



Councillor Ray Barron (Mayor)

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

L B Bakker-Collier

C A Baron

J A Baron

F Beatty

G R Collier

R P Cooke

B M Cross

I E Davies

R J Draper

A P Edgeller

J W Farnham

P M M Farrington

F A Finlay

A T A Godfrey

M R Goodall

R A James

V E M Jenkinson

M E Jennings

E G R Jones

P W Jones

W J Kemp

S Learoyd

S P Leighton

A M Loughran

L Nixon

A J Perkins

J K Price

G O Rowlands

R M Smith

R M Sutherland

C V Trowbridge

K S Williamson

Officers in attendance:-

Mr T Clegg - Chief Executive

Mr B Kean - Head of Finance

Mr A Welch - Head of Law and Administration

Mr A Bailey - Scrutiny Officer

C33 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2018 were submitted and signed.

C34 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M G Dodson, A S Harp, J Hood, J M Pert, D B Price and P Roycroft

C35 Announcements

The Mayor thanked all those who supported the following recent Mayor's Charity Appeal events:-

- ASDA In Store Collection - raised £583.12
- Tesco In Store Collection - raised £569.31
- Quiz Night - raised in the region of £500

The Mayor then announced that both the following forthcoming Civic events were fully booked:-

- Mayor's Charity Ball - Stafford County Showground - Friday 8 February 2019
- Mayor's Charity Lunch - Riverbank Restaurant, Stafford College - Friday 1 March 2019

C36 General Fund Revenue Budget 2019-20 to 2021-21 and Capital Programme 2018-19 to 2021-22

Considered the report of the Head of Finance (V2 21/1/19).

The Cabinet Member - Resources Portfolio introduced the report, during which time the Council were informed of the decision of the Cabinet at its meeting on 17 January 2019 (Minute No CAB48/19 refers). Whilst making specific reference to the need to increase Council Tax, he proposed that the Council approve the recommendations of the Cabinet as follows:

- the Budget Requirement for the General Fund Revenue Budget for 2019-20 be set at £14.004 million (with indicative requirements for 2020-21 and 2021-22 of £12.458 million and £13.482 million respectively);
- that the detailed portfolio budgets as set out in Appendix 2 of the report;
- the detailed capital programme as set out in Appendix 3 of the report;
- that the Council Tax for 2019-20 be increased by 1.9% to £156.30;
- the Council's Tax Base be set at 47,491.54 (as determined by the Head of Finance);
- that no changes be made to the current Local Council Tax Support Scheme;
- that the premium for long term empty properties be increased to 100% from April 2019.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor R M Smith.

Members then voted on the proposal as set out, which was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that:-

- (a) the Budget Requirement for the General Fund Revenue Budget for 2019-20 be set at £14.004 million (with indicative requirements for 2020-21 and 2021-22 of £12.458 million and £13.482 million respectively);
- (b) that the detailed portfolio budgets as set out in Appendix 2 of the report be approved;
- (c) the detailed capital programme as set out in Appendix 3 of the report be approved;
- (d) that the Council Tax for 2019-20 be increased by 1.9% to £156.30;
- (e) the Council's Tax Base be set at 47,491.54 (as determined by the Head of Finance);
- (f) that no changes be made to the current Local Council Tax Support Scheme;
- (g) that the premium for long term empty properties be increased to 100% from April 2019.

C37 Treasury Management Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy, Annual Investment Strategy 2019/20 and Capital Strategy 2018/22

Considered the report of the Head of Finance (V1 3/12/18).

The Cabinet Member - Resources Portfolio moved and Councillor R M Smith seconded that the recommendations as set out in Paragraph 2 of the report be approved.

Members then voted on the proposal as set out, which was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that the following be approved:-

- (a) the Prudential and Treasury indicators;
- (b) the MRP Policy Statement;
- (c) the Treasury Management Policy;
- (d) the Annual Investment Strategy for 2019/20;
- (e) The Capital Strategy 2018/22.

C38

Licensing of Activities Involving Animals

Considered the report of the Head of Operations (V2 14/12/18).

The Cabinet Member - Environment and Health Portfolio, introduced the report and moved that the proposal be approved, which was seconded by Councillor A T A Godfrey.

Councillor L B Bakker-Collier declared a personal and non-pecuniary interest during this matter as a self employed professional canine psychologist and trainer.

Members then voted on the proposal as set out, which was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that the following be approved:-

- (a) the implementation of the Regulations be noted;
- (b) the Head of Operations be authorised and instructed to introduce the necessary arrangements to administer and enforce all aspects of the Regulations (including the determination of fees for variations and re-inspections and for licences issued for more than one year);
- (c) The Constitution Working Group be asked to consider updating the scheme of delegations to reflect the legislative changes.

MAYOR