

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of East Staffordshire Borough Council held in a virtual environment on Monday 21st December 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 Jones
	L Beech	Mrs J A Killoran
	Mrs B Brady	G Lamb
	K J Builth	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 F Fletcher	G Raybould
	D Florence-Jukes	S Sankey
	S P Gaskin	M Shrive
	D Goodfellow	C Sylvester
	Mrs V Gould	Mrs B Toon
	R G W Grosvenor	P Walker
	G Hall	C V Whittaker

Officers Present:

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

Also Present:

Simon Humble (Consultant)

97/20 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

98/20 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Borough Council held on 23rd March 2020 were approved as a correct record.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

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

The public minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Borough Council held on 17th August 2020 were approved as a correct record.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor	THOSE VOTING AGAINST	THOSE ABSTAINING
Mrs P L Ackroyd		R G W Grosvenor
G Allen		
Mrs B Ashcroft		
E W R Barker		
L Beech		
Mrs B Brady		
K J Builth		
A A Chaudhry		
A Clarke		
R A Faulkner		
M T Fitzpatrick		
D F Fletcher		
D Florence-Jukes		
S P Gaskin		
D Goodfellow		
Mrs V J Gould		
G Hall		
H Hall		
P Hudson		

S A Hussain		
Mrs J Jones		
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 V Whittaker		
C D Wileman		

The minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Borough Council held on 19th October 2020 were approved as a correct record.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor	THOSE VOTING AGAINST	THOSE ABSTAINING
Mrs P L Ackroyd		A A Chaudhry
G Allen		M T Fitzpatrick
Mrs B Ashcroft		
E W R Barker		
L Beech		
Mrs B Brady		
K J Builth		
A Clarke		
R A Faulkner		
D F Fletcher		
D Florence-Jukes		
S P Gaskin		
D Goodfellow		
Mrs V J Gould		
R G W Grosvenor		
G Hall		
H Hall		
P Hudson		
S A Hussain		
Mrs J Jones		
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 V Whittaker		
C D Wileman		

99/20 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor notified Council of the sad passing of former Mayoress Jackie Milner earlier in the month.

The Leader informed Council of the increase in the number of Covid-19 rates in Staffordshire, in particular in the wards in and around Burton upon Trent. He urged Councillors to encourage residents to take asymptomatic tests when offered, to help reduce the spread of the virus.

100/20 **URGENT BUSINESS**

No urgent business had been received prior to the meeting.

101/20 **CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP OF CABINET AND PORTFOLIOS**

At this juncture Councillor Mrs B Toon joined the meeting.

The Leader informed Council that Councillor E W R Barker had stood down from the Cabinet and that, in accordance with paragraph 6.4 of part 2 of the Constitution, he had appointed Councillor Mrs B Ashcroft to the Cabinet. The Leader advised that he had also appointed Councillor M Metcalfe as Cabinet Support Member, to replace Councillor Mrs B Ashcroft.

The Leader placed on record his thanks to Councillor E W R Barker for the hard work he had carried out in his role as a member of the Cabinet and Deputy Leader of the Council. The Mayor invited Councillor E W R Barker to respond accordingly.

Council noted the proposed amended Cabinet Titles and portfolios which had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting and that these would be considered at item 8 on the agenda for the meeting.

The Leader of the Council proposed the following motion, which had been duly seconded:

“As a result of the changes to Cabinet and portfolios just announced, I propose that the Council appoints the following Councillors to serve on Committees as follows: Councillor E W R Barker in place of Councillor M Metcalfe on the Scrutiny (Community Regeneration, Environment and Health and Well Being) Committee; Councillor G Allen to replace Councillor E W R Barker on the Senior Officer Employment Committee and to remove Councillor M Metcalfe from the Audit

(Statement of Accounts) Committee and the Scrutiny (Audit and Value for Money Council Services) Committee, leaving a vacancy on each of these committees”

The Mayor declared that in accordance with the voting, the motion was carried.

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G Allen	S A Hussain	Mrs J Jones
Mrs B Ashcroft	P Walker	M Shrive
E W R Barker		Mrs B Toon
L Beech		C V Whittaker
Mrs B Brady		
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A copy of the updated committee membership is appended to these minutes.

102/20 **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

Council noted that the Leader had appointed Councillor G Allen Deputy Leader of the Council, in accordance with paragraph 6.4 of part 2 of the Constitution.

NOTED.

103/20 **CONSTITUTION UPDATE**

The report of the Monitoring Officer on the proposed changes to the Council's Constitution was considered. Appendix 1: Proposed Part 3Ca had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting.

Council noted the proposal to amend section 2 and section 4 of part 3Ca (Leader and Deputy Leader Responsibilities) to reflect the revised portfolios for the Deputy Leader (Leisure, Amenities and Tourism) and the Deputy Leader (Community and Regulatory Services) respectively.

Resolved:

- 1) That Council approve the amendments to Part 3Ca as detailed at paragraph 4 of the report;
- 2) That Council re-adopt the Constitution with immediate effect.

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G Allen	R G W Grosvenor	
Mrs B Ashcroft	S A Hussain	
E W R Barker	S McKiernan	
L Beech	M Shrive	
Mrs B Brady	P Walker	
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Mrs J A Killoran		
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C V Whittaker		
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104/20 **MID-YEAR TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2020-21**

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the update against the Treasury Management Strategy Statement (TMSS), current investment and borrowing portfolios and any other treasury related matters. Appendix A – Treasury Management Report had been circulated with the report.

Council noted the economic update; the review of the TMSS and Annual Investment Strategy; the Council Investment Portfolio for 2020/21; the Council Borrowing Strategy and Debt Rescheduling for 2020/21 and the Update on Treasury and Prudential Limits for 2020/21. It was proposed that the Treasury Management Strategy Statement include an amendment/clarification to establish an intra-local authority lending counterparty limit at the maximum of £5m, which was detailed in paragraph 4.6 of appendix A of the report.

Resolved:

That the mid-year Treasury Management Report as set out in Appendix A of the report, incorporating the proposed amendment/clarification to the Treasury Management Strategy for 2020/21 as outlined in paragraph 4.6, be approved.

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P Hudson		
S Hussain		
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Mrs J A Killoran		

G Lamb		
Ms A J Legg		
S McGarry		
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G Raybould		
S Sankey		
M Shrive		
C Sylvester		
Mrs B Toon		
C V Whittaker		
C D Wileman		

105/20 **UTTOXETER MASTERPLAN**

The report of the Chief Executive on the final Uttoxeter Masterplan produced by Cushman and Wakefield was considered. Appendix 1: Uttoxeter Masterplan Plus had been circulated with the report for the meeting.

Council noted the scope of the Masterplan had been to provide a long-term coherent image for the future of Uttoxeter as a whole town, setting out realistic and deliverable masterplan options that met the ambitions of the Council. The key stages of work undertaken by Cushman and Wakefield were as follows: Review of 2003 Masterplan; Baseline Report; Stakeholder Engagement; Options Development; Prioritisation of Interventions; Delivery Mechanisms and Conclusions and Recommendations.

Resolved:

That the findings of the Masterplan be approved.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows

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106/20 **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions submitted prior to the meeting.

107/20 **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 remainder of the Meeting as it was 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.