

## EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Twenty Fifth 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 13<sup>th</sup> May 2016

### Present:

Councillor D C Leese (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	Mrs J Jones
	K J Builth	Mrs J A Killoran
	Mrs R Carlton	Ms A J Legg
	A A Chaudhry	Mrs S McGarry
	R J Clarke	Mrs S McKiernan
	R A Faulkner	L G Milner
	M Fitzpatrick	B G Peters
	D F Fletcher	M Rodgers
	W A Ganley	Mrs L Shelton
	S P Gaskin	C Smith
	D Goodfellow	S Smith
	R G W Grosvenor	Mrs B Toon (Deputy Mayor)
	Ms K Haberfield	C V Whittaker
	G Hall	C Wileman

### Officers Present:

The Chief Executive, the Monitoring Officer (for minute numbers 92/16 – 104/16 only), Heads of Service (Mark Rizk, Sal Khan), the Deputy Monitoring Officer (for minute numbers 92/16 – 104/16 only) and the Principal Democratic Services Officer.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor J H Mott.

#### 92/16 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

#### 93/16 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Borough Council held on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

<b>THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION</b>	<b>THOSE VOTING AGAINST</b>	<b>THOSE ABSTAINING</b>
Councillor Mrs P L Ackroyd		Councillor D F Fletcher
Councillor G Allen		Councillor S Hussain

Councillor Ms S Andjelkovic		
Councillor E W R Barker		
Councillor M J Bowering		
Councillor K J Builth		
Councillor Mrs R Carlton		
Councillor A A Chaudhry		
Councillor R J Clarke		
Councillor R Faulkner		
Councillor M T Fitzpatrick		
Councillor W A Ganley		
Councillor S P Gaskin		
Councillor D Goodfellow		
Councillor R G W Grosvenor		
Councillor Mrs K Haberfield		
Councillor G Hall		
Councillor Mrs J F Jessel		
Councillor A Johnson		
Councillor R A Johnston		
Councillor Mrs J Jones		
Councillor Mrs J Killoran		
Councillor D C Leese		
Councillor Ms A J Legg		
Councillor Mrs S McGarry		
Councillor Mrs S McKiernan		
Councillor L G Milner		
Councillor B G Peters		
Councillor M Rodgers		
Councillor Mrs L Shelton		
Councillor C Smith		
Councillor S Smith		
Councillor Mrs B Toon		
Councillor C V Whittaker		
Councillor C D Wileman		

94/16 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Leader of the Council announced that he had made a minor change to the outside organisation membership, appointing Councillor S Hussain to fill the vacancy on Queen Street Community Centre.

The Leader congratulated Burton Albion Football Club on their promotion to the Championship.

95/16 **WAIVER OF SECTION 85(1) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (6 MONTH ATTENDANCE RULE)**

This item was withdrawn from the meeting.

96/16 **APPOINTMENT OF CABINET AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

**Resolved:**

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 (Planning and Neighbourhoods) – Councillor Mrs J F Jessel  
 Deputy Leader (Regulatory Services) – Councillor Mrs J Jones  
 Deputy Leader (Cultural Services) – Councillor C V Whittaker  
 Deputy Leader (Programmes and Transformation) – Councillor D C Leese  
 Deputy Leader (Enterprise and Environment) - Councillor Mrs P L Ackroyd

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

97/16 **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

The report of the Deputy Monitoring Officer on the numbers and allocation of members to serve on committees was considered.

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

<b><u>Committee</u></b>	<b><u>Conservative</u></b>	<b><u>Labour</u></b>	<b><u>Liberal Democrat</u></b>	<b><u>Vacant</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Appeals Panel	2	1	0	0	3
Audit Committee	5	2	0	1	8
Audit (Approval of Statement of Accounts) Committee	5	2	0	1	8
Complaints Panel	2	1	0	0	3
Development Plan Committee	3	2	0	0	5
Licensing Committee	10	5	0	0	15
Planning Committee	10	5	0	0	15
Scrutiny (Healthier Communities and Older People) Committee	5	2	0	1	8
Scrutiny (Protecting and Strengthening Communities) Committee	5	2	1	0	8

Scrutiny (Promoting Local Economic Growth) Committee	5	2	1	0	8
Scrutiny (Value for Money Council Services) Committee	5	2	1	0	8
Senior Officer Employment Committee	3	2	0	0	5
Standards Committee	3	2	0	0	5

The Council was also asked to re-appoint the following Independent Members and Town/Parish Council representatives to the Standards Committee:

<b>Independent Members</b>	<b>Town/Parish Council Members</b>
Ms Andrea Johnson	Mr Peter Cooper
Mrs Joanna Parkin	Mr Clive Keen

The Council was also asked to re-appoint the following Independent laypersons to the Audit Committee and the Audit (Statement of Accounts) Committee:

<b>Independent Laypersons</b>
Ms Andrea Johnson
Mr Brian Jones

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

**Resolved:**

- (1) That the number and allocation of members serving on each Committee and panel as set out above be approved;
- (2) That Council agree to appoint members to serve on each Committee and Panel, as set out in Appendix 1 of the submitted report;
- (3) That the independent members and the Town/Parish Council members set out above be re-appointed to serve on the Standards Committee;
- (4) That the independent laypersons set out above be re-appointed to serve on the Audit Committee and the Audit (Statement of Accounts) Committee.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

<b>THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION</b>	<b>THOSE VOTING AGAINST</b>	<b>THOSE ABSTAINING</b>
Councillor Mrs P L Ackroyd		
Councillor G Allen		

Councillor Ms S Andjelkovic		
Councillor E W R Barker		
Councillor M J Bowering		
Councillor K J Builth		
Councillor Mrs R Carlton		
Councillor A A Chaudhry		
Councillor R J Clarke		
Councillor R Faulkner		
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Councillor Mrs J F Jessel		
Councillor A Johnson		
Councillor R A Johnston		
Councillor Mrs J Jones		
Councillor Mrs J Killoran		
Councillor D C Leese		
Councillor Ms A J Legg		
Councillor Mrs S McGarry		
Councillor Mrs S McKiernan		
Councillor L G Milner		
Councillor B G Peters		
Councillor M Rodgers		
Councillor Mrs L Shelton		
Councillor C Smith		
Councillor S Smith		
Councillor Mrs B Toon		
Councillor C V Whittaker		
Councillor C D Wileman		

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**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 G Hall

Licensing Committee

Councillor B G Peters

Appeals Panel

Councillor Mrs P L Ackroyd

Audit Committee & Audit (Statement of

Councillor L G Milner

Accounts) Committee

Complaints Panel Councillor R W Grosvenor

Scrutiny (Value for Money Council Services) Committee Councillor R A Faulkner

Scrutiny (Protecting and Strengthening Communities) Committee Councillor C Smith

Scrutiny (Promoting Local Economic Growth) Committee Councillor Mrs K Haberfield

East Staffordshire Health Scrutiny 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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Councillor M Rodgers		
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Councillor C Smith		
Councillor S Smith		
Councillor Mrs B Toon		
Councillor C V Whittaker		
Councillor C D Wileman		

99/16 **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE COUNCILLORS COMMUNITY FUND (CCF)**

**Resolved:**

That Councillors Mrs J F Jessel, Mrs J Killoran, Mrs S McGarry, Mrs L Shelton and D Fletcher be appointed to serve on the Councillors Community Fund.

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Councillor C Smith		
Councillor S Smith		
Councillor Mrs B Toon		
Councillor C V Whittaker		
Councillor C D Wileman		

100/16 **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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Councillor C Smith		
Councillor S Smith		
Councillor Mrs B Toon		
Councillor C V Whittaker		
Councillor C D Wileman		

101/16 **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 J H Mott 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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Councillor G Allen		
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Councillor S Smith		
Councillor Mrs B Toon		
Councillor C V Whittaker		
Councillor C D Wileman		

102/16 **DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**Resolved:**

That Council meetings be held on the following dates during the 2016/17 municipal year:

20<sup>th</sup> June 2016

26<sup>th</sup> September 2016 (provisional)

5<sup>th</sup> December 2016

27<sup>th</sup> February 2017

6<sup>th</sup> March 2017;

19<sup>th</sup> May 2017 (Annual Council meeting - to be held at 6pm)

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

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Councillor S Smith		
Councillor Mrs B Toon		
Councillor C V Whittaker		
Councillor C D Wileman		

103/16 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business for consideration at the meeting.

104/16 **QUESTIONS**

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

(At this juncture Councillor Mrs R Carlton left the meeting.)

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

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

105/16 **APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR**

It was moved by Councillor Mrs J Jones and seconded by Councillor C V Whittaker and

**Resolved unanimously:**

That Councillor Mrs B Toon be elected the twenty fifth Mayor of the Borough of East Staffordshire until the Annual Meeting in May 2017.

The Mayor gave her speech of thanks and intentions during her year of office and announced that Mr James Toon would be her Consort and Reverend Ian Whitehead would be her Chaplain and Sergeant Thomas Broster from the Air Cadets would be her cadet.

106/16 **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

It was moved by Councillor D Goodfellow and seconded by Councillor M J Bowering and

**Resolved unanimously:**

That Councillor S Gaskin be appointed the Deputy Mayor of the Borough of East Staffordshire until the Annual Meeting in May 2017.

(At this point the Mayor, Mayor's consort, Deputy Mayor, Deputy Mayoress, Past Mayor 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)

107/16 **VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR AND MAYORESS**

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

**Resolved unanimously:**

"That we, the Council record our sincere appreciation of the excellent manner in which Councillor D C Leese has carried out his duties as the Mayor of the Borough of East Staffordshire over the last year, and we acknowledge the interest he has shown in the welfare of all parts of the Borough.

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

We also wish to place on record our thanks to Councillor D C Leese for representing the Council at approximately 211 events during his year of office.

We also thank the Mayoress, Mrs Liz Leese, for the help and support she has so readily

given him during his year of office”.

The Mayor then presented Councillor D C Leese with a Past Mayor’s badge.

Councillor D C Leese replied suitably.

Mayor