

Minutes of the meeting of the **Council**  
South Staffordshire Council held in the  
Council Chamber Community Hub,  
Wolverhampton Road, Codsall, South  
Staffordshire, WV8 1PX on Tuesday, 12  
December 2023 at 19:00

**Present:-**

Councillor Andrew Adams, Councillor Jeff Ashley, Councillor Meg Barrow, Councillor John Brindle, Councillor Gary Burnett, Councillor Val Chapman, Councillor Mike Davies, Councillor Philip Davis, Councillor Steph Dufty, Councillor Robert Duncan, Councillor Sue Duncan, Councillor Christopher Evans, Councillor Mark Evans, Councillor Warren Fisher, Councillor Sam Harper-Wallis, Councillor Dr Paul Harrison, Councillor Rita Heseltine, Councillor Diane Holmes, Councillor Fiona Hopkins, Councillor Matthew Jackson, Councillor Victor Kelly, Councillor Dan Kinsey, Councillor Roger Lees, Councillor Vincent Merrick, Councillor John Michell, Councillor Rob Nelson, Councillor Kath Perry, Councillor Martin Perry, Councillor Ray Perry, Councillor Robert Reade, Councillor Gregory Spruce, Councillor Christopher Steel, Councillor Wendy Sutton, Councillor Sue Szalapski, Councillor David Williams, Councillor Victoria Wilson

19      **PRIORITY BUSINESS (IF ANY)**

There was no priority business.

20      **MINUTES OF 5 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 5 September 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairmen.

21      **MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL 5 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting of Special Council held on 5 September 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairmen.

22      **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor H Adams, Councillor P Allen, Councillor B Bond MBE, Councillor B Williams and Councillor K Williams.

23      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

24      **QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11.4**

There were no questions pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 11.4.

25      **LEADER'S REPORT**

Members received and noted the report of the Leader of the Council.

26      **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Members received and noted the report of the Committee Chairmen.

27      **MOTION - PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR HARPER-WALLIS**

It was Proposed by Councillor Harper-Wallis and Seconded by Councillor Dr Harrison that: Recognising the importance of public engagement and transparency in local governance, this motion proposes the introduction of a dedicated Public Questions Agenda Item at each Ordinary meeting of

South Staffordshire District Council.  
Councillor Chapman spoke against the Motion but following clarification, did not propose an amendment to the Motion. Councillor Fisher requested a named vote; this was voted upon and defeated.

**RESOLVED:** That the Motion was defeated.

28      **ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2022/23**

It was Proposed by Councillor Michell and Seconded by Councillor Lees and

**RESOLVED:** Members note the content of the two reports.

29      **INTEGRATED PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT (IPM) REPORT -  
QUARTER 2**

It was Proposed by Councillor Lees and Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

**RESOLVED:** Members note the Quarter 2 IPM Report.

30      **ANNUAL REPORT ON THE CAPITAL STRATEGY**

It was Proposed by Councillor Lees and Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

**RESOLVED:** Members approve the 2022/23 Annual Report on performance against the Capital Strategy.

31      **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman of the Council, Councillor Meg Barrow, began by presenting Honorary Alderman badges to Alderman Roy Wright, Alderman Joan Burton MBE and Mrs Cartwright on behalf of Alderman Don Cartwright. The Chairman stated that £245 had been raised at her bottle stall at the Codsall Christmas Fayre recently and that on Saturday she was attending a carol service at Staffordshire County Council. Recognising outstanding achievements, the Chairman mentioned Wally Fowler a local 89-year-old cyclist who had done a 2K ride; and 9-year-old Amelia Smith from Codsall, who had been awarded Young Fundraiser of the Year at New Cross Hospital. Finally, the Chairman invited members and Aldermen to join her for carols in the Members Lounge to mark the festive season.

The Meeting ended at: 19:51

**CHAIRMAN**