

Minutes of the meeting of the **Council**
South Staffordshire Council held in the
Council Chamber Council Offices,
Wolverhampton Road, Codsall, South
Staffordshire, WV8 1PX on Tuesday, 14
September 2021 at 19:00

Present:-

Councillor Penny Allen, Councillor Meg Barrow, Councillor Len Bates, Councillor Chris Benton, Councillor Joyce Bolton, Councillor Barry Bond, Councillor Anthony Bourke, Councillor Gary Burnett, Councillor Nigel Caine, Councillor Jo Chapman, Councillor Bob Cope, Councillor Brian Cox, Councillor Mike Davies, Councillor Philip Davis, Councillor Matt Ewart, Councillor Warren Fisher, Councillor Rita Heseltine, Councillor Lin Hingley, Councillor Steve Hollis, Councillor Janet Johnson, Councillor Dan Kinsey, Councillor Michael Lawrence, Councillor Roger Lees, Councillor Dave Lockley, Councillor Terry Mason, Councillor Vincent Merrick, Councillor Kath Perry, Councillor Ray Perry, Councillor Christine Raven, Councillor Robert Reade, Councillor Ian Sadler, Councillor Robert Spencer, Councillor Christopher Steel, Councillor Bernard Williams, Councillor Henry Williams

35 PRIORITY BUSINESS (IF ANY)

There was no priority business

36 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 18 May 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman

37 APOLOGIES

Apologies for non attendance were submitted by Councillors M Boyle, D Holmes, V Jackson, J Raven, W Sutton, D Williams and K Williams.

38 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

39 QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11.4

There were no questions pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 11.4

40 CABINET REPORT

Members received and noted the report of the Cabinet.

41 ASSET SCRUTINY PANEL UPDATE

RESOLVED: that Council note the content of the Asset Scrutiny Panel Update

42 AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE UPDATE

RESOLVED: that Council note the content of the Audit and Risk Committee Update

43 OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: that Council note the content of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Update

44 **PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE**

RESOLVED: that Council note the content of the Planning Committee Update

45 **STANDARDS AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE UPDATE**

RESOLVED: that Council note the content of the Standards and Resources Committee Update

46 **ELECTION OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillor Roger Lees was proposed by Councillor B Bond and seconded by Councillor T Mason.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Roger Lees be elected as Leader of the Council. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 3 the roll call of members was as follows: all members present voted in favour of the election of Councillor Lees with the exception of Councillors P Allen, C Benton, A Bourke, G Burnett, N Caine, W Fisher, I Sadler and C Steel who abstained.

Cabinet Members were agreed as below:

Business Transformation – Councillor D Williams

Welfare Services – Councillor R Reade

Regulatory Services – Councillor R Heseltine

Community Services – Councillor L Bates

Planning and Business Enterprise – Councillor T Mason

Partnership Services – Leader of the Council

Assistant Cabinet Member Planning – Councillor V Wilson

Deputy Leader - Councillor R Heseltine

47 **POLITICAL BALANCE**

RESOLVED: That the Council agreed the overall proportions for committees as set out in the Political Balance report.

48 **AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

The Council received the report of the Monitoring Officer regarding the Amendments to the Constitution.

RESOLVED: That the revisions to the Constitution set out at paragraph 4, and at appendix 1 be approved.

49 **APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES**

RESOLVED: That the following appointments were agreed:

- (a) Planning Committee Chairman - Councillor M Lawrence
 - (b) Planning Committee Vice-Chairman - Councillor B Cope
 - (c) Asset Scrutiny Panel Chairman – Councillor M Lawrence
 - (d) Asset Scrutiny Panel Vice-Chairman – Councillor P Davis
 - (e) Asset Scrutiny Panel change of members: Councillor C Benton in place of Councillor T Mason
 - (g) Standards and Resources Committee change of members: Councillor V Jackson in place of Councillor T Mason
 - (h) Standards and Resources Review Sub-Committee change of members: Councillor V Jackson in place of Councillor T Mason
 - (i) Licensing and Regulatory Committee – Councillor A Bourke in place of Councillor S Hollis
 - (j) Wellbeing Select Committee – Councillor C Steel in place of Councillor B Burnett
 - (k) Lottery Advisory Panel – Councillor F Beardsmore in place of Councillor R Heseltine
 - (l) Investigatory and Disciplinary Committee – Councillor R Lees
 - (m) Disciplinary and Grievance Appeals Committee – Councillor D Kinsey in place of Councillor R Lees
 - (n) Local Joint Committee – Councillor R Lees for vacancy and Councillor S Hollis in place of Councillor J Raven
 - (o) Discretionary Housing Payments Panel – Councillor R Heseltine for vacancy and Councillor N Caine in place of Councillor C Benton
 - (p) Personal Development Review and Appointments Panel – B Bond; G Burnett; R Cope; M Lawrence; R Lees; W Sutton
 - (q) Your Council Challenge Panel: appointment of Councillor R Lees (from Your Community Challenge Panel)
- Your Place Challenge Panel: appointment of Councillor T Mason (from Your Community Challenge Panel)
- Your Community Challenge Panel: appointment of Councillor R Heseltine (from Your Place Challenge Panel)
- (r) Outside Bodies:
 - i) Nomination to Kinver Community Association – Councillor L Hingley
 - ii) Nomination to Wolverhampton Business (Halfpenny Green) Airport Consultative Committee – Councillor V Wilson

iii) Appointment to Council Company – Leader of the Council

iv) Appointment to iESE – Leader of the Council

50 CONFIRMATION OF KEY DECISION TAKEN AT SHORT NOTICE

The Council received the report of the Monitoring Officer regarding the Key Decisions taken at short notice.

RESOLVED: That Council notes the Key Decision as set out in the report

51 INTEGRATED PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT (IPM) REPORT 2020/21 QUARTER 4

The Council received the report of the Deputy Leader of the Council regarding the Integrated Performance Management (IPM) Report.

RESOLVED: that Members review and note the Quarter 4 IPM Report and note the year end performance of the Council Plan targets.

52 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2021/22 -2023/24

The Council received the report of the Deputy Leader of the Council regarding Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators 2021/22 - 2023/24

RESOLVED: Council approved each of the five key elements of these reports:

1. The Capital Prudential Indicators and Limits for 2021/22 - 2023/24 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 2021/22 - 2023/24, and the treasury Prudential Indicators contained within Appendix A.
4. The Authorised Limit Prudential Indicator contained within Appendix A (para 3.2).
5. The Investment Strategy 2021/22 contained in the Treasury Management Strategy (Appendix A), and the detailed criteria (included in Appendix B)

53 AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROGRAMME (LEISURE CAPITAL PROGRAMME)

The Council received the report of the Corporate Director Resource regarding the Amendment to Capital Programme (Leisure Capital Programme)

RESOLVED: Council noted the latest information in relation to the Leisure Investment Proposals and approved the increase in the Capital Programme of £801,000

54 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman's Announcements: Councillor Lin Hingley, Chairman of the Council, announced that she had attended two Civic Sunday events and

two fund raising events. The Chairman announced that her own Civic Service was being planned in line with Covid security measures and details would follow. The Chairman's charity would be Cancer Research and the Chairman hoped colleagues would support her fund raising efforts.

55 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

All members of the Council's Corporate Leadership Team, including the Chief Executive and the Monitoring Officer, left the Chamber.

Councillor W Fisher proposed an alternative motion: That the Pay Policy approval should be considered in open session. This was seconded by Councillor Bourke The motion was voted on and defeated.

RESOLVED: that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Item 20 on the grounds that they are likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 and paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) to the Local Government Act 1972.

56 REPORT UNDER S38 OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011

RESOLVED: That the Council noted the recommendations of the Personal Development Review and Appointments Panel and approved the following:

1. The salary for the post of Chief Executive be increased to £118,482, effective from 1 April 2021.
2. Replacing the formula for determining the salary for the Corporate Director/Director posts from a % of the Chief Executives salary to a two-yearly market salary review.
3. Applying the above two-yearly market salary review to all JNC posts for consistency.
4. An annual allowance of £3,000 be attached to the post of Director of Legal and Governance to reflect additional duties associated with the provision of external legal services, effective from 1 April 2021.
5. The updated Pay Policy Statement in appendix C

The Meeting ended at: 20:15

CHAIRMAN