R G W Grosvenor		
Councillor G Hall		
Councillor H Hall		
Councillor P Hudson		
Councillor S A Hussain		
Councillor Mrs J F Jessel		
Councillor A Johnson		
Councillor R A Johnston		
Councillor Mrs J Jones		
Councillor D C Leese		
Councillor S McGarry		
Councillor S McKiernan		
Councillor L G Milner		
Councillor B G Peters		
Councillor C Smith		
Councillor Mrs B Toon		
Councillor P Walker		
Councillor C V Whittaker		
Councillor C Wileman		

204/18 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chief Executive informed Council that he had been notified that, in accordance with the Local Government and Political Groups Regulations 1990, Councillor D Florence-Jukes and Councillor H Hall had formed a new political group, which was called the “Liberal Democrat and Independent Group”.

The Chief Executive informed Councillors that in the previous week the Council took part in the annual team competition “Young Local Authority of the Year Award”. The Award welcomed people in the early stages of their Local Government career, aiming to inspire more confidence, personal and professional growth. This year 38 teams took part and one of the Borough Council teams finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. The two individuals from the Council who were in this team were Jessica Fry and Shelby Richardson. The Council placed on record its thanks for doing so well in the competition.

205/18 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business for consideration at the meeting.

206/18 **MONITORING OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT**

The report of the Monitoring Office on the annual review of the arrangements for the discharge of the Monitoring Officer's duties and proposals for amendments was considered. The following appendices had been circulated with the report:

- Appendix 1: revised Part 3Ca of the Council's Constitution;
- Appendix 2: revised Part 4C of the Council's Constitution.

Council noted that since the last Annual Report in February 2017, the Council had received 6 formal complaints about possible breaches of the Code of Conduct by members of the Borough Council and 6 formal complaints about possible breaches of the Code of Conduct by a member of a Parish Council within the Borough.

Council also noted that changes to the Deputy Leaders' portfolios had necessitated a revision of Part 3Ca of the Constitution and that in addition amendments had been made at clause 2.5 of the Council's Complaints Procedure.

**NOTED.**

207/18 **APPOINTMENT OF CABINET**

The Leader informed Council that he had made the following appointments in accordance with paragraph 6.4 of part 2 of the Constitution:

Deputy Leader (Cultural Services) – Councillor C V Whittaker  
Deputy Leader (Environment) – Councillor D C Leese  
Deputy Leader (Housing and Homelessness) – Councillor Mrs P L Ackroyd  
Deputy Leader (Planning) – Councillor Mrs J Jones  
Deputy Leader (Regeneration) – Councillor Mrs J F Jessel  
Deputy Leader (Regulatory Services) – Councillor G Hall.

**NOTED.**

208/18 **MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2018/19-2021/22**

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the Medium Term Financial Strategy for the four year period 2018/19 to 2021/22 was considered.

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

- Appendix A – Detailed Budget Summary 2018/19-;
- Appendix B - Reserves Forecast;
- Appendix C - Asset Management and Capital Strategy 2018-19.

A Councillor moved the following motion which was duly seconded:

“To approve the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018/19 to 2021/22, 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

<b>THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION</b>	<b>THOSE VOTING AGAINST</b>	<b>THOSE ABSTAINING</b>
Councillor Mrs P L Ackroyd	Councillor S Andjelkovic	
Councillor G A Allen	Councillor A A Chaudhry	
Councillor E W R Barker	Councillor D F Fletcher	
Councillor M J Bowering	Councillor C B Jones	
Councillor R A Faulkner	Councillor K J Built	
Councillor S P Gaskin	Councillor R J Clarke	
Councillor D Goodfellow	Councillor M Fitzpatrick	
Councillor Mrs V Gould	Councillor D Florence-Jukes	
Councillor R G W Grosvenor	Councillor H Hall	
Councillor G Hall	Councillor S A Hussain	
Councillor P Hudson	Councillor R A Johnston	
Councillor Mrs J F Jessel	Councillor S McKiernan	
Councillor A Johnson	Councillor P Walker	
Councillor Mrs J Jones		
Councillor Mrs J A Killoran		
Councillor D C Leese		
Councillor S McGarry		
Councillor L G Milner		
Councillor B G Peters		
Councillor C Smith		
Councillor Mrs B Toon		
Councillor C V Whittaker		
Councillor C Wileman		

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

209/18 **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2018/19**

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2018/19 was considered.

Appendix A: Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2018/19 had been circulated with the report.

**Resolved:**

That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy and Annual Investment Strategy 2018/19 as set out in Appendix A of the report be approved.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION	THOSE VOTING AGAINST	THOSE ABSTAINING
Councillor Mrs P L Ackroyd		
Councillor G A Allen		
Councillor S Andjelkovic		
Councillor E W R Barker		
Councillor M J Bowering		
Councillor K J Builth		
Councillor A A Chaudhry		
Councillor R J Clarke		
Councillor R A Faulkner		
Councillor M Fitzpatrick		
Councillor D F Fletcher		
Councillor D Florence-Jukes		
Councillor S P Gaskin		
Councillor D Goodfellow		
Councillor Mrs V Gould		
Councillor R G W Grosvenor		
Councillor G Hall		
Councillor H Hall		
Councillor P Hudson		
Councillor S A Hussain		
Councillor Mrs J F Jessel		
Councillor A Johnson		
Councillor R A Johnston		
Councillor C B Jones		
Councillor Mrs J Jones		
Councillor Mrs J A Killoran		
Councillor D C Leese		
Councillor S McGarry		
Councillor S McKiernan		
Councillor L G Milner		
Councillor B G Peters		
Councillor C Smith		
Councillor Mrs B Toon		
Councillor P Walker		
Councillor C V Whittaker		
Councillor C Wileman		

210/18 **SETTING THE AMOUNT OF COUNCIL TAX 2018/19**

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on Setting the Amount of Council Tax for 2018/19 was considered. Councillors noted the following appendices:

- 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 2018/19 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 2018/19, for each of the categories of dwellings shown.”

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

<b>THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION</b>	<b>THOSE VOTING AGAINST</b>	<b>THOSE ABSTAINING</b>
Councillor Mrs P L Ackroyd	Councillor S Andjelkovic	
Councillor G A Allen	Councillor A A Chaudhry	
Councillor E W R Barker	Councillor D F Fletcher	
Councillor M J Bowering	Councillor C B Jones	
Councillor R A Faulkner	Councillor K J Builth	
Councillor S P Gaskin	Councillor R J Clarke	
Councillor D Goodfellow	Councillor M Fitzpatrick	
Councillor Mrs V Gould	Councillor D Florence-Jukes	
Councillor R G W Grosvenor	Councillor H Hall	
Councillor G Hall	Councillor S A Hussain	
Councillor P Hudson	Councillor R A Johnston	
Councillor Mrs J F Jessel	Councillor S McKiernan	
Councillor A Johnson	Councillor P Walker	
Councillor Mrs J Jones		
Councillor Mrs J A Killoran		
Councillor D C Leese		
Councillor S McGarry		
Councillor L G Milner		
Councillor B G Peters		
Councillor C Smith		
Councillor Mrs B Toon		
Councillor C V Whittaker		
Councillor C Wileman		

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

211/18 **REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER ON THE BOROUGH COUNCIL BY ELECTION HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

The report of the Returning Officer on the result of the Borough Council By Election for the Stretton Ward held on 8th February 2018 was received for information.

**NOTED.**

212/18 **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

The report of the Deputy Monitoring Officer on the numbers and allocation of Councillors to serve on committees was considered.

Following the announcement from the Chief Executive on the formation of a new political group (minute number 204/18 refers) an amended appendix 1: List of Member nominated to serve on Committees and Panels (February 2018) was circulated at the meeting, a copy of which is appended to these minutes.

Council noted that, it was proposed that Councillor D Florence-Jukes be appointed to the Audit (Statement of Accounts) Committee and to the Scrutiny (Audit and Value for Money Council Services) Committee; that Councillor A Johnson be removed from the Scrutiny (Audit and Value for Money Council Services) Committee; that Councillor R A Johnston be removed from the Scrutiny (Economic Growth, Communities and Health) Committee; that Councillor Mrs V Gould be appointed to the Scrutiny (Economic Growth, Communities and Health) Committee and that one vacancy would remain on this committee.

**Resolved:**

- (1) That Councillor D Florence-Jukes be appointed to the Audit (Statement of Accounts) Committee and to the Scrutiny (Audit and Value for Money Council Services) Committee;
- (2) That Councillor A Johnson be removed from the Scrutiny (Audit and Value for Money Council Services) Committee;
- (3) That Councillor R A Johnston be removed from the Scrutiny (Economic Growth, Communities and Health) Committee;
- (4) That Councillor Mrs V Gould be appointed to the Scrutiny (Economic Growth, Communities and Health) Committee (leaving one vacancy on this committee).

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

<b>THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION</b>	<b>THOSE VOTING AGAINST</b>	<b>THOSE ABSTAINING</b>
Councillor Mrs P L Ackroyd		
Councillor G A Allen		
Councillor S Andjelkovic		
Councillor E W R Barker		
Councillor M J Bowering		

Councillor K J Builth		
Councillor A A Chaudhry		
Councillor R J Clarke		
Councillor R A Faulkner		
Councillor M Fitzpatrick		
Councillor D F Fletcher		
Councillor D Florence-Jukes		
Councillor S P Gaskin		
Councillor D Goodfellow		
Councillor Mrs V Gould		
Councillor R G W Grosvenor		
Councillor G Hall		
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Councillor Mrs J Jones		
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Councillor D C Leese		
Councillor S McGarry		
Councillor S McKiernan		
Councillor L G Milner		
Councillor B G Peters		
Councillor C Smith		
Councillor Mrs B Toon		
Councillor P Walker		
Councillor C V Whittaker		
Councillor C Wileman		

213/18 **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.

Councillor D Florence-Jukes asked a supplemental question and Councillor Mrs P L Ackroyd (Deputy Leader (Housing and Homelessness)) responded accordingly.

Mayor

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**QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR D FLORENCE-JUKES**

Of the total number of individuals or families presenting to this council as homeless in the proceeding 6 month period, how many were assessed as being statutorily homeless and in priority need?

**ANSWER BY THE DEPUTY LEADER (HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS)**

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