



Councillor Phillip A Leason MBE JP (Mayor)

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

Councillors:

C A Baron	W J Kemp
J A Barron	R Kenney
R J Barron	A M Loughran
F Beatty	D McNaughton
R P Cooke	A Nixon
A G Cooper	J A Nixon
B M Cross	L Nixon
A P Edgeller	G P K Pardesi
P M M Farrington	A N Pearce
I D Fordham	J M Pert
A T A Godfrey	M Phillips
A S Harp	J K Price
J Hood	R M Smith
R A James	R M Sutherland
E G R Jones	C V Trowbridge
P W Jones	M J Winnington

Officers in attendance:-

Mr T Clegg	-	Chief Executive
Mr I Curran	-	Head of Law and Administration
Mr C Forrester	-	Head of Finance
Mr W Conaghan	-	Press and Communication Manager
Mr A Bailey	-	Scrutiny Officer

C43 Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 24 January 2023 were agreed as a true and correct record.

C44 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A R G Brown, M G Dodson, M Green, A D Hobbs, B McKeown and P Roycroft.

C45 Announcements

(a) Mayor's Charity Appeal - Quiz Night - Thursday 2 February 2023

The Mayor thanked those who supported this event.

(b) Mayor's Charity Appeal - Valuation Evening by Charles Hanson - Wednesday 8 March 2023.

The Mayor thanked those who were supporting this event.

C46 Offices of Mayor and Deputy Mayor

RESOLVED:- that the Council receive nominations of:-

- (a) Councillor A G Cooper for the Office of Mayor for the Municipal Year 2023/24;
- (b) Councillor A Nixon for the Office of Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2023/24.

C47 Council Tax 2023/24

Considered the report of the Head of Finance proposing the level of Council Tax for 2023/24 inclusive of the County Council, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Authority and individual Parish Council requirements.

Councillor R M Smith introduced the report and noted the recommendations as set out in paragraph 2 before concluding his comments by moving that said recommendations be approved.

The proposal was seconded by the Deputy Leader.

In accordance with Paragraph 17.4(b) of the Council Procedure Rules a recorded vote was taken; voting on the proposal was as follows:-

For	Against	Abstain
C A Baron		R P Cooke
J A Barron		A T A Godfrey
R J Barron		W J Kemp
F Beatty		A M Loughran
A G Cooper		D McNaughton
B M Cross		A Nixon
A P Edgeller		L Nixon
P M M Farrington		G P K Pardesi
I D Fordham		A N Pearce
A S Harp		
J Hood		
R A James		
E G R Jones		
P W Jones		

For	Against	Abstain
R Kenney		
P A Leason		
J A Nixon		
J M Pert		
M Phillips		
J K Price		
R M Smith		
C V Trowbridge		
M J Winnington		

The Mayor declared that the proposal was duly 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 2023/24:
 - (a) for the whole Council area as 48,863.55 [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	224.27
Barlaston	1,044.25
Berkswich	795.09
Bradley	226.09
Brocton	557.44
Chebsey	250.25
Church Eaton	293.38
Colwich	1,907.33
Creswell	748.58
Doxey	1,162.67
Eccleshall	2,177.27
Ellenhall	63.01
Forton	144.49
Fradswell	84.85
Fulford	2,310.41
Gayton	77.16
Gnosall	2,026.41
Haughton	458.85
High Offley	393.86
Hilderstone	274.60
Hixon	745.04
Hopton and Coton	851.31
Hyde Lea	185.86
Ingestre	83.38

Parish	Taxbase
Marston	91.74
Milwich	197.57
Norbury	201.68
Ranton	184.60
Salt and Enson	190.82
Sandon and Burston	166.76
Seighford	775.15
Standon	338.88
Stone Town	6,348.46
Stone Rural	729.29
Stowe by Chartley	200.39
Swynnerton	1,368.07
Tixall	130.25
Weston	480.46
Whitgreave	91.34
Yarnfield and Cold Meece	831.50
	29,412.81
Unparished	
Stafford Town	18,995.54
MOD Contribution in Lieu	455.20
Council Tax Base	48,863.55

- 2 That the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2023/24 (excluding Parish precepts) is calculated at £8,234,485.45.
- 3 That the following amounts are calculated for the year 2023/24 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:
 - (a) £47,869,516.85 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) £38,302,137.00 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - (c) £9,567,379.85 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) £195.80 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) £1,332,894.40 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- (f) £168.52 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	183.02
Barlaston	234.45
Berkswich	203.42
Bradley	229.26
Brocton	194.15
Chebsey	194.67
Church Eaton	190.47
Colwich	260.91
Creswell	195.29
Doxey	190.71
Eccleshall	205.03
Ellenhall	173.19
Forton	176.73
Fradswell	185.75
Fulford	214.63
Gayton	217.89
Gnosall	219.17
Haughton	218.60
High Offley	180.70
Hilderstone	212.30
Hixon	216.47
Hopton and Coton	199.99
Hyde Lea	205.86
Ingestre	203.40
Marston	168.52
Milwich	193.19
Norbury	187.45
Ranton	193.76
Salt and Enson	209.21
Sandon and Burston	228.22
Seighford	192.90
Standon	199.65
Stone Town	226.67
Stone Rural	188.84
Stowe by Chartley	264.02

Parish	Band D £ p
Swynnerton	193.00
Tixall	190.76
Weston	239.75
Whitgreave	184.60
Yarnfield and Cold Meece	200.62

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 £ p	Band A £ p	Band B £ p	Band C £ p	Band D £ p	Band E £ p	Band F £ p	Band G £ p	Band H £ p
Adbaston	101.68	122.01	142.35	162.68	183.02	223.69	264.36	305.03	366.04
Barlaston	130.25	156.30	182.35	208.40	234.45	286.55	338.65	390.75	468.90
Berkswich	113.01	135.61	158.22	180.82	203.42	248.62	293.83	339.03	406.84
Bradley	127.37	152.84	178.31	203.79	229.26	280.21	331.15	382.10	458.52
Brocton	107.86	129.43	151.01	172.58	194.15	237.29	280.44	323.58	388.30
Chebsey	108.15	129.78	151.41	173.04	194.67	237.93	281.19	324.45	389.34
Church Eaton	105.82	126.98	148.14	169.31	190.47	232.80	275.12	317.45	380.94
Colwich	144.95	173.94	202.93	231.92	260.91	318.89	376.87	434.85	521.82
Creswell	108.49	130.19	151.89	173.59	195.29	238.69	282.09	325.48	390.58
Doxey	105.95	127.14	148.33	169.52	190.71	233.09	275.47	317.85	381.42
Eccleshall	113.91	136.69	159.47	182.25	205.03	250.59	296.15	341.72	410.06
Ellenhall	96.22	115.46	134.70	153.95	173.19	211.68	250.16	288.65	346.38
Forton	98.18	117.82	137.46	157.09	176.73	216.00	255.28	294.55	353.46
Fradswell	103.19	123.83	144.47	165.11	185.75	227.03	268.31	309.58	371.50
Fulford	119.24	143.09	166.93	190.78	214.63	262.33	310.02	357.72	429.26
Gayton	121.05	145.26	169.47	193.68	217.89	266.31	314.73	363.15	435.78
Gnosall	121.76	146.11	170.47	194.82	219.17	267.87	316.58	365.28	438.34
Haughton	121.44	145.73	170.02	194.31	218.60	267.18	315.76	364.33	437.20
High Offley	100.39	120.47	140.54	160.62	180.70	220.86	261.01	301.17	361.40

Parish	Band A Disabled £ p	Band A £ p	Band B £ p	Band C £ p	Band D £ p	Band E £ p	Band F £ p	Band G £ p	Band H £ p
Hilderstone	117.94	141.53	165.12	188.71	212.30	259.48	306.66	353.83	424.60
Hixon	120.26	144.31	168.37	192.42	216.47	264.57	312.68	360.78	432.94
Hopton and Coton	111.11	133.33	155.55	177.77	199.99	244.43	288.87	333.32	399.98
Hyde Lea	114.37	137.24	160.11	182.99	205.86	251.61	297.35	343.10	411.72
Ingestre	113.00	135.60	158.20	180.80	203.40	248.60	293.80	339.00	406.80
Marston	93.62	112.35	131.07	149.80	168.52	205.97	243.42	280.87	337.04
Milwich	107.33	128.79	150.26	171.72	193.19	236.12	279.05	321.98	386.38
Norbury	104.14	124.97	145.79	166.62	187.45	229.11	270.76	312.42	374.90
Ranton	107.64	129.17	150.70	172.23	193.76	236.82	279.88	322.93	387.52
Salt and Enson	116.23	139.47	162.72	185.96	209.21	255.70	302.19	348.68	418.42
Sandon and Burston	126.79	152.15	177.50	202.86	228.22	278.94	329.65	380.37	456.44
Seighford	107.17	128.60	150.03	171.47	192.90	235.77	278.63	321.50	385.80
Standon	110.92	133.10	155.28	177.47	199.65	244.02	288.38	332.75	399.30
Stone	125.93	151.11	176.30	201.48	226.67	277.04	327.41	377.78	453.34
Stone Rural	104.91	125.89	146.88	167.86	188.84	230.80	272.77	314.73	377.68
Stowe-by-Chartley	146.68	176.01	205.35	234.68	264.02	322.69	381.36	440.03	528.04
Swynnerton	107.22	128.67	150.11	171.56	193.00	235.89	278.78	321.67	386.00
Tixall	105.98	127.17	148.37	169.56	190.76	233.15	275.54	317.93	381.52
Weston	133.19	159.83	186.47	213.11	239.75	293.03	346.31	399.58	479.50
Whitgreave	102.56	123.07	143.58	164.09	184.60	225.62	266.64	307.67	369.20
Yarnfield & Cold Meece	111.46	133.75	156.04	178.33	200.62	245.20	289.78	334.37	401.24
All other parts of the Council's area	93.62	112.35	131.07	149.80	168.52	205.97	243.42	280.87	337.04

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 Fire 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 £ p	B £ p	C £ p	D £ p	E £ p	F £ p	G £ p	H £ p
Staffordshire County Council	980.82	1,144.29	1,307.76	1,471.23	1,798.17	2,125.11	2,452.05	2,942.46
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner	173.71	202.67	231.62	260.57	318.47	376.38	434.28	521.14
Stoke-on-Trent and Staffs Fire Authority	56.17	65.53	74.89	84.25	102.97	121.69	140.42	168.50

- 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 2023/24 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Parish	Band A Disabled £ p	Band A £ p	Band B £ p	Band C £ p	Band D £ p	Band E £ p	Band F £ p	Band G £ p	Band H £ p
Adbaston	1,110.60	1,332.71	1,554.84	1,776.95	1,999.07	2,443.30	2,887.54	3,331.78	3,998.14
Barlaston	1,139.17	1,367.00	1,594.84	1,822.67	2,050.50	2,506.16	2,961.83	3,417.50	4,101.00
Berkswich	1,121.93	1,346.31	1,570.71	1,795.09	2,019.47	2,468.23	2,917.01	3,365.78	4,038.94
Bradley	1,136.29	1,363.54	1,590.80	1,818.06	2,045.31	2,499.82	2,954.33	3,408.85	4,090.62
Brocton	1,116.78	1,340.13	1,563.50	1,786.85	2,010.20	2,456.90	2,903.62	3,350.33	4,020.40
Chebsey	1,117.07	1,340.48	1,563.90	1,787.31	2,010.72	2,457.54	2,904.37	3,351.20	4,021.44
Church Eaton	1,114.74	1,337.68	1,560.63	1,783.58	2,006.52	2,452.41	2,898.30	3,344.20	4,013.04
Colwich	1,153.87	1,384.64	1,615.42	1,846.19	2,076.96	2,538.50	3,000.05	3,461.60	4,153.92
Creswell	1,117.41	1,340.89	1,564.38	1,787.86	2,011.34	2,458.30	2,905.27	3,352.23	4,022.68
Doxey	1,114.87	1,337.84	1,560.82	1,783.79	2,006.76	2,452.70	2,898.65	3,344.60	4,013.52
Eccleshall	1,122.83	1,347.39	1,571.96	1,796.52	2,021.08	2,470.20	2,919.33	3,368.47	4,042.16
Ellenhall	1,105.14	1,326.16	1,547.19	1,768.22	1,989.24	2,431.29	2,873.34	3,315.40	3,978.48
Forton	1,107.10	1,328.52	1,549.95	1,771.36	1,992.78	2,435.61	2,878.46	3,321.30	3,985.56
Fradswell	1,112.11	1,334.53	1,556.96	1,779.38	2,001.80	2,446.64	2,891.49	3,336.33	4,003.60
Fulford	1,128.16	1,353.79	1,579.42	1,805.05	2,030.68	2,481.94	2,933.20	3,384.47	4,061.36
Gayton	1,129.97	1,355.96	1,581.96	1,807.95	2,033.94	2,485.92	2,937.91	3,389.90	4,067.88
Gnosall	1,130.68	1,356.81	1,582.96	1,809.09	2,035.22	2,487.48	2,939.76	3,392.03	4,070.44
Haughton	1,130.36	1,356.43	1,582.51	1,808.58	2,034.65	2,486.79	2,938.94	3,391.08	4,069.30
High Offley	1,109.31	1,331.17	1,553.03	1,774.89	1,996.75	2,440.47	2,884.19	3,327.92	3,993.50
Hilderstone	1,126.86	1,352.23	1,577.61	1,802.98	2,028.35	2,479.09	2,929.84	3,380.58	4,056.70
Hixon	1,129.18	1,355.01	1,580.86	1,806.69	2,032.52	2,484.18	2,935.86	3,387.53	4,065.04

Parish	Band A Disabled £ p	Band A £ p	Band B £ p	Band C £ p	Band D £ p	Band E £ p	Band F £ p	Band G £ p	Band H £ p
Hopton and Coton	1,120.03	1,344.03	1,568.04	1,792.04	2,016.04	2,464.04	2,912.05	3,360.07	4,032.08
Hyde Lea	1,123.29	1,347.94	1,572.60	1,797.26	2,021.91	2,471.22	2,920.53	3,369.85	4,043.82
Ingestre	1,121.92	1,346.30	1,570.69	1,795.07	2,019.45	2,468.21	2,916.98	3,365.75	4,038.90
Marston	1,102.54	1,323.05	1,543.56	1,764.07	1,984.57	2,425.58	2,866.60	3,307.62	3,969.14
Milwich	1,116.25	1,339.49	1,562.75	1,785.99	2,009.24	2,455.73	2,902.23	3,348.73	4,018.48
Norbury	1,113.06	1,335.67	1,558.28	1,780.89	2,003.50	2,448.72	2,893.94	3,339.17	4,007.00
Ranton	1,116.56	1,339.87	1,563.19	1,786.50	2,009.81	2,456.43	2,903.06	3,349.68	4,019.62
Salt and Enson	1,125.15	1,350.17	1,575.21	1,800.23	2,025.26	2,475.31	2,925.37	3,375.43	4,050.52
Sandon & Burston	1,135.71	1,362.85	1,589.99	1,817.13	2,044.27	2,498.55	2,952.83	3,407.12	4,088.54
Seighford	1,116.09	1,339.30	1,562.52	1,785.74	2,008.95	2,455.38	2,901.81	3,348.25	4,017.90
Standon	1,119.84	1,343.80	1,567.77	1,791.74	2,015.70	2,463.63	2,911.56	3,359.50	4,031.40
Stone	1,134.85	1,361.81	1,588.79	1,815.75	2,042.72	2,496.65	2,950.59	3,404.53	4,085.44
Stone Rural	1,113.83	1,336.59	1,559.37	1,782.13	2,004.89	2,450.41	2,895.95	3,341.48	4,009.78
Stowe-by-Chartley	1,155.60	1,386.71	1,617.84	1,848.95	2,080.07	2,542.30	3,004.54	3,466.78	4,160.14
Swynnerton	1,116.14	1,339.37	1,562.60	1,785.83	2,009.05	2,455.50	2,901.96	3,348.42	4,018.10
Tixall	1,114.90	1,337.87	1,560.86	1,783.83	2,006.81	2,452.76	2,898.72	3,344.68	4,013.62
Weston	1,142.11	1,370.53	1,598.96	1,827.38	2,055.80	2,512.64	2,969.49	3,426.33	4,111.60
Whitgreave	1,111.48	1,333.77	1,556.07	1,778.36	2,000.65	2,445.23	2,889.82	3,334.42	4,001.30
Yarnfield & Cold Meece	1,120.38	1,344.45	1,568.53	1,792.60	2,016.67	2,464.81	2,912.96	3,361.12	4,033.34
All other parts	1,102.54	1,323.05	1,543.56	1,764.07	1,984.57	2,425.58	2,866.60	3,307.62	3,969.14

- 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 2023/24 is not excessive in accordance with the principles determined by the Secretary of State under Section 52ZC of that Act.

C48 Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2023/24

Considered the report of the Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio that:-

- Outlined proposed changes to the Council's Local Council Tax Reduction (LCTR) scheme for the financial year beginning on 1 April 2023.
- Reported the outcome of the consultation process undertaken in respect of those changes.
- Made provision for the updating of the Council's LCTR scheme on a timely basis in future, should this be necessary, as a result of changes to the wider benefit system or support made available to assist residents with cost of living or energy bill increases.

Councillor R M Smith 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 the Deputy Leader.

The matter was then put to the vote and subsequently declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- That:-

- (a) Approval be given to the removal of the 80% cap for working aged claimants, in respect of the LCTR scheme for 2023-24 only;
- (b) That authority be delegated to the s151 Officer to make incidental changes to the scheme where such changes do not impact on the Council's budget or policies and are necessary to ensure that claimants' entitlement to LCTR is not reduced by receipt of payments made which are intended to assist with cost of living and energy bill increases.

C49 Treasury Management Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy, Annual Investment Strategy 2023/24

Considered the report of the Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio that:-

- Prudential and Treasury Indicators - setting of indicators to ensure that the capital investment plans of the Council were affordable, prudent and sustainable;
- The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy;
- Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2023/24 - to set treasury limits for 2023/24 to 2024/25 and to provide a background to the latest economic forecasts of interest rates
- Annual Investment Strategy 2023/24- to set out the strategy of investment of surplus funds.

Councillor R M Smith 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 the Deputy Leader.

The matter was then put to the vote and subsequently 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 2023/24.

C50 Localism Act 2011 - Pay Policy Statement 2023/2024

Considered the report of the Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio.

Councillor R M Smith 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 the Deputy Leader.

The matter was then put to the vote and subsequently 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.

MAYOR