



Minutes of the Council held at the Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford on Tuesday 25 July 2017

Councillor A T A Godfrey (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 J Barron	W J Kemp
R P Cooke	S Learoyd
B M Cross	S P Leighton
I E Davies	A M Loughran
M G Dodson	L Nixon
R J Draper	J M Pert
J W Farnham	D B Price
F A Finlay	G O Rowlands
M R Goodall	P Roycroft
A S Harp	R M Smith
R A James	R M Sutherland
V E M Jenkinson	K S Williamson

Officers in attendance:-

Mr T Clegg	-	Chief Executive
Mr A Welch	-	Head of Law and Administration
Mrs J Aupers	-	Head of Governance
Mr W Conaghan	-	Press and Communication Manager
Mr J Dean	-	Democratic Services Officer

Following Prayers, all present stood in silence in memory of the late former Councillor John (Dutch) Holland.

C17 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2017 were submitted and signed.

C18 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors F Beatty, G R Collier, A P Edgeller, P M M Farrington, A J Perkins, J K Price and C V Trowbridge.

C19 Announcements

The Mayor thanked all those who attended the recent afternoon tea held at the Upper House, Barlaston which had raised £595.50 for the Mayor's Charity Appeal.

The Mayor presented the past Deputy Mayor's replica badge to Councillor R J Draper, who responded accordingly.

C20 Code of Governance

Considered the report of the Head of Governance (V2 17/07/17).

As Chairman of the Audit and Accounts Committee, Councillor A M Loughran introduced the report and concluded her comments by moving that the recommendation as set out in paragraph 2 be approved. The proposal was seconded by Councillor R M Sutherland.

Arising from the debate, Councillor R P Cooke moved and Councillor W J Kemp seconded an amendment that principles C and D in the guidance not be combined into 1 principal (number 3) in the Council's Code.

On being put to the vote the amendment was declared to have fallen.

Members subsequently voted on the original proposal, which was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that the revised Code of Governance be approved.

C21 Annual Treasury Management Report 2016/17

Considered the report of the Head of Finance (V2 11/07/17).

The Cabinet Member - Resources Portfolio introduced the report noting the statutory requirement for consideration of the matter by the Audit and Accounts Committee and the Council. He concluded his comments by moving that the recommendations as set out in paragraph 2 be approved. The proposal was seconded by Councillor J M Pert.

Councillor Williamson undertook to provide Members with a written answer to questions raised regarding placement of the Council's investments and average investment balance 2016/17.

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

- RESOLVED:- that (a) the annual treasury management report for 2016/17 be noted;
- (b) the actual 2016/17 prudential and treasury indicators (as set out in the appendix to the report) be approved.

C22 **Committee Business Planning Reports**

Considered the report of the Head of Law and Administration (V1 10/07/17).

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 E G R Jones 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 S Harp.

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 R P Cooke 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 R M Sutherland.

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 S Learoyd 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 A S Harp.

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