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, 26 September 2023 at 18:30

Present:-

Councillor Andrew Adams, Councillor Helen Adams, Councillor Penny Allen, Councillor Jeff Ashley, Councillor Meg Barrow, Councillor John Brindle, Councillor Gary Burnett, 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 Sam Harper-Wallis, Councillor Dr Paul Harrison, Councillor Fiona Hopkins, 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 Wendy Sutton, Councillor Sue Szalapski, Councillor Bernard Williams, Councillor Kath Williams

11 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 25.7.23

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 25 July 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

12 APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillors B Bond MBE, V Chapman and M Jackson.

13 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

14 THE COUNCIL'S MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2024/25 - 2028/29 AND 2024/25 BUDGET OUTLOOK AND INDICATIVE FIGURES

The Committee received a report from the Finance Team Manager (and Interim 151 Officer).

RESOLVED That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (a) note the broad economic and external climate that could precipitate the best, worst and likeliest scenarios presented.

(b) note the potential impact of identified and provisionally costed external factors on the General Funds of the Council, notwithstanding that these are indicative and internal policy prioritisation remains ongoing.

15 MEMBERS UPDATE ON CLIMATE CHANGE ACTIONS

The Committee received a report from the Corporate Director, Place and Communities updating members on progress made on the council's work to mitigate the effects of climate change during 2022-23 and provide a brief update on actions and work that will take place during 2023-24.

RESOLVED That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the reported progress and achievements made during 2022-23, and the proposals for 2023-24.

<u>16</u> <u>WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24</u>

The Committee received the report of the Corporate Director of Governance updating the work programme for the Committee for the municipal year 2023-24.

RESOLVED: The the Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the work programme for the municipal year 2023-24.

The Meeting ended at: 19:45

CHAIRMAN