

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Twenty Sixth Annual Meeting of East Staffordshire Borough Council held in the Council Chamber and the Main Hall at the Town Hall, Burton upon Trent on Friday 19th May 2017

Present:

Councillor Mrs B Toon (Mayor) in the Chair

Councillors	Mrs P L Ackroyd	S A Hussain
	G A Allen	Mrs J F Jessel
	Ms S Andjelkovic	A Johnson
	E W R Barker	R Johnston
	M J Bowering	C B Jones
	K J Builth	Mrs J Jones
	A A Chaudhry	Mrs J A Killoran
	R J Clarke	D C Leese
	R A Faulkner	Ms A J Legg
	M Fitzpatrick	Mrs S McGarry
	Mrs D Florence-Jukes	Mrs S McKiernan
	S P Gaskin (Deputy Mayor)	L G Milner
	D Goodfellow	B G Peters
	R G W Grosvenor	C Smith
	G Hall	S Smith
	Mrs H Hall	P Walker
	P Hudson	C Wileman

Officers Present:

The Chief Executive, the Monitoring Officer, the Heads of Service (Mark Rizk and Sal Khan), the Deputy Monitoring Officer (for minute numbers 158/17 – 172/17 inclusive only), the Acting Enterprise Manager (for minute numbers 158/17 – 172/17 inclusive only) and the Principal Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs R Carlton, D F Fletcher, Mrs L Shelton and C V Whittaker.

158/17 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

159/17 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Borough Council held on 6th March 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION	THOSE VOTING AGAINST	THOSE ABSTAINING
Mrs P L Ackroyd		G Allen
Ms S Andjelkovic		D Goodfellow
E W R Barker		C B Jones
M J Bowering		
K J Builth		
A A Chaudhry		
R J Clarke		
R A Faulkner		
M T Fitzpatrick		
Mrs D Florence-Jukes		
S P Gaskin		
R G W Grosvenor		
G Hall		
Mrs H Hall		
P Hudson		
S A Hussain		
Mrs J F Jessel		
A Johnson		
R Johnston		
Mrs J Jones		
Mrs J A Killoran		
D C Leese		
Ms A J Legg		
Mrs S McGarry		
Mrs S McKiernan		
L G Milner		
B G Peters		
C Smith		
S Smith		
Mrs B Toon		
P Walker		
C Wileman		

160/17 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements at the meeting.

161/17 **CONSTITUTION UPDATE**

The report of the Monitoring Officer on the proposed changes to the Council's Constitution was considered.

The appendices had been available to view electronically via the Council's website.

Council noted the proposed changes to the Constitution indicated in sections 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6 and 4.7 of the report.

Resolved:

- (1) That the Council accept the recommendations of the Standards Committee to amend Part 5A and Part 5G of the Constitution as detailed at paragraphs 4.5 to 4.7 of the report;
- (2) That the Council adopt the Constitution as set out in the Appendix to the report with immediate effect.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION	THOSE VOTING AGAINST	THOSE ABSTAINING
Mrs P L Ackroyd		Mrs S McKiernan
G Allen		
Ms S Andjelkovic		
E W R Barker		
M J Bowering		
K J Builth		
A A Chaudhry		
R J Clarke		
R A Faulkner		
M T Fitzpatrick		
Mrs D Florence-Jukes		
S P Gaskin		
D Goodfellow		
R G W Grosvenor		
G Hall		
Mrs H Hall		
P Hudson		
S A Hussain		
Mrs J F Jessel		
A Johnson		
R Johnston		
C B Jones		
Mrs J Jones		
Mrs J A Killoran		
D C Leese		
Ms A J Legg		
Mrs S McGarry		
L G Milner		
B G Peters		
C Smith		
S Smith		
Mrs B Toon		
P Walker		
C Wileman		

162/17 **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

The report of the Deputy Monitoring Officer on the numbers and allocation of Councillors to serve on committees was considered. Appendix 1: List of Members nominated to serve on Committees and Panels (May 2017) had been circulated with the report.

Council noted the number of Councillors allocated to serve on each Committee and Panel as follows:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Conservative</u>	<u>Labour</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat</u>	<u>Total</u>
Appeals Panel	2	1	0	3
Audit Committee	5	2	1	8
Audit (Approval of Statement of Accounts) Committee	5	2	1	8
Complaints Panel	2	1	0	3
Development Plan Committee	3	2	0	5
Licensing Committee	10	5	0	15
Planning Committee	10	5	0	15
Scrutiny (Healthier Communities and Older People) Committee	5	3	0	8
Scrutiny (Protecting and Strengthening Communities) Committee	5	3	0	8
Scrutiny (Promoting Local Economic Growth) Committee	5	3	0	8
Scrutiny (Value for Money Council Services) Committee	5	2	1	8
Senior Officer Employment Committee	3	2	0	5
Standards Committee	3	2	0	5

The political groups had confirmed their nominations to the Committees and Panels, which were set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report and duly noted by Council.

Resolved:

- (1) That the number and allocation of Councillors serving on each Committee and Panel as set out above be agreed;

- (2) That, subject to the above, Council note the nominations of the political groups to the Committees and Panels;
- (3) That, subject to the above, the Council appoint Councillors to serve on each Committee and Panel in accordance with those nominations.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION	THOSE VOTING AGAINST	THOSE ABSTAINING
Mrs P L Ackroyd		
G Allen		
Ms S Andjelkovic		
E W R Barker		
M J Bowering		
K J Builth		
A A Chaudhry		
R J Clarke		
R A Faulkner		
M T Fitzpatrick		
Mrs D Florence-Jukes		
S P Gaskin		
D Goodfellow		
R G W Grosvenor		
G Hall		
Mrs H Hall		
P Hudson		
S A Hussain		
Mrs J F Jessel		
A Johnson		
R Johnston		
C B Jones		
Mrs J Jones		
Mrs J A Killoran		
D C Leese		
Ms A J Legg		
Mrs S McGarry		
Mrs S McKiernan		
L G Milner		
B G Peters		
C Smith		
S Smith		
Mrs B Toon		
P Walker		
C Wileman		

163/17 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN**

Resolved:

That the Council approve the appointment of the Members listed below as Chairman of each of the following:

Planning Committee	Councillor E W R Barker
Licensing Committee	Councillor B G Peters
Appeals Panel	Councillor Mrs P L Ackroyd
Audit Committee & Audit (Statement of Accounts) Committee	Councillor L G Milner
Complaints Panel	Councillor R W Grosvenor
Scrutiny (Value for Money Council Services) Committee	Councillor R A Faulkner
Scrutiny (Protecting and Strengthening Communities) Committee	Councillor Mrs S McGarry
Scrutiny (Promoting Local Economic Growth) Committee	Councillor A Johnson
Scrutiny (East Staffordshire Health) Committee	Councillor S Smith
Senior Officer Employment Committee	Councillor R G W Grosvenor
Standards Committee	Councillor M J Bowering

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

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Mrs P L Ackroyd		
G Allen		
Ms S Andjelkovic		
E W R Barker		
M J Bowering		
K J Bulth		
A A Chaudhry		
R J Clarke		
R A Faulkner		
M T Fitzpatrick		
Mrs D Florence-Jukes		
S P Gaskin		
D Goodfellow		

R G W Grosvenor		
G Hall		
Mrs H Hall		
P Hudson		
S A Hussain		
Mrs J F Jessel		
A Johnson		
R Johnston		
C B Jones		
Mrs J Jones		
Mrs J A Killoran		
D C Leese		
Ms A J Legg		
Mrs S McGarry		
Mrs S McKiernan		
L G Milner		
B G Peters		
C Smith		
S Smith		
Mrs B Toon		
P Walker		
C Wileman		

164/17 **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE HEALTHY STAFFORDSHIRE SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Resolved:

That Councillor S Smith be appointed to serve on the Staffordshire County Council Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

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Mrs P L Ackroyd		
G Allen		
Ms S Andjelkovic		
E W R Barker		
M J Bowering		
K J Builth		
A A Chaudhry		
R J Clarke		
R A Faulkner		
M T Fitzpatrick		
Mrs D Florence-Jukes		
S P Gaskin		
D Goodfellow		
R G W Grosvenor		

G Hall		
Mrs H Hall		
P Hudson		
S A Hussain		
Mrs J F Jessel		
A Johnson		
R Johnston		
C B Jones		
Mrs J Jones		
Mrs J A Killoran		
D C Leese		
Ms A J Legg		
Mrs S McGarry		
Mrs S McKiernan		
L G Milner		
B G Peters		
C Smith		
S Smith		
Mrs B Toon		
P Walker		
C Wileman		

165/17 **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER (AND ALTERNATE MEMBER) TO SERVE ON THE GREATER BIRMINGHAM AND SOLIHULL LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP (GBSLEP) JOINT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Resolved:

- (1) That Councillor Mrs S McKiernan be appointed to serve on the GBSLEP Joint Scrutiny Committee;
- (2) That Councillor D F Fletcher be appointed to serve on the GBSLEP Joint Scrutiny Committee to deputise for Councillor Mrs S McKiernan in her absence.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

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Mrs P L Ackroyd		
G Allen		
Ms S Andjelkovic		
E W R Barker		
M J Bowering		
K J Builth		
A A Chaudhry		
R J Clarke		
R A Faulkner		
M T Fitzpatrick		
Mrs D Florence-Jukes		

S P Gaskin		
D Goodfellow		
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Mrs J F Jessel		
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C B Jones		
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Mrs J A Killoran		
D C Leese		
Ms A J Legg		
Mrs S McGarry		
Mrs S McKiernan		
L G Milner		
B G Peters		
C Smith		
S Smith		
Mrs B Toon		
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166/17 **DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Resolved:

That Council meetings be held on the following dates during the 2017/18 municipal year:

- 19th June 2017;
- 4th December 2017;
- 26th February 2018;
- 5th March 2018;
- 18th May 2018 (Annual Council meeting - to be held at 6pm)

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

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Mrs P L Ackroyd		
G Allen		
Ms S Andjelkovic		
E W R Barker		
M J Bowering		
K J Builth		
A A Chaudhry		
R J Clarke		

R A Faulkner		
M T Fitzpatrick		
Mrs D Florence-Jukes		
S P Gaskin		
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D C Leese		
Ms A J Legg		
Mrs S McGarry		
Mrs S McKiernan		
L G Milner		
B G Peters		
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S Smith		
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167/17 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business for consideration at the meeting.

168/17 **REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER**

The report of the Returning Officer on the results of the Borough Council By Elections for the Horninglow and Shobnall wards held on 4th May 2017 was received for information.

169/17 **APPOINTMENT OF CABINET**

The Leader informed Council that he had made the following appointments in accordance with paragraph 6.4 of part 2 of the Constitution:

Deputy Leader (Enterprise)	Councillor Mrs P L Ackroyd
Deputy Leader (Regulatory Services)	Councillor G Hall
Deputy Leader (Town Centre and Neighbourhoods)	Councillor Mrs J F Jessel
Deputy Leader (Planning)	Councillor Mrs J Jones
Deputy Leader (Environment)	Councillor D C Leese
Deputy Leader (Cultural Services)	Councillor C V Whittaker

Council also noted that he had appointed Councillor Mrs J Jones to be Deputy Leader of the Council.

Councillor R G W Grosvenor proposed the following motion, which had been seconded by Councillor Mrs J Jones:

“That the Monitoring Officer take delegated responsibility to alter the Constitution to reflect correctly the portfolios and Deputy Leader names in the Council’s Constitution.”

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

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G Allen		
Ms S Andjelkovic		
E W R Barker		
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Ms A J Legg		
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Mrs S McKiernan		
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S Smith		
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In accordance with the voting the Mayor declared the motion carried.

170/17 **QUESTIONS**

No questions had been asked by members pursuant to Rule 18.

171/17 **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 remainder of the Meeting as it is 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 the item number on the Agenda.

(At this juncture the Mayor adjourned the meeting to enable Councillors to be seated in the Main Hall).

(Having duly reconvened the meeting in public session in the Main Hall the following business was transacted)

173/17 **APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR**

It was moved by Councillor D C Leese and seconded by Councillor B G Peters and

Resolved:

That Councillor S P Gaskin be elected the twenty sixth Mayor of the Borough of East Staffordshire until the Annual Meeting in May 2018.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows

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E W R Barker		
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R A Faulkner		
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C Wileman		

The Mayor gave his speech of thanks and intentions during his year of office and announced that Mrs Jane Gaskin would be his Mayoress and Reverend Ian Whitehead would be his Chaplain and Lance Corporal David Clowes from the Sea Cadets would be his cadet.

174/17 **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

It was moved by Councillor G Hall and seconded by Councillor E W R Barker and

Resolved:

That Councillor C Smith be appointed the Deputy Mayor of the Borough of East Staffordshire until the Annual Meeting in May 2018.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

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Mrs P L Ackroyd		
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E W R Barker		
M J Bowering		
K J Builth		
A A Chaudhry		
R J Clarke		
R A Faulkner		
M T Fitzpatrick		
Mrs D Florence-Jukes		
S P Gaskin		
D Goodfellow		
R G W Grosvenor		
G Hall		
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S A Hussain		
Mrs J F Jessel		
A Johnson		
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Mrs J Jones		
Mrs J A Killoran		
D C Leese		
Ms A J Legg		
Mrs S McGarry		
Mrs S McKiernan		

L G Milner		
B G Peters		
C Smith		
S Smith		
Mrs B Toon		
P Walker		
C Wileman		

(At this point the Mayor, Mayoress, Deputy Mayor, Deputy Mayoress, Past Mayor, Past Mayor's Consort, accompanied by the Chief Executive, left the Main Hall in order to robe and chain. Upon returning to the Main Hall, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor subscribed their respective Declarations of Acceptance of Office as required by law, and the Mayor occupied the Chair).

175/17 **VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR AND MAYOR'S CONSORT**

It was moved by Councillor R G W Grosvenor, duly seconded and

Resolved:

"That we, the Council record our sincere appreciation of the excellent manner in which Councillor Mrs Beryl Toon has carried out her duties as the Mayor of the Borough of East Staffordshire over the last year, and we acknowledge the interest she has shown in the welfare of all parts of the Borough.

We would particularly acknowledge her work with voluntary, charitable and sporting bodies.

We also wish to place on record our thanks to Councillor Mrs B Toon for representing the Council at approximately 230 events during her year of office.

We also thank the Mayor's Consort, Mr James Toon for the help and support he has so readily given her during her year of office".

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

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M J Bowering		
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R J Clarke		
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M T Fitzpatrick		
Mrs D Florence-Jukes		
S P Gaskin		
D Goodfellow		
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Mrs J F Jessel		
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C B Jones		
Mrs J Jones		
Mrs J A Killoran		
D C Leese		
Ms A J Legg		
Mrs S McGarry		
Mrs S McKiernan		
L G Milner		
B G Peters		
C Smith		
S Smith		
Mrs B Toon		
P Walker		
C Wileman		

The Mayor then presented Councillor Mrs B Toon with a Past Mayor's badge and Mr James Toon with a Past Mayor's consort's badge.

Councillor Mrs B Toon replied suitably.

Mayor