

Councillor Gareth Jones (Mayor)

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

Councillors:

C A Baron	P W Jones
R J Barron	W J Kemp
F Beatty	R Kenney
R P Cooke	P A Leason
A G Cooper	A M Loughran
B M Cross	B McKeown
M G Dodson	A Nixon
A P Edgeller	J A Nixon
P M M Farrington	G P K Pardesi
I D Fordham	A N Pearce
A T A Godfrey	J M Pert
M Green	M Phillips
A S Harp	J K Price
A D Hobbs	P Roycroft
D Holbrook-Summers	R M Smith
M V Holmes	C V Trowbridge
J Hood	M J Winnington
R A James	

Officers in attendance:-

Mr T Clegg	- Chief Executive
Mr B Kean	- Head of Finance
Mr I Curran	- Interim Head of Law and Administration
Mrs T Redpath	- Corporate Business and Partnerships Manager
Mr W Conaghan	- Press and Communication Manager
Mr J Dean	- Democratic Services Officer

**C25 Minutes**

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 July 2019 were submitted and signed.

**C26 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J A Barron, A R G Brown, L Nixon and R M Sutherland.

## C27 **Announcements**

The Mayor thanked those who supported the Crown Green Bowling Challenge between Council Members and Stonefield Bowling Club.

Continuing the Mayor thanked those who supported the evening at The Golden Orient Chinese Buffet on Wednesday 11 September.

The Mayor then thanked Members for supporting the Battle of Britain Commemoration on Sunday 15 September.

Continuing further, the Mayor detailed the following events for Members to note:-

- Remembrance Sunday Open Air Service, wreath laying and Parade - 10 November 2019.
- Act of Remembrance Service - Market Square on Monday 11 November 2019.

## C28 **Councillor Session**

Councillor A T A Godfrey had submitted the following question in accordance with Paragraph 12.3(a) of the Council Procedure Rules:-

“Can the Leader of the Council please inform Members why this Full Council meeting has been moved from Tuesday 17 September to Monday 16 September?”

The Leader of the Council provided the following response as provided for in Paragraph 12 of the Council Procedure Rules.

“I thank Councillor Godfrey for his question. It was considered appropriate that in order to carry out the business of the Council in light of the absence of Senior Councillors the meeting be moved.”

As provided for under Council Procedure Rule 12.4 Councillor A T A Godfrey asked the following supplementary question:-

“Was the Leader of the Council’s decision to move the meeting based on the number of Councillors sat on the administration benches?”

Councillor Farrington responded by referring Councillor Godfrey to his previous answer.

Continuing, Councillor W J Kemp asked the following question:-

“Which item on the agenda was so important the Leader of Council decided to move the meeting?”

Councillor Farrington referred Councillor Kemp to his original answer and added that the make-up of the agenda for the meeting was not known when the decision to move was made.

Councillor A M Loughran asked the following question:-

“Why did the Leader of the Council not discuss moving the meeting with the other Group Leaders?”

As provided for under Paragraph 12.4 of the Council Procedure Rules Councillor Farrington declined to answer.

Councillor G P K Pardesi asked the following question:-

“Was the Leader of the Council afraid of openness, scrutiny etc?”

Councillor Farrington responded that he was not afraid.

Councillor R P Cooke asked the following question:-

“Was the Leader of the Council likely to move further meetings of the Council if his Members were not available?”

Councillor Farrington stated that he was unable to answer the question as he was unaware of the future.

## C29 **Notice of Motion**

Councillors A T A Godfrey and A N Pearce had given the following Notice of Motion in pursuant of Paragraph 13.1 of the Council Procedure Rules:

“As Members will know, many towns and cities around the country have begun to look seriously at what can be done locally to help reduce the amount of plastic being used.

We have all seen the devastating impact plastic waste has on our environment.

It is now mainstream thinking that we should drastically reduce the amount of plastic we use, much of which is ultimately discarded into our ecosystems.

The Council therefore agrees to take the following actions:

- 1 States its support for the eradication of single use plastic items. This policy to be made clear to all suppliers and contract holders.
- 2 Encourages our community to reduce and ultimately stop the use of single use plastic products.

- 3 Actively promote the reduction of single use plastic products.
- 4 Work with other agencies and local authorities to reduce the use of all single use plastic products as soon as possible.
- 5 Make the reduction of single use plastic products part of the implementation of the climate emergency declaration.”

The Notice of Motion was duly moved by Councillor A T A Godfrey and seconded by Councillor A N Pearce.

Councillor J K Price responded to the Notice of Motion as provided for in Paragraph 15 of the Council Procedure Rules.

“As we all know plastics have been high on the national agenda. The increase of single-use and disposable plastics across the UK has been detrimental to our society and wildlife, with only 10-13% of plastic items being recycled each year. Significant steps have already been taken to reduce plastic waste across the country, with the Resources and Waste Strategy for England (2018) setting out a blueprint to eliminate all avoidable plastic waste by 2050. It is critical to Stafford Boroughs society and environmental well-being that we align with these objectives and make a stand against the use of single use plastic, alongside the large-scale, systematic changes required to reach carbon neutrality.

The Council has already started to look at this and has recently issued the whole of Streetscene Department water bottles and is incorporating objectives relating to this into the authority’s Climate Change Strategy that is being drafted at present.”

Members of the Council considered the item as provided for in Paragraph 15 of the Council Procedure Rules.

Following discussion a request for a recorded vote was made by the required number of Members in accordance with Paragraph 17.4 of the Council Procedure Rules. Voting on the matter was as follows:-

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
C A Baron		E G R Jones
R J Barron		
F Beatty		
R P Cooke		
A G Cooper		
B M Cross		
M G Dodson		
A P Edgeller		
P M M Farrington		
I D Fordham		

A T A Godfrey  
M Green  
A S Harp  
A D Hobbs  
D Holbrook-Summers  
M V Holmes  
J Hood  
R A James  
P W Jones  
W J Kemp  
R Kenney  
P A Leason  
A M Loughran  
B McKeown  
A Nixon  
J A Nixon  
G P K Pardesi  
A N Pearce  
J M Pert  
M Phillips  
J K Price  
P Roycroft  
R M Smith  
C V Trowbridge  
M J Winnington

On being put to the vote the motion was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that the Council:-

- (a) state its support for the eradication of single use plastic items and this policy to be made clear to all suppliers and contract holders;
- (b) encourage our community to reduce and ultimately stop the use of single use plastic products;
- (c) actively promote the reduction of single use plastic products;
- (d) work with other agencies and local authorities to reduce the use of all single use plastic products as soon as possible;
- (e) make the reduction of single use plastic products part of the implementation of the climate emergency declaration.”

C30 **Financial Procedure Rules (Regulations)**

Considered the report of the Head of Finance (Section 151 Officer).

The Deputy Leader introduced the report and concluded his comments by moving that the recommendation as set out in paragraph 2 be approved.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor J M Pert.

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

RESOLVED:- that the revised Financial Procedural Rules (Regulations) (Section 8 of the Constitution) as detailed in the appendix to the report be approved.

**C31 Annual Treasury Management Report 2018/19**

Considered the report of the Head of Finance.

The Deputy Leader introduced the report noting the statutory requirement for its consideration by the Audit and Accounts Committee and full Council. He concluded his comments by moving that the recommendations as set out in paragraph 2 of the report be approved.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor J M Pert.

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

RESOLVED:- that (a) the Annual Treasury Management report for 2018/19 be noted;

(b) the actual 2018/19 prudential and treasury indicators as set out in appendix 1 of the report be approved.

**C32 Committee Business Planning Reports**

Considered the report of the Interim Head of Law and Administration.

Councillor A M Loughran introduced the Audit and Accounts Committee Business Planning report and thanked Members and Officers for their help and support in the work of the Committee. In conclusion, she moved that the report be received.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor R A James.

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

RESOLVED:- that (a) the annual report of the Audit and Accounts Committee be received.

Continuing, Councillor R P Cooke introduced the Resources Scrutiny Committee Business Planning report and thanked Members and Officers for their help and support in the work of the Committee. In conclusion, he moved that the report be received.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor A T A Godfrey.

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

RESOLVED:- that (b) the annual report of the Resources Scrutiny Committee be received.

Continuing further, Councillor W J Kemp introduced the Economic Development and Planning Scrutiny Committee Business Planning report and thanked Members and Officers for their help and support in the work of the Committee. In conclusion, he moved that the report be received.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor B M Cross.

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

RESOLVED:- that (c) the annual report of the Economic Development and Planning Scrutiny Committee be received.

Finally, Councillor J Hood introduced the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Business Planning report and thanked Members and Officers for their help and support in the work of the Committee. In conclusion, she moved that the report be received.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor C V Trowbridge.

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

RESOLVED:- that (d) the annual report of the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee be received.

MAYOR