

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of East Staffordshire Borough Council held in a virtual environment on Monday 22nd February 2021.

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

109/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

110/21 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Borough Council held on 21st December 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	Mrs B Toon
G Allen	D Florence-Jukes	
Mrs B Ashcroft	R G W Grosvenor	
E W R Barker	H Hall	
L Beech	G Lamb	
Mrs B Brady	Ms A J Legg	
A Clarke	S McKiernan	
R A Faulkner	M Shrive	
M T Fitzpatrick	P Walker	
D F Fletcher		
S P Gaskin		
D Goodfellow		
Mrs V J Gould		
G Hall		
P Hudson		
S A Hussain		
Mrs J Jones		
Mrs J A Killoran		
S McGarry		
M Metcalfe		
B G Peters		
G Raybould		
S Sankey		
C Sylvester		
C V Whittaker		
C Wileman		

111/21 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements at the meeting.

112/21 **URGENT BUSINESS**

No urgent business had been received prior to the meeting.

113/21 **MONITORING OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT**

The report of the Monitoring Officer on the annual review of arrangements for the discharge of the Monitoring Officer's duties and proposals for amendments was considered and noted.

NOTED.

114/21 **MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2021/22 – 2023/24**

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the Medium Term Financial Strategy for the period covering 2021/22 to 2023/24 (including the Council's Capital Programme and the Asset Management and Capital Strategy) was considered.

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

- Appendix A – Detailed Budget Summary 2021/22 – 2022/23-;
- Appendix B - Reserves Forecast;
- Appendix C - Asset Management and Capital Strategy 2021/22.

At this juncture Councillor K J Builth joined the meeting.

Resolved:

That the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021/22 to 2023/24, which included the revenue budget, capital programme, rolling forward of the council tax support scheme for 2021/22 and the asset management and capital strategy, be approved; and that the level and appropriateness of reserves be noted.

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

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

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Mrs P L Ackroyd	A A Chaudhry	K J Builth
G Allen	M T Fitzpatrick	D F Fletcher
Mrs B Ashcroft	D Florence-Jukes	Mrs J Jones
E W R Barker	R G W Grosvenor	Ms A J Legg
L Beech	H Hall	Mrs B Toon
Mrs B Brady	S A Hussain	C V Whittaker
A Clarke	S McKiernan	
R A Faulkner	M Shrive	
S P Gaskin	P Walker	
D Goodfellow		
Mrs V J Gould		
G Hall		
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Mrs J A Killoran		
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C Sylvester		
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115/21 **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2021/22**

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the Treasury Management Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2021/22 was considered.

Appendix A – Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2021/22 had been circulated with the report.

Resolved:

That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy, and Annual Investment Strategy 2021/22 as set out in Appendix A of the report be approved.

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	K J Builth
G Allen	S A Hussain	D Florence-Jukes
Mrs B Ashcroft	M Shrive	
E W R Barker	P Walker	
L Beech		
Mrs B Brady		
A A Chaudhry		
A Clarke		
R A Faulkner		
M T Fitzpatrick		
D F Fletcher		
S P Gaskin		
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Mrs V J Gould		
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P Hudson		
Mrs J Jones		
Mrs J A Killoran		
G Lamb		
Ms A J Legg		
S McGarry		
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M Metcalfe		
B G Peters		
G Raybould		
S Sankey		
C Sylvester		
Mrs B Toon		
C V Whittaker		
C Wileman		

116/21 **COUNCIL TAX SETTING 2021/22**

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the Setting the Amount of Council Tax for 2021/22 was considered. Councillors noted the following appendices, which had been circulated with the report:

- 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.

Council noted

- (i) that the report was based upon the revenue budget for 2021/22, as set out elsewhere on the Agenda for the meeting;
- (ii) That the Cabinet Report – Council Tax Base 2021/22 of the 14th December 2020 calculated the amounts highlighted at Appendix 12.2 in accordance with regulations made under section 33 (5) of the Local Government Finance Act;
- (iii) That the amounts at Appendix 12.3 were calculated by the Council for the year 2021/22 in accordance with sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- (iv) That the amounts in Appendix 12.4 be noted as precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwelling shown.

Resolved:

- (1) That for the purpose of section 35 (e) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, all expenses incurred by the Council in 2021/22 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 at 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 2021/22, for each of the categories of dwellings shown.

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

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G Allen	D Florence-Jukes	
Mrs B Ashcroft	R G W Grosvenor	
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C Sylvester		
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117/21 **ELECTION OF MAYOR 2021/22**

The Council received one nomination for the appointment of Mayor 2021/22.

It was proposed and duly seconded that Councillor Mrs P L Ackroyd be nominated for appointment as Mayor at the annual meeting of the Council on 14th May 2021.

Upon a vote being taken the proposal was carried.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows

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G Allen	M Shrive	
Mrs B Ashcroft	P Walker	
E W R Barker		
L Beech		
Mrs B Brady		
K J Builth		
A A Chaudhry		
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M Metcalfe		
B G Peters		
G Raybould		
S Sankey		
C Sylvester		
Mrs B Toon		
C Whittaker		
C Wileman		

118/21 **ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2021/22**

The Council received one nomination for the appointment of Deputy Mayor 2021/22.

It was proposed and duly seconded that Councillor P Hudson be nominated for appointment as Deputy Mayor at the annual meeting of the Council on 14th May 2021.

Upon a vote being taken the proposal was carried.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

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G Allen	R G W Grosvenor	
Mrs B Ashcroft	S A Hussain	
E W R Barker	M Shrive	
L Beech	P Walker	
Mrs B Brady		
K J Builth		
A A Chaudhry		
A Clarke		
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M T Fitzpatrick		
D F Fletcher		
S P Gaskin		
D Goodfellow		
Mrs V J Gould		
G Hall		
H Hall		
P Hudson		
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		
C Sylvester		
Mrs B Toon		
C V Whittaker		
C Wileman		

119/21 **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions submitted prior to the meeting.

Mayor