

8 June 2023

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, 23
May 2023 at 19:00

Present:-

Councillor Andrew Adams, Councillor Helen Adams, Councillor Penny Allen, Councillor Jeff Ashley, Councillor Meg Barrow, Councillor John Brindle, Councillor Gary Burnett, Councillor Val Chapman, Councillor Bob Cope, 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 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 Bernard Williams, Councillor David Williams, Councillor Kath Williams, Councillor Victoria Wilson

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Meg Barrow was proposed by Councillor Kath Perry MBE and seconded by Councillor Dan Kinsey BEM and it was

RESOLVED: that Councillor Meg Barrow be elected Chairman of the Council for the Municipal Year 2023/24.

2 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Dan Kinsey BEM was proposed by Councillor Mark Evans and seconded by Councillor Martin Perry and it was

RESOLVED: that Councillor Dan Kinsey BEM be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the Municipal Year 2023/24.

3 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 21 March 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

4 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received for Councillors B Bond MBE and D Holmes.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

6 ELECTION OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Roger Lees was proposed by Councillor Robert Reade and seconded by Councillor Victoria Wilson. A named vote was taken with all present voting in favour with the exception of Councillors J Ashley, S Dufty, S Harper-Wallis, P Harrison and G Spruce who abstained.

7 NOTIFICATION BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNCILLORS APPOINTED TO THE CABINET

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Roger Lees, announced his Cabinet as follows:

Business Enterprise and Community Infrastructure - Councillor Victoria Wilson

Community Services - Councillor Kath Perry MBE

Corporate Services - Councillor Roger Lees

Digital Technology and Service Transformation - Councillor David Williams

Regulatory Services - Councillor Rita Heseltine

Welfare Services - Councillor Robert Reade

Deputy Leader - Councillor Victoria Wilson

8 **ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION**

It was proposed by Councillor Roger Lees and seconded by Councillor Victoria Wilson and

RESOLVED: that the revised Constitution be adopted by Council and replace all previous versions of the Constitution.

9 **POLITICAL BALANCE REPORT**

It was proposed by Councillor Roger Lees and seconded by Councillor Victoria Wilson and

RESOLVED: that the overall proportions for committees set out in paragraph 4.5 of the report be approved.

10 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED: that for the Municipal Year 2023/24:

a) a Planning Committee be appointed in accordance with the Constitution of the Council comprising Councillors H Adams, B Bond MBE, V Chapman, P Davis, R Duncan, M Evans, R Heseltine, D Holmes, V Kelly, K Perry MBE, R Reade, W Sutton, B Cope, C Steel, S Harper-Wallis, G Spruce, G Burnett, J Ashley

b) Councillor M Evans be elected Chairman of the Planning Committee

c) Councillor B Cope be elected Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee

11 **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED: that for the Municipal Year 2023/24

a) a Overview and Scrutiny Committee comprising all members of the Council who are not members of the Cabinet be appointed in accordance with the constitution of the Council

b) Councillor Mike Davies be appointed Chairman of the Overview and

Scrutiny Committee

c) Councillor P Davis be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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STANDARDS AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: that for the Municipal Year 2023/24

a) a Standards and Resources Committee be appointed in accordance with the Constitution of the Council comprising Councillors B Bond MBE, M Davies, P Davis, S Duncan, D Holmes, D Kinsey BEM, S Szalapski, R Reade, P Allen, Dr P Harrison MBE, G Burnett, J Brindle

b) Councillor B Bond MBE be appointed Chairman of the Standards and Resources Committee

c) Councillor D Holmes be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Standards and Resources Committee

d) Parish Councillors R Tucker, M Roberts, L Emery, C Taylor, K Elder and Dr R Taylor be appointed to the Standards and Resources Committee

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STANDARDS AND RESOURCES SUB-COMMITTEE - HEARINGS

RESOLVED: that for the Municipal Year 2023/24

a) a Standards and Resources Hearings Sub Committee be appointed in accordance with the Constitution of the Council comprising Councillors P Allen, B Bond MBE, G Burnett, P Davis, S Duncan, D Holmes

b) Parish Councillors R Tucker, C Taylor, R Taylor be appointed to the Standards and Resources Hearings Sub Committee

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STANDARDS AND RESOURCES SUB-COMMITTEE - ASSESSMENT

RESOLVED: that for the Municipal Year 2023/24

a) a Standards and Resources Assessment Sub Committee be appointed in accordance with the Constitution of the Council comprising Councillors J Brindle, M Davies, Dr P Harrison MBE, D Kinsey BEM, R Reade, S Szalapski

b) Parish Councillors M Roberts, L Emery, K Elder be appointed to the Standards and Resources Assessment Sub Committee

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LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: that for the Municipal Year 2023/24

a) a Licensing and Regulatory Committee be appointed in accordance with the Constitution of the Council comprising Councillors A Adams, M Barrow, M Davies, R Heseltine, M Jackson, V Merrick, J Michell, S Szalapski, B Williams, D Williams, P Allen, R Nelson, S Harper-Wallis, G Burnett, J Brindle

b) Councillor V Merrick be appointed Chairman of the Licensing and

Regulatory Committee

c) Councillor M Davies be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee

16 **AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED: that for the Municipal Year 2023/24

a) an Audit and Risk Committee be appointed in accordance with the Constitution of the Council comprising Councillors A Adams, B Bond MBE, C Evans, J Michell, M Perry, S Szalapski, W Fisher, S Dufty

b) Councillor J Michell be appointed Chairman of the Audit and Risk Committee

c) Councillor A Adams be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Audit and Risk Committee

17 **INVESTIGATORY AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED: that for the Municipal Year 2023/24 an Investigatory and Disciplinary Committee be appointed in accordance with the Constitution of the Council comprising Councillors H Adams, R Lees, J Michell, M Perry, D Williams, W Fisher, S Dufty

18 **DISCIPLINARY AND GRIEVANCE APPEALS COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED: that for the Municipal Year 2023/24 a Disciplinary and Grievance Appeals Committee be appointed in accordance with the Constitution of the Council comprising Councillors R Heseltine, M Jackson, D Kinsey BEM, V Merrick, R Perry, C Steel, Dr P Harrison MBE

19 **HOUSING REVIEW PANEL**

RESOLVED: that for the Municipal Year 2023/24 a Housing Review Panel be appointed in accordance with the Constitution of the Council comprising Councillors D Williams, V Kelly and C Steel; and Councillors R Lees, A Adams and P Allen be appointed as Substitute members

20 **WELLBEING SELECT COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED: that for the Municipal Year 2023/24

a) a Wellbeing Select Committee be appointed in accordance with the Constitution of the Council comprising Councillors M Barrow, V Chapman, C Evans, D Holmes, W Sutton, S Szalapski, B Williams, K Williams, R Nelson, Dr P Harrison MBE, F Hopkins, J Ashley

b) Councillor V Chapman be appointed Chairman of the Wellbeing Select Committee

c) Councillor K Williams be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Wellbeing Select

Committee

d) Councillor J Abrahams was confirmed as the County Lead Member

21 **LOTTERY ADVISORY PANEL**

RESOLVED: that for the Municipal Year 2023/24 a Lottery Advisory Panel be appointed in accordance with the Constitution of the Council comprising Councillors;

Locality 1 – S Harper-Wallis and V Kelly

Locality 2 – D Holmes and S Szalapski

Locality 3 – J Brindle and C Steel

Locality 4 – M Barrow and R Heseltine

Locality 5 – M Perry and V Wilson

22 **ASSET SCRUTINY PANEL**

RESOLVED: that for the Municipal Year 2023/24

a) an Asset Scrutiny Panel be appointed in accordance with the Constitution of the Council comprising Councillors V Chapman, M Davies, P Davis, M Perry, W Sutton, B Cope, Dr P Harrison MBE

b) Councillor P Davis be appointed Chairman of the Asset Scrutiny Panel

c) Councillor M Davies be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Asset Scrutiny Panel

23 **LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED: that for the Municipal Year 2023/24 a Local Joint Committee be appointed in accordance with the Constitution of the Council comprising Councillors V Kelly, R Lees, R Perry, B Williams, B Cope, Sam Harper-Wallis

24 **DISCRETIONARY HOUSING PAYMENTS SCHEME**

RESOLVED: that Councillors H Adams, S Duncan, R Heseltine, D Holmes, R Lees, D Williams, C Steel, S Harper-Wallis be appointed members from whom the Municipal Year 2023/24 panels will be drawn to consider disputes arising from the Discretionary Housing Payments Scheme

25 **PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT REVIEW AND APPOINTMENTS PANEL**

RESOLVED: that for the Municipal Year 2023/24 a Personal Development Review and Appointments Panel be appointed in accordance with the Constitution of the Council comprising Councillors B Bond MBE, M Davies, R Lees, V Wilson, B Cope, F Hopkins

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED: that for the Municipal Year 2023/24 the following appointments be made to Outside Bodies;

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:-

(a) Health Select Committee

Chairman of Wellbeing Select Committee Councillor V Chapman. (Substitute – Councillor K Williams)

(b) Staffordshire Planning Forum

Cabinet Member for Business Enterprise and Community Infrastructure Councillor V Wilson. (Substitute – Councillor R Lees)

(c) Corporate Parenting Panel

Councillor W Sutton

(2) Bilbrook Playing Fields Committee

Councillor G Burnett

(3) 2078 Boscobel Squadron Air Training Corps

Councillor R Duncan

(4) Campaign to Protect Rural England

Cabinet Member for Community Services Councillor K Perry MBE

(5) Cannock Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Joint Committee

Cabinet Member for Business Enterprise and Community Infrastructure – Councillor V Wilson. Substitute – Councillor K Perry MBE)

(6) Codsall Village Hall and Playing Fields Committee

Councillors M Barrow and V Chapman

(7) Environmental Protection UK

Cabinet Member for Community Services Councillor K Perry MBE and Councillor M Jackson

(8) Forest of Mercia Members' Advisory Panel

Councillors B Cope and D Williams

(9) Four Ashes Energy Recovery Facility Local Liaison Committee

Cabinet Member for Business Enterprise and Community Infrastructure
Councillor V Wilson plus Councillors B Cope and W Sutton

(10) Hilton Main Recreation and Social Welfare Fund Grant Panel

Councillor B Cope

(11) Marsh Recreation Ground and Community Centre Trust

Councillor G Spruce

(12) Leisure Centre Management Committees

(a) Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre

Councillors R Perry and B Williams

(b) Codsall Leisure Centre

Councillors M Barrow and V Chapman

(c) Wombourne Leisure Centre

Councillors D Kinsey BEM and V Wilson

(13) Local Government Association

(a) Association

Primary Representative – Leader of the Council. 2nd Representative - Deputy
Leader of the Council

(b) District Council Network

Leader of the Council

(14) Midlands Joint Advisory Clean Air Council – YES

Cabinet Member for Community Services Councillor K Perry MBE

(15) Monckton Recreation Management Committee

Councillor A Adams

(16) PATROL (Traffic Penalty Tribunal) Adjudication Joint Committee

Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services Councillor R Heseltine (Substitute –
Cabinet Member for Business Enterprise and Community Infrastructure

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Councillor V Wilson)

(17) PFCC Strategic Community Safety Forum

Councillor V Merrick

(18) Perton Playing Fields Association - YES

Councillor P Davis

(19) Shoal Hill Common Joint Committee

Councillors H Adams, B Cope and D Williams

(20) South Staffordshire Partnership Leadership Board

Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive

(21) Sow and Penk Internal Drainage Management Board

Councillor V Kelly (by agreement with Stafford Borough Council)

(22) Staffordshire Destination Management Partnership Board (Enjoy Staffordshire)

Cabinet Member for Business Enterprise and Community Infrastructure
Councillor V Wilson

(23) Staffordshire Joint Police and Crime Panel

Leader of the Council

(24) Staffordshire Playing Fields Association

Councillor K Perry MBE

(25) Trysull and Seisdon Playing Fields Committee

Councillor V Wilson

(To hold office from AGM of the Management Committee in October 2023 to the AGM in October 2024)

(26) West Midlands Employers

Confirmation of appointment of the Chief Executive

(27) Wolverhampton Business (Halfpenny Green) Airport Consultative Committee

Councillors B Bond MBE and R Lees

(28) Wombourne and District Community Association

Councillor D Kinsey BEM

(29) Saredon Quarry Liaison Committee

Councillor B Cope

(30) Seisdon Quarry Liaison Committee

Councillor V Wilson

(31) Council Company

Councillor R Lees

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(33) Staffordshire Sustainability Board

Cabinet Member for Community Services Councillor K Perry MBE

(34) Staffordshire Leaders Board

Leader of the Council

27 INDEPENDENT MEMBERS' REMUNERATION PANEL

RESOLVED: that for the Municipal Year 2023/24 an Independent Members' Remuneration Panel be appointed in accordance with the Constitution of the Council comprising;

Mr R Garbett - Retired Businessman

Mr A McLaughlin - Local Businessman

Alderman R Wright - Former Councillor

28 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON

RESOLVED: that Stephen Cork be appointed as the Independent Person for the Municipal Year 2023/24

29 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF COMPLAINTS PANEL

RESOLVED: that for the Municipal Year 2023/24 S Cork, N Davies and A Hamlyn be appointed as Independent Members to the Council's

Complaints Panel.

30 **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2023-2024**

A revised calendar of meetings had been circulated. It was proposed by Councillor Roger Lees and seconded by Councillor Victoria Wilson and **RESOLVED:** that the Calendar of meetings be approved

31 **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2023/24 - 2027/28**

With the consent of the Chairman this item was withdrawn from the agenda

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

There were no questions pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 11.4

33 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman of the Council, Councillor Meg Barrow, presented a certificate to former Councillors to mark their service; Len Bates, Joyce Bolton, Nigel Caine, Jo Chapman, Matt Ewart, Lin Hingley, Steve Hollis, Ve Jackson, Janet Johnson, Mike Lawrence, Dave Lockley, Terry Mason, Christine Raven, John Raven, Ian Sadler, Bob Spencer and Henry Williams.

The Chairman announced that her chosen charity would be Motor Neurone Disease. The Chairman's Civic Sunday was planned for 23 July at the Wergs Golf Club. The Chairman thanked all staff for the work undertaken.

The Meeting ended at: 20:10

CHAIRMAN