

Councillor Ray Barron (Mayor)

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

Councillors:

L Bakker-Collier	M E Jennings
C A Baron	E G R Jones
J A Barron	P W Jones
R P Cooke	W J Kemp
B M Cross	S Learoyd
I E Davies	A M Loughran
M G Dodson	L Nixon
R J Draper	J M Pert
A P Edgeller	D B Price
J W Farnham	J K Price
P M M Farrington	R M Smith
F A Finlay	R M Sutherland
A T A Godfrey	W S J Taylor
M R Goodall	C V Trowbridge
A S Harp	
R A James	

Officers in attendance:-

Mr T Clegg	-	Chief Executive
Mr B Kean	-	Head of Finance
Mr A R Welch	-	Head of Law and Administration
Mrs T Redpath	-	Corporate Business and Partnerships Manager
Mr J Dean	-	Democratic Services Officer

C39 Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 29 January 2019 were submitted and signed.

C40 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors F Beatty, G R Collier, J Hood, V E M Jenkinson, S P Leighton, A J Perkins, G O Rowlands, P Roycroft and K S Williamson.

C41 **Announcements**

The Mayor invited the Leader of the Council to address the meeting where he acknowledged the recent tragic events in Highfields, Stafford, and asked all present to consider those affected.

Councillor Farrington invited the Leader of the Labour Group to speak, whereupon Councillor Godfrey offered his thoughts and prayers to all concerned.

All present observed a minutes silence.

Continuing, the Mayor thanked those who supported the Mayor's Charity Ball on 8 February 2019, and detailed two charity lunches to be held on 1 and 22 March 2019.

C42 **Offices of Mayor and Deputy Mayor**

RESOLVED:- that the Council receive nominations of:-

- (a) Councillor E G R Jones for the Office of Mayor for the Municipal Year 2019/20;
- (b) Councillor L B Bakker-Collier for the Office of Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2019/20.

Councillors Jones and Bakker-Collier responded appropriately to the nominations.

C43 **Council Tax 2019/20**

Considered the report of the Head of Finance (V1 18/02/19) proposing the level of Council Tax for 2019/20 inclusive of the County Council, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Staffordshire Commissioner Fire and Rescue Authority and individual Parish Council requirements.

The Deputy Leader, introduced the report and noted the recommendations as set out before concluding his comments by moving that said recommendations be approved.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor P M M Farrington.

A recorded vote was taken in accordance with Paragraph 17.4(c) of the Council Procedure Rules. Voting on the proposal was as follows:-

For	Against	Abstain
L Bakker-Collier	R J Draper	R J Barron
C A Barron		R P Cooke
J A Barron		A T A Godfrey
B M Cross		W J Kemp
I E Davies		A M Loughran
M G Dodson		L Nixon
A P Edgeller		
J W Farnham		
P M M Farrington		
F A Finlay		
M R Goodall		
A S Harp		
R A James		
M E Jennings		
E G R Jones		
P W Jones		
S Learoyd		
J M Pert		
D B Price		
J K Price		
R M Smith		
R M Sutherland		
W S J Taylor		
C V Trowbridge		

The Mayor declared that the proposal was carried.

RESOLVED:- that the following be approved:-

- 1 It be noted that under the power delegated to the Council's Section 151 Officer, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2019/20
 - (a) for the whole Council area as 47,491.54 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; and
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as shown below

Parish	Taxbase
Adbaston	232.88
Barlaston	1,004.90
Berkswich	783.47
Bradley	216.62
Brocton	548.17
Chebsey	244.45
Church Eaton	282.45
Colwich	1,812.53
Creswell	363.99
Doxey	885.95
Eccleshall	2,037.88
Ellenhall	61.34
Forton	144.41
Fradswell	90.19
Fulford	2,273.38
Gayton	75.61
Gnosall	2,015.73
Haughton	459.28
High Offley	383.25
Hilderstone	277.82
Hixon	733.70
Hopton and Coton	747.89
Hyde Lea	186.82
Ingestre	83.22
Marston	77.92
Milwich	189.15
Norbury	188.35
Ranton	180.13
Salt and Enson	192.46
Sandon and Burston	165.32
Seighford	764.69
Standon	318.81
Stone Town	5,945.30
Stone Rural	756.29
Stowe by Chartley	189.67
Swynnerton	1,385.93
Tixall	119.00
Weston	480.30
Whitgreave	86.59
Yarnfield and Cold Meece	803.41
	27,789.25
Unparished	
Stafford Town	19,189.89
MOD Contribution in Lieu	512.40
Council Tax Base	47,491.54

- 2 That the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2019/20 (excluding Parish precepts) is calculated at £7,422,927.70.
- 3 That the following amounts are calculated for the year 2019/20 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:
- (a) £51,146,481.57 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
 - (b) £42,674,255.00 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - (c) £8,472,226.57 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
 - (d) £178.39 being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
 - (e) £1,049,298.87 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
 - (f) £156.30 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.
 - (g) For the following parts of the Council's Area

Parish	Band D £ p
Adbaston	165.30
Barlaston	221.18
Berkswich	188.06
Bradley	197.08
Brocton	177.76
Chebsey	180.56
Church Eaton	175.11
Colwich	260.77
Creswell	183.72
Doxey	170.14

Parish	Band D £ p
Eccleshall	183.42
Ellenhall	159.51
Forton	162.80
Fradswell	169.23
Fulford	176.82
Gayton	199.07
Gnosall	191.81
Haughton	198.24
High Offley	168.87
Hilderstone	190.31
Hixon	195.99
Hopton and Coton	196.90
Hyde Lea	177.92
Ingestre	179.91
Marston	156.30
Milwich	175.85
Norbury	175.18
Ranton	179.26
Salt and Enson	195.05
Sandon and Burston	212.30
Seighford	176.83
Standon	183.12
Stone Town	206.40
Stone Rural	175.69
Stowe by Chartley	220.12
Swynnerton	168.30
Tixall	172.78
Weston	217.38
Whitgreave	171.33
Yarnfield and Cold Meece	168.02

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(f) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at (1)(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

(h) For the following parts of the Council's area

Parish	Band A Disabled	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
Adbaston	91.83	110.20	128.57	146.93	165.30	202.03	238.77	275.50	330.60
Barlaston	122.88	147.45	172.03	196.60	221.18	270.33	319.48	368.63	442.36

Parish	Band A Disabled	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
		137.60	160.53	183.47	206.40	252.27	298.13	344.00	412.80
Stone Rural	97.61	117.13	136.65	156.17	175.69	214.73	253.77	292.82	351.38
Stowe-by-Chartley	122.29	146.75	171.20	195.66	220.12	269.04	317.95	366.87	440.24
Swynnerton	93.50	112.20	130.90	149.60	168.30	205.70	243.10	280.50	336.60
Tixall	95.99	115.19	134.38	153.58	172.78	211.18	249.57	287.97	345.56
Weston	120.77	144.92	169.07	193.23	217.38	265.69	313.99	362.30	434.76
Whitgreave	95.18	114.22	133.26	152.29	171.33	209.40	247.48	285.55	342.66
Yarnfield & Cold Meece	93.34	112.01	130.68	149.35	168.02	205.36	242.70	280.03	336.04
All other parts of the Council's area	86.83	104.2	121.57	138.93	156.3	191.03	225.77	260.50	312.60

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at (3)(f) and (3)(g) above by the number by which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

- 4 To note that the County Council, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Staffordshire Commissioner Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.

Valuation Bands

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
Staffordshire County Council	830.82	969.29	1,107.76	1,246.23	1,523.17	1,800.11	2,077.05	2,492.46
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner	144.37	168.44	192.50	216.56	264.68	312.81	360.93	433.12
Staffordshire Commissioner Fire and Rescue Authority	50.49	58.90	67.32	75.73	92.56	109.39	126.22	151.46

- 5 That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the table below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2019/20 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Parish	Band A Disabled	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
Adbaston	946.56	1,135.88	1,325.20	1,514.51	1,703.82	2,082.44	2,461.08	2,839.70	3,407.64
Barlaston	977.61	1,173.13	1,368.66	1,564.18	1,759.70	2,150.74	2,541.79	2,932.83	3,519.40
Berkswich	959.21	1,151.05	1,342.90	1,534.74	1,726.58	2,110.26	2,493.95	2,877.63	3,453.16
Bradley	964.22	1,157.07	1,349.91	1,542.76	1,735.60	2,121.29	2,506.98	2,892.67	3,471.20
Brocton	953.49	1,144.19	1,334.89	1,525.59	1,716.28	2,097.67	2,479.07	2,860.47	3,432.56
Chebsey	955.04	1,146.05	1,337.07	1,528.08	1,719.08	2,101.09	2,483.12	2,865.13	3,438.16
Church Eaton	952.01	1,142.42	1,332.83	1,523.23	1,713.63	2,094.43	2,475.25	2,856.05	3,427.26
Colwich	999.60	1,199.53	1,399.45	1,599.38	1,799.29	2,199.13	2,598.98	2,998.82	3,598.58
Creswell	956.80	1,148.16	1,339.52	1,530.89	1,722.24	2,104.96	2,487.68	2,870.40	3,444.48
Doxey	949.25	1,139.11	1,328.96	1,518.82	1,708.66	2,088.36	2,468.07	2,847.77	3,417.32
Eccleshall	956.63	1,147.96	1,339.29	1,530.62	1,721.94	2,104.59	2,487.25	2,869.90	3,443.88
Ellenhall	943.35	1,132.02	1,320.69	1,509.37	1,698.03	2,075.37	2,452.71	2,830.05	3,396.06
Forton	945.17	1,134.21	1,323.25	1,512.29	1,701.32	2,079.39	2,457.47	2,835.53	3,402.64
Fradswell	948.75	1,138.50	1,328.25	1,518.01	1,707.75	2,087.25	2,466.75	2,846.25	3,415.50
Fulford	952.96	1,143.56	1,334.16	1,524.75	1,715.34	2,096.52	2,477.72	2,858.90	3,430.68
Gayton	965.32	1,158.39	1,351.46	1,544.53	1,737.59	2,123.72	2,509.86	2,895.98	3,475.18
Gnosall	961.29	1,153.55	1,345.82	1,538.08	1,730.33	2,114.84	2,499.37	2,883.88	3,460.66
Haughton	964.86	1,157.84	1,350.82	1,543.79	1,736.76	2,122.70	2,508.66	2,894.60	3,473.52
High Offley	948.55	1,138.26	1,327.97	1,517.69	1,707.39	2,086.81	2,466.23	2,845.65	3,414.78
Hilderstone	960.46	1,152.55	1,344.65	1,536.74	1,728.83	2,113.01	2,497.20	2,881.38	3,457.66
Hixon	963.61	1,156.34	1,349.07	1,541.79	1,734.51	2,119.95	2,505.41	2,890.85	3,469.02

Hopton and Coton	964.12	1,156.95	1,349.77	1,542.60	1,735.42	2,121.07	2,506.72	2,892.37	3,470.84
Hyde Lea	953.57	1,144.29	1,335.01	1,525.73	1,716.44	2,097.87	2,479.31	2,860.73	3,432.88
Ingestre	954.68	1,145.62	1,336.56	1,527.50	1,718.43	2,100.30	2,482.18	2,864.05	3,436.86
Marston	941.56	1,129.88	1,318.20	1,506.51	1,694.82	2,071.44	2,448.08	2,824.70	3,389.64
Milwich	952.42	1,142.91	1,333.40	1,523.89	1,714.37	2,095.34	2,476.32	2,857.28	3,428.74
Norbury	952.05	1,142.47	1,332.88	1,523.30	1,713.70	2,094.52	2,475.35	2,856.17	3,427.40
Ranton	954.32	1,145.19	1,336.05	1,526.92	1,717.78	2,099.51	2,481.24	2,862.97	3,435.56
Salt and Enson	963.09	1,155.71	1,348.34	1,540.96	1,733.57	2,118.80	2,504.05	2,889.28	3,467.14
Sandon & Burston	972.67	1,167.21	1,361.75	1,556.29	1,750.82	2,139.89	2,528.97	2,918.03	3,501.64
Seighford	952.97	1,143.57	1,334.16	1,524.76	1,715.35	2,096.54	2,477.73	2,858.92	3,430.70
Standon	956.46	1,147.76	1,339.06	1,530.35	1,721.64	2,104.22	2,486.82	2,869.40	3,443.28
Stone	969.40	1,163.28	1,357.16	1,551.05	1,744.92	2,132.68	2,520.44	2,908.20	3,489.84
Stone Rural	952.34	1,142.81	1,333.28	1,523.75	1,714.21	2,095.14	2,476.08	2,857.02	3,428.42
Stowe-by-Chartley	977.02	1,172.43	1,367.83	1,563.24	1,758.64	2,149.45	2,540.26	2,931.07	3,517.28

Parish	Band A Disabled	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
Swynnerton	948.23	1,137.88	1,327.53	1,517.18	1,706.82	2,086.11	2,465.41	2,844.70	3,413.64
Tixall	950.72	1,140.87	1,331.01	1,521.16	1,711.30	2,091.59	2,471.88	2,852.17	3,422.60
Weston	975.50	1,170.60	1,365.70	1,560.81	1,755.90	2,146.10	2,536.30	2,926.50	3,511.80
Whitgreave	949.91	1,139.90	1,329.89	1,519.87	1,709.85	2,089.81	2,469.79	2,849.75	3,419.70
Yarnfield & Cold Meece	948.07	1,137.69	1,327.31	1,516.93	1,706.54	2,085.77	2,465.01	2,844.23	3,413.08
All other parts	941.56	1,129.88	1,318.20	1,506.51	1,694.82	2,071.44	2,448.08	2,824.70	3,389.64

- 6 That it is determined in accordance with Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 that the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2019/20 is not excessive in accordance with the principles determined by the Secretary of State under Section 52ZC of that Act.

C44 Localism Act 2011 - Pay Policy Statement 2019/2020

Considered the report of the Cabinet Member for Resources (V2 14/02/19).

The Deputy Leader introduced the report and concluded his comments by moving that the recommendations as set out in paragraph 2 be approved. The proposal was seconded by Councillor P M M Farrington.

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

RESOLVED:- that (a) the Pay Policy Statement as set out in the appendix to the report be approved;

- (b) publication of the Pay Policy Statement on the Council's website (as required by the Act) be approved.

C45 **Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk of Abuse and Neglect Policy**

Considered the report of the Corporate Business and Partnerships Manager (V2 18/02/19).

The Cabinet Member - Community Portfolio, introduced the report and noted the recommendations as set out before concluding his comments by moving that said recommendations be approved.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor R M Smith.

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

RESOLVED:- that the Policy (circulated as a separate booklet with the agenda) be approved.

MAYOR