

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, 20
February 2024 at 19:00

Present:-

Councillor Andrew Adams, Councillor Helen Adams, Councillor Penny Allen, Councillor Jeff Ashley, Councillor Meg Barrow, Councillor Barry Bond, Councillor John Brindle, Councillor Gary Burnett, Councillor Val Chapman, Councillor Bob Cope, Councillor Mike Davies, Councillor Philip Davis, 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 Fiona Hopkins, Councillor Matthew Jackson, 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 Wendy Sutton, Councillor Bernard Williams, Councillor David Williams, Councillor Victoria Wilson

32 PRIORITY BUSINESS (IF ANY)

There was no priority business.

33 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 12 December 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

34 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor S Dufty, Councillor D Holmes, Councillor V Kelly, Councillor C Steel, Councillor S Szalapski and Councillor K Williams.

35 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Monitoring Officer confirmed that Members did not need to make individual declarations of interest in respect of the setting of Council Tax. There were no declarations of interest.

36 QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11.4

There were no questions pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 11.4.

**37 THE COUNCIL'S MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2024/25 -
2028/29 AND 2024/25 BUDGET**

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

RESOLVED (1): Members approved the report together with the draft Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS), projected expenditure for 2023/24, revenue estimates and capital programme for 2024/25 and proposals for the 2024/25 budget.

RESOLVED (2): Members passed a resolution in the form attached at Appendix 5.

RESOLVED (3): Members note the report of the Chief Finance Officer on the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the Council's

reserves, attached as Appendix .

RESOLVED (4): That the Leader of the Council be authorised to make any necessary amendments to include any late information or to correct any errors or omissions

In accordance with legal requirements, a named vote was undertaken with all members present voting for the Recommendations with the exception of Councillors Ashley, Harper-Wallis, Harrison and Spruce who abstained.

038 **CAPITAL STRATEGY 2024/25 - 2028/29**

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

RESOLVED: Members approved the Capital Strategy 2024/25 to 2028/29.

39 **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2024/25 - 2028/29**

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

RESOLVED: Members approved each of the five key elements of this report.:

- 1) The Prudential Indicators and Limits for 2024/25 - 2028/29 contained within Appendix A of the report.
- 2) The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement contained within Appendix A (paragraph 2.3) which sets out the Council's policy on MRP.
- 3) The Treasury Management Strategy 2024/25 - 2028/29 contained within Appendix A.
- 4) The Authorised Limit Prudential Indicator contained within Appendix A (para 3.2).
- 5) The Investment Strategy 2024/25 contained in the Treasury Management Strategy (Appendix A), and the detailed criteria (included in Appendix B)

40 **APPROVAL OF ABSENCE REPORT**

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

RESOLVED: Members approved the reason of absence, namely that of mobility issues caused by a long-term health condition, for Councillor Kath Williams.

41 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman of the Council, Councillor Meg Barrow, welcomed Councillor Barry Bond back following a period of absence. The Chairman expressed her thanks to those who had supported her chosen charity, MND, by way of donations in lieu of sending Christmas cards and for staff who had had a Christmas jumper day. The Chairman held a successful fund-raising evening on 9 February, raising around £1,400 for her charity. Finally, the Chairman mentioned her Civic Dinner to be held on 22 March and thanked those that had donated prizes and hoped many would be able to attend to support if possible.

23 February 2024

CHAIRMAN