

# EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

## SCRUTINY (AUDIT AND VALUE FOR MONEY COUNCIL SERVICES) COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of the Scrutiny (Audit and Value for Money Council Services) Committee held in a virtual environment on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 6.30pm.

### **Present:**

Councillors P. Hudson (Chairman), L. Beech, Mrs B. Brady, A. A. Chaudhry, A. Clarke, M. Fitzpatrick, D. F. Fletcher, S. Gaskin, R. G. Grosvenor, Mrs V. J. Gould, H. Hall, M. Metcalfe, S. Sankey, C. Sylvester and C. Whittaker.

### **Officers Present:**

Sal Khan (Head of Service), Mark Rizk (Head of Service), Lisa Turner (the Chief Accountant), James Abbott (Corporate and Commercial Manager) and Monica Henchcliffe (Senior Democratic Services Officer).

### **Also Present:**

Councillor E. Barker (Deputy Leader) for minute no. 149/20 to 151/20.

### 140/20 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at the commencement of the meeting.

### 141/20 **MINUTES**

#### **Resolved:**

That the Public Minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny (Audit and Value for Money Council Services) Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor L Beech		Councillor R Grosvenor
Councillor B Brady		Councillor C Whittaker
Councillor A A Chaudhry		
Councillor A Clarke		
Councillor M Fitzpatrick		
Councillor D F Fletcher		
Councillor S Gaskin		
Councillor V J Gould		
Councillor H Hall		
Councillor P Hudson		
Councillor M Metcalfe		
Councillor S Sankey		

Councillor C Sylvester		
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142/20 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business submitted to the meeting pursuant to Rule 12.

143/20 **MID-YEAR TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

To comply with the Treasury Management Code of Practice, the Chief Accountant presented the Mid-Year Treasury Management Report to Members. It provided an update against the Treasury Management Strategy Statement, setting out current investment and borrowing portfolios and outlining any other treasury related matters.

An opportunity for questions followed.

**Resolved:**

That Members noted the Mid-Year Treasury Management Report and did not make any comments or observations to full Council.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor L Beech		
Councillor B Brady		
Councillor A A Chaudhry		
Councillor A Clarke		
Councillor M Fitzpatrick		
Councillor D F Fletcher		
Councillor S Gaskin		
Councillor V J Gould		
Councillor R Grosvenor		
Councillor H Hall		
Councillor P Hudson		
Councillor M Metcalfe		
Councillor S Sankey		
Councillor C Sylvester		
Councillor C Whittaker		

144/20 **REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S ESERVICES**

Councillor Metcalfe, on behalf of the sub-group, gave a brief update on the final report circulated to Member of the Committee prior to the next meeting for their consideration.

Discussion took place and an opportunity for questions followed.

**Resolved:**

It was agreed that the final report along with the recommendations would be brought to the next meeting of Cabinet for their consideration.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor L Beech		Councillor R Grosvenor
Councillor B Brady		
Councillor A A Chaudhry		
Councillor A Clarke		
Councillor M Fitzpatrick		
Councillor D F Fletcher		
Councillor S Gaskin		
Councillor V J Gould		
Councillor H Hall		
Councillor P Hudson		
Councillor M Metcalfe		
Councillor S Sankey		
Councillor C Sylvester		
Councillor C Whittaker		

**145/20 PUBLIC EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORDS**

Members considered the Public Executive Decision Records.

An opportunity for questions followed.

**NOTED****146/20 QUESTIONS**

There were no questions submitted to the Committee prior to the meeting.

**147/20 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING****Resolved:**

That the next meeting take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 6.30pm.

148/20 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**Resolved:**

That, in accordance with Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting during discussion of the following items as it would likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in brackets before each item number on the Agenda:

**PRIVATE MINUTES**

**REVIEW OF THE LEISURE CENTRE CHARGES**

**PRIVATE EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORDS**

**Chairman**