

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of East Staffordshire Borough Council held in a virtual environment on Monday 19th October 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
	D F Fletcher	B G Peters
	D Florence-Jukes	G Raybould
	S P Gaskin	S Sankey
	D Goodfellow	M Shrive
	Mrs V Gould	C Sylvester
	R G W Grosvenor	Mrs B Toon
	G Hall	P Walker
		C V Whittaker

Officers Present:

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

92/20 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor A A Chaudhry declared an interest in respect of minute number 95/20, as he owned property located opposite Bargates. He left the meeting during discussion of this item.

93/20 **URGENT BUSINESS**

No urgent business had been received prior to the meeting.

94/20 **CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the update on the ramifications for the membership of committees and sub committees of the Council following the resignation of Councillor R G W Grosvenor from the Conservative Group was considered. Council noted the contents of appendix 1: List of Members nominated to serve on Committees and Panels (Oct 2020) (a copy of which is appended to these minutes).

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

	Conservative	Labour	Independent Alliance	Conservative Independent	Total
Appeals Panel	2	1	0	0	3
Audit (Statement of Accounts) Committee	10	4	1	1	16
Complaints Panel	2	1	0	0	3
Development Plan Committee	3	1	1	0	5
Licensing Committee	10	4	1	0	15
Planning Committee	10	4	1	0	15
Scrutiny (Audit and Value for Money Council Services) Committee	10	4	1	1	16
Scrutiny (Community Regeneration, Environment and Health & Well-Being) Committee	10	4	1	1	16
Senior Officer Employment Committee	3	1	1	0	5
Standards Committee	3	1	1	0	5
	63	25	8	3	99

At this juncture Councillor D F Fletcher joined the meeting.

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 the report;
- 2) That, subject to the above, the Council note the nominations of the political groups to the Committees and Panels (appendix 1 of the report refers);
- 3) That, subject to the above, the Council appoint Councillors to serve on each Committee and Panel in accordance with those nominations;
- 4) That Council appoint the Conservative Independent Member to the Audit (Statement of Accounts) Committee; the Scrutiny (Community Regeneration, Environment and Health and Well Being) Committee and the Scrutiny (Audit and Value for Money Council Services) Committee.

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		
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		
Mrs B Toon		
P Walker		
C V Whittaker		
C Wileman		

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REGULATION 10A REVIEW OF THE LOCAL PLAN

At this juncture Councillor A A Chaudhry left the meeting.

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the regulation 10a review of the Local Plan was considered.

The following appendices had been circulated with the report:

- Appendix A: Performance of adopted Plan in terms of delivery against all objectives;

- Appendix B: Compliance of Local Plan policies against the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the National Planning Policy Guidance.

Council noted the Development Plan Committee had met on three occasions to discuss the approach to reviewing the Local Plan and had endorsed the recommendation as set out in the report. It was noted that in assessing the need to update the Local Plan the following were considered:

- National legislative updates/ National policy;
- Strategic direction of the Authority;
- Land Supply position (5 year land supply);
- Performance of adopted Plan in terms of delivery against objectives;
- Significant environmental changes;
- Delivery of infrastructure;
- Wider strategic impacts e.g. neighbouring authorities' unmet housing needs;
- Proposed changes to plan making as set out in the current Planning White Paper consultation.

The driver for undertaking an update to the Council's Plan was linked to the lack of alignment with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The NPPF had significantly changed since the existing Plan had been adopted and the Council's policies would need to be updated to reflect these changes. The Council had maintained a strong 5 year land supply position and performed well at appeal. This indicated that the policies in the existing Plan were still relevant and robust. Housing delivery performance had been effective and there was still a good supply of sites to be delivered. A thorough review of all policies in the plan had been undertaken in terms of delivery and compliance with national policy, which had not indicated that there would be an urgent or essential need to update the policies in the immediate short term.

Resolved:

That the update to the Local Plan be delayed for a maximum of 5 years, with an annual review carried out (as recommended at the meeting of the Development Committee held on 23rd September 2020).

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

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G Allen	P Walker	M Shrive
Mrs B Ashcroft		
E W R Barker		
L Beech		
Mrs B Brady		
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C V Whittaker		
C Wileman		

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COUNCIL MEETING DATES

At this juncture Councillor A A Chaudhry re-joined the meeting.

Resolved:

That Council meetings be held on the following dates during the 2020/21 municipal year:

7th December 2020;
 22nd February 2021;
 1st March 2021;
 14th May 2021 (Annual Council Meeting).

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

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Mayor