

# EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of East Staffordshire Borough Council held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Burton upon Trent on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

## Present:

Councillor Mrs B Toon (Mayor) in the Chair

Councillors	Mrs P L Ackroyd	Mrs J F Jessel
	Ms S Andjelkovic	A Johnson
	E W R Barker	R Johnston
	M J Bowering	Mrs J Jones
	Mrs R L Carlton	Mrs J A Killoran
	A A Chaudhry	D C Leese
	R J Clarke	Ms A J Legg
	M T Fitzpatrick	Mrs S McKiernan
	D F Fletcher	L G Milner
	W A Ganley	B G Peters
	S P Gaskin (Deputy Mayor)	Mrs L Shelton
	R G W Grosvenor	C Smith
	G Hall	S Smith
	Mrs H Hall	C V Whittaker
	P Hudson	C Wileman
	S A Hussain	

## Officers Present:

The Chief Executive, Heads of Service (Mark Rizk and Sal Khan), the Monitoring Officer, the Deputy Monitoring Officer, the Chief Accountant and the Principal Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Allen, K J Builth, R A Faulkner, D Goodfellow, C Jones, Mrs S McGarry and J H Mott.

### 146/17 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at the commencement.

### 147/17 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Borough Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016 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		D F Fletcher
Ms S Andjelkovic		W A Ganley
E W R Barker		P Hudson
M J Bowering		Mrs H Hall

Mrs R L Carlton		
A A Chaudhry		
R J Clarke		
M T Fitzpatrick		
S P Gaskin		
R G W Grosvenor		
G Hall		
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 McKiernan		
L G Milner		
B G Peters		
Mrs L Shelton		
C Smith		
S Smith		
Mrs B Toon		
C V Whittaker		
C Wileman		

148/17 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Leader advised that a Charity Walking Football Match would be take place on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 2pm at St George's Park in the aid of the Mayor's Charities. He encouraged other members of the Council to support this event.

149/17 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business for consideration at the meeting.

150/17 **REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER**

The report of the Returning Officer on the results of the Borough Council By Elections for the Uttoxeter Town Ward held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 and the Burton Ward held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017 was received for information.

**NOTED.**

151/17 **MONITORING OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT**

The report of the Monitoring Officer on the annual review of the arrangements for the discharge of the Monitoring Officer's duties and proposals for amendments was considered.

Council noted that since the last Annual Report in February last year, the Council had

received 11 formal complaints about possible breaches of the Code of Conduct by 8 members of the Borough Council and 2 formal complaints about possible breaches of the Code of Conduct by members of Parish/Town Councils within the Borough. Councillors noted that this was a significant increase from 0 formal complaints about a Borough Councillor and 1 formal complaint about the conduct of a Parish Councillor received during the previous year.

## NOTED

### 152/17 **MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2017/18 – 2019/20**

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the Medium Term Financial Strategy for the period covering the remainder of this administrative cycle 2017/18 to 2019/20 was considered. A copy of both the capital and revenue budgets had been circulated. Council noted the contents of the following appendices, which had been circulated previously:

- Appendix A - Medium Term Financial Strategy – Summary 2017/18-2019/20;
- Appendix B - Reserves Forecast;
- Appendix C - Asset Management and Capital Strategy 2017-18

A Councillor moved the following motion which was duly seconded:

“To approve the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2017/18 to 2019/20, which includes the revenue budget, capital programme and the asset management and capital strategy and to note the level and appropriateness of reserves.”

As required by the Rules of Procedure a named vote was taken as follows:

<b>Those voting for the motion</b>	<b>Those voting against</b>	<b>Those abstaining</b>
Mrs P L Ackroyd	Ms S Andjelkovic	
E W R Barker	A A Chaudhry	
M J Bowering	R J Clarke	
Mrs R L Carlton	M T Fitzpatrick	
S P Gaskin	D F Fletcher	
R G W Grosvenor	W A Ganley	
G Hall	S A Hussain	
Mrs H Hall	R Johnston	
P Hudson	Ms A J Legg	
Mrs J F Jessel	Mrs S McKiernan	
A Johnson		
Mrs J Jones		
Mrs J A Killoran		
D C Leese		
L G Milner		
B G Peters		
Mrs L Shelton		
C Smith		
S Smith		
Mrs B Toon		
C V Whittaker		

In accordance with the voting, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

153/17 **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2017/18**

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2017/18 was considered.

Appendix A: Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2017-18 had been circulated with the report for the meeting.

**Resolved:**

- 1) That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2017/18 set out in Appendix A of the report be approved;
- 2) That in the context of the treasury management function, any decision to invest in a property fund be taken by the Cabinet Member with the responsibility for Finance and must first be jointly approved by that Member, together with the Chair of the Audit Committee and the Chief Finance Officer.

<b>Those voting for the motion</b>	<b>Those voting against</b>	<b>Those abstaining</b>
Mrs P L Ackroyd		
Ms S Andjelkovic		
E W R Barker		
M J Bowering		
Mrs R L Carlton		
A A Chaudhry		
R J Clarke		
M T Fitzpatrick		
D F Fletcher		
W A Ganley		
S P Gaskin		
R G W Grosvenor		
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A Johnson		
R Johnston		
Mrs J Jones		
Mrs J A Killoran		
D C Leese		
Ms A J Legg		
Mrs S McKiernan		
L G Milner		

B G Peters		
Mrs L Shelton		
C Smith		
S Smith		
Mrs B Toon		
C V Whittaker		
C Wileman		

154/17 **SETTING THE AMOUNT OF COUNCIL TAX 2017/18**

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on Setting the Amount of Council Tax for 2017/18 was considered. Councillors noted the following appendices:

- Appendix 12.1 Special Expenses;
- Appendix 12.2 Council Tax Base;
- Appendix 12.3 Calculation of Council Tax and East Staffordshire Borough Council Tax Rates;
- Appendix 12.4 Major Precepts;
- Appendix 12.5 Total Council Tax Rates;
- Appendix 12.6 Local Precepts.

A Member moved the following motion which was duly seconded:

“(1) That for the purpose of section 35(e) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, all expenses incurred by the Council in 2017/18 be declared general expenses, apart from those expenses which are incurred by the Council in performing in a part of its area a function performed elsewhere in its area by a body with power to issue a precept to the Council, as listed in Appendix 12.1 and are therefore special expenses;

(2) That having calculated in each case the aggregate of the amounts of the schedule at Appendix 12.3(h) and the amounts in Appendix 12.4, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the amounts shown on Appendix 12.5 as the amounts of council tax for the year 2017/18, for each of the categories of dwellings shown.”

As required by the Rules of Procedure, a named vote was taken as follows:

<b>Those voting for the motion</b>	<b>Those voting against</b>	<b>Those abstaining</b>
Mrs P L Ackroyd	Ms S Andjelkovic	
E W R Barker	A A Chaudhry	
M J Bowering	R J Clarke	
Mrs R L Carlton	M T Fitzpatrick	
S P Gaskin	D F Fletcher	
R G W Grosvenor	W A Ganley	
G Hall	S A Hussain	
Mrs H Hall	R Johnston	
P Hudson	Ms A J Legg	
Mrs J F Jessel	Mrs S McKiernan	
A Johnson		
Mrs J Jones		
Mrs J A Killoran		

D C Leese		
L G Milner		
B G Peters		
Mrs L Shelton		
C Smith		
S Smith		
Mrs B Toon		
C V Whittaker		
C Wileman		

In accordance with the voting, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

155/17 **QUESTIONS**

No questions had been submitted for answer prior to the meeting.

156/17 **ELECTION OF MAYOR 2017/18**

The Council received one nomination for the appointment of Mayor 2017/18

It was proposed and duly seconded that Councillor S P Gaskin be nominated for appointment as Mayor at the annual meeting of the Council on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

Upon a vote being taken the proposal was carried.

Voting concerning the above was as follows:

<b>Those voting for the motion</b>	<b>Those voting against</b>	<b>Those abstaining</b>
Mrs P L Ackroyd		
Ms S Andjelkovic		
E W R Barker		
M J Bowering		
Mrs R L Carlton		
A A Chaudhry		
R J Clarke		
M T Fitzpatrick		
D F Fletcher		
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Ms A J Legg		
Mrs S McKiernan		
L G Milner		
B G Peters		
Mrs L Shelton		
C Smith		
S Smith		
Mrs B Toon		
C V Whittaker		
C Wileman		

157/17 **ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2017/18**

The Council received one nomination for the appointment of Deputy Mayor 2017/18

It was proposed and duly seconded that Councillor C Smith be nominated for appointment as Deputy Mayor at the annual meeting of the Council on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

Upon a vote being taken the proposal was carried.

Voting concerning the above was as follows:

<b>Those voting for the motion</b>	<b>Those voting against</b>	<b>Those abstaining</b>
Mrs P L Ackroyd		
Ms S Andjelkovic		
E W R Barker		
M J Bowering		
Mrs R L Carlton		
A A Chaudhry		
R J Clarke		
M T Fitzpatrick		
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W A Ganley		
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L G Milner		
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Mrs L Shelton		
C Smith		
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Mayor