

Minutes of the meeting of the **Overview & Scrutiny Committee** South
Staffordshire Council held in the Council Chamber Community Hub,
Wolverhampton Road, Codsall, South Staffordshire, WV8 1PX on Tuesday, 23 January 2024 at 18:30

Present:-

Councillor Andrew Adams, Councillor Helen Adams, Councillor Penny Allen, Councillor Jeff Ashley, Councillor Meg Barrow, Councillor Gary Burnett, Councillor Mike Davies, Councillor Philip Davis, Councillor Steph Dufty, Councillor Robert Duncan, Councillor Sue Duncan, Councillor Christopher Evans, Councillor Mark Evans, Councillor Sam Harper-Wallis, Councillor Dr Paul Harrison, Councillor Diane Holmes, Councillor Fiona Hopkins, Councillor Matthew Jackson, Councillor Victor Kelly, Councillor Dan Kinsey, Councillor Vincent Merrick, Councillor John Michell, Councillor Rob Nelson, Councillor Martin Perry, Councillor Ray Perry, Councillor Gregory Spruce, Councillor Christopher Steel, Councillor Sue Szalapski, Councillor Bernard Williams

25 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 14 November 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

26 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor B Bond, Councillor V Chapman, Councillor B Cope, Councillor J Brindle and Councillor K Williams.

27 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor M Perry declared an interest in item 9: Future Waste and Recycling Provision 1st April 2025 - 31st March 2026 and left the chamber for consideration of this agenda item.

28 **THE COUNCILS MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2024/25 - 2028/29 AND 2024/25 BUDGET**

RESOLVED: that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- a) support the report together with the draft Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS), revenue estimates and capital programme for the 2024/25 budget for consultation with stakeholders. In particular:
- b) note the updated draft MTFS position and the revised revenue estimates for 2023/24 and 2024/25;
- c) note the reconciliation for the previous approved MTFS to the updated draft MTFS;
- d) support the revised capital programme;
- e) support that the minimum level of general fund reserves is maintained at £1.5m;

29 **UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND AND RURAL ENGLAND PROSPERITY FUND**

RESOLVED: that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the content

of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and Rural England Prosperity Fund report and the progress made to date.

30 UPDATE ON MEMBER WORKING GROUPS 2023/24

RESOLVED: That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the progress to date of the Member Working Groups on the Council Plan 2024-28; Community Engagement; and Climate Change.

31 WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24

RESOLVED: That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the report.

32 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was Proposed by Councillor Mike Davies and Seconded by Councillor Phil Davis.

RESOLVED: That the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items on the grounds that they are likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) to the Local Government Act 1972.

33 FUTURE WASTE RECYCLING PROVISION 1ST APRIL 2025 - 31ST MARCH 2026

This item is exempt in accordance with Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972

- Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information);
- Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings;

The Meeting ended at: 20:20

CHAIRMAN