

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of East Staffordshire Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Burton upon Trent on Monday 21st March 2022.

Present:

Councillor Mrs P L Ackroyd (Mayor) in the Chair

Councillors	G A Allen	H Hall
	Mrs B Ashcroft	S A Hussain
	E W R Barker	Mrs J A Killoran
	L Beech	G Lamb
	Mrs B Brady	Ms A J Legg
	K J Builth	R Lock
	A A Chaudhry	S McGarry
	A Clarke	S McKiernan
	R A Faulkner	M Metcalfe
	M T Fitzpatrick	B G Peters
	D F Fletcher	S Sankey
	D Florence-Jukes	M Shrive
	S P Gaskin	C Sylvester
	D Goodfellow	Mrs B Toon
	Mrs V J Gould	L Walker
	R G W Grosvenor	P Walker
	T Hadley	C V Whittaker
	G Hall	C Wileman

Officers Present:

The Chief Executive, the Heads of Service (Sal Khan and Mark Rizk), the Monitoring Officer, the Corporate and Commercial Manager, the Enterprise Manager, the Principal Democratic Services Officer and the Senior Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs J Jones and P Hudson.

206/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor D Goodfellow informed Council that he had a registered pecuniary interest at item 10 (Corporate Plan Refresh 2022/23) regarding Selective Licensing. Councillor A A Chaudhry informed Council that he had an interest at item 10 (Corporate Plan Refresh 2022/23), as he was a selective licensing holder. Both Councillors left the meeting during discussion of this item and did not partake in any discussions thereon.

207/22 MINUTES

The public minutes of the meeting of the Borough Council held on 28th February 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor, subject to Councillors D Florence-Jukes; G Hall; H Hall and S McKiernan being recorded as abstaining from the vote at minute number 188/22.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor	THOSE VOTING AGAINST	THOSE ABSTAINING
Mrs P L Ackroyd		
G Allen		
Mrs B Ashcroft		
E W R Barker		
L Beech		
Mrs B Brady		
K J Builth		
A A Chaudhry		
A Clarke		
R A Faulkner		
M T Fitzpatrick		
D F Fletcher		
D Florence-Jukes		
S P Gaskin		
D Goodfellow		
Mrs V J Gould		
R G W Grosvenor		
T Hadley		
G Hall		
H Hall		
S A Hussain		
Mrs J Killoran		
G Lamb		
Ms A J Legg		
R Lock		
S McGarry		
S McKiernan		
M Metcalfe		
B G Peters		
S Sankey		
M Shrive		
C Sylvester		
Mrs B Toon		
L Walker		
P Walker		
C V Whittaker		
C Wileman		

208/22 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Acting Leader of the Council, Councillor G Allen provided an update to Council on the ongoing work which had begun to support those affected by the situation in the Ukraine. He advised that there had been changes to the Council's website, providing relevant information, advice and assistance to those trying to leave Ukraine. Further to the motion agreed at the previous meeting held on 28th February

2022, he indicated that he had been in contact with both Kate Griffiths MP and Michael Fabricant MP and a response had been received from Kate Griffiths MP. This response would be circulated to all Councillors following this meeting. Councillor G Allen indicated that the response from Michael Fabricant MP would be circulated to all Councillors, once received.

209/22 **URGENT BUSINESS**

In accordance with Rule 12, the Mayor indicated that she had received an urgent question from Councillor R G W Grosvenor, the question read as follows:

“UK national Olena Price who is the Ukrainian fiancé of Marchington resident Neil Hastilow is currently stranded overseas after flying to Poland to try and get her family back to the UK after they had escaped from Kyiv. They were refused entry at the airport in Poland after having visa issues. In addition we now see that ESBC has released a statement saying that we are ready to help people displaced by the war.

Council will recall that item 188/22 on the council agenda for February 28th was an urgent motion raised by me calling on our MPs Kate Griffiths and Michael Fabricant to provide assistance to help get family, partners and friends out of the country. Has the council contacted our MPs to advise them of this motion and what was the response?”.

The Acting Leader of the Council stated yes and that the response would be circulated following the meeting.

210/22 **LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

It was proposed by Councillor D Goodfellow and seconded by Councillor S McGarry that Councillor G Allen be appointed the Leader of the Council.

Councillor R G W Grosvenor subsequently proposed that Councillor B G Peters be nominated as Leader of the Council. Councillor B G Peters did not accept this nomination, therefore the motion was abandoned.

The original motion therefore became the substantive motion.

In accordance with rule 17.3, as one fifth of the voting Councillors present requested a formal recorded vote, a named vote was taken. In accordance with the voting, the Mayor declared the substantive motion as carried.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor	THOSE VOTING AGAINST	THOSE ABSTAINING
Mrs P L Ackroyd	D Florence-Jukes	K J Builth
G Allen	R G W Grosvenor	A A Chaudhry
Mrs B Ashcroft	R Hadley	M T Fitzpatrick
E W R Barker	G Hall	D F Fletcher
L Beech	S A Hussain	H Hall
Mrs B Brady	G Lamb	Ms A J Legg
A Clarke	M Shrive	S McKiernan
R A Faulkner	Mrs B Toon	
S P Gaskin	L Walker	
D Goodfellow	P Walker	
Mrs V J Gould	C Whittaker	
Mrs J A Killoran		
R Lock		
S McGarry		
M Metcalfe		
B G Peters		
S Sankey		
C Sylvester		
C Wileman		

211/22 **CABINET ROLE DESCRIPTIONS**

The Leader confirmed that Councillor S Sankey had been appointed Deputy Leader (Finance). Council noted the amended Cabinet role descriptions which had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting.

NOTED.

212/22 **NOTICE OF MOTION**

The Mayor invited Councillor D Florence-Jukes to put forward and propose the motion at item 8 on the agenda for the meeting, which read as follows:

“This Council expresses its shock and sadness to learn of the tragic death from suicide of Mrs Angela Winter. The Council offers its sincere condolences to the late Mrs Winter’s family and friends. A recent coroner’s inquest found that in June 2021, Mrs Winter and her husband, Michael Winter, were homeless and sleeping rough on the Washlands close to the town centre of Burton for over three weeks after losing their home and jobs during the pandemic. It concluded that Mrs Winter became so distraught about her predicament that she stormed off from Mr Winter. Five days later Mr Winter discovered his wife’s dead body in a wooded area close to a children’s play area on the Washlands. He stayed with his wife’s body for a further three days before alerting Police. The coroner recorded a verdict of suicide from prescribed medication. The incident has attracted widespread local and national media coverage, prompting questions as to how this tragedy could have happened. Staffordshire Live reported that the couple ‘fell through the cracks.’

This Council calls for an urgent inquiry to establish what contact and in what capacity, the YMCA Rough Sleepers Outreach Team, the Housing Options Team,

and the Open Spaces Team had with Mr and Mrs Winter during June of 2021 and report findings back to Full Council.”

In accordance with Rule 16.31 Councillor D Florence-Jukes proposed an alteration of the motion to read as follows:

“That in response to the tragic circumstances surrounding the death by suicide of Mrs Angela Winter in June of 2021, this Council calls for an urgent scrutiny review by the Community, Regeneration, Environment and Health and Well Being Committee to establish if the current policies and practices involved in delivering a service to rough sleepers are the best they can be, and based on the Committee’s findings, make any necessary recommendations to the Executive or ways to improve the service.”

The altered motion was seconded.

The Mayor invited Council to debate the altered motion under Rule 16 (Rules of debate).

In accordance with the voting, the Mayor declared the altered motion was carried.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor	THOSE VOTING AGAINST	THOSE ABSTAINING
Mrs P L Ackroyd		
G Allen		
Mrs B Ashcroft		
E W R Barker		
L Beech		
Mrs B Brady		
K J Builth		
A A Chaudhry		
A Clarke		
R A Faulkner		
M T Fitzpatrick		
D F Fletcher		
D Florence-Jukes		
S P Gaskin		
D Goodfellow		
Mrs V J Gould		
R G W Grosvenor		
T Hadley		
G Hall		
H Hall		
S A Hussain		
Mrs J Killoran		
G Lamb		
Ms A J Legg		
R Lock		
S McGarry		
S McKiernan		
M Metcalfe		
B G Peters		
S Sankey		
M Shrive		
C Sylvester		
Mrs B Toon		
L Walker		
P Walker		
C V Whittaker		
C Wileman		

213/22 **BURTON UPON TRENT TOWNS FUND PROGRAMME**

The report of the Chief Executive on the evaluation of the projects within the Towns Fund Programme was considered. The following appendices had been circulated with the report:

- Appendix 1: Scrutiny Committee observations;
- Appendix 2; Town's Fund Programme Business Case Summaries;
- Appendix 3: Project D Summary of Revised Proposals.

The Mayor explained that the legislation provided for special circumstances where a report could be circulated at short notice, given the proximity to the submission date of 24th March 2022.

It was proposed and duly seconded:

“12.1 That having reviewed the programme and considered the business case assessment as listed in Sections 5.7 and 5.8 of this report, as well as the observations of the Scrutiny Committee held on 9th February 2022, Council approves the business cases for Project D, Project G, Project H and Project J and officers submit the necessary Summary Documents to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities as detailed in the Heads of Terms (as required).

12.2 That the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022/23 – 2024/25 is updated as detailed in Section 6 of the report, to include:

- The increase to the Capital Programme as identified at Paragraph 6.1.1 to be funded from Towns Fund Grants and S106 monies.
- The increase in the Revenue Budget to incorporate the new Chief Officer – Head of Regeneration and Towns Fund as identified in Paragraph 6.1.4
- To reallocate the use of one-off resources to support the Towns Fund with the suggested delegation as identified at Paragraph 6.1.4

12.3 That Council agrees to the principle of the final decision to purchase the Molson Coors High Street Campus property being delegated to the Leader of the Council and Deputy Leader for Finance, in consultation with the Leader of the Opposition, Leader of the Independent Alliance Group and the Chief Executive.

12.4 That the Council begins a review of sustainable options for the Market Hall, to include a cross-party working group, with a view to future investment from the Council, subject to viability.”

An amendment was proposed by Councillor D Florence-Jukes and seconded by Councillor R G Grosvenor. The amendment read as follows:

“That 12.3 be deleted and replaced with “That the final decision to purchase the Molson Coors High Street Campus be decided by Full Council“.”

The amendment was debated.

Upon a vote being taken the Mayor declared the amendment was defeated.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor	THOSE VOTING AGAINST	THOSE ABSTAINING
K J Builth	Mrs P L Ackroyd	H Hall
A A Chaudhry	G Allen	M T Fitzpatrick
D Florence-Jones	Mrs B Ashcroft	D F Fletcher
R G W Grosvenor	E W R Barker	Mrs B Toon
T Hadley	L Beech	C V Whittaker
S A Hussain	Mrs B Brady	
G Lamb	A Clarke	
Ms A J Legg	R A Faulkner	
S McKiernan	S P Gaskin	
M Shrive	D Goodfellow	
L Walker	Mrs V J Gould	
P Walker	G Hall	
	Mrs J A Killoran	
	R Lock	
	S McGarry	
	M Metcalfe	
	B G Peters	
	S Sankey	
	C Sylvester	
	C Wileman	

A further amendment was proposed by Councillor D Florence-Jukes and seconded by Councillor R G W Grosvenor:

The amendment read as follows:

“At 12.4 to insert after “working group” and before “with a view” the following wording “To include main and minority opposition groups””

The amendment was debated.

Upon a vote being taken the Mayor declared the amendment was carried.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor	THOSE VOTING AGAINST	THOSE ABSTAINING
G Allen		Mrs P L Ackroyd
Mrs B Ashcroft		
E W R Barker		
L Beech		
K J Builth		
A A Chaudhry		
A Clarke		
R A Faulkner		
M T Fitzpatrick		
D F Fletcher		
D Florence-Jukes		
S P Gaskin		
D Goodfellow		
Mrs V J Gould		
R G W Grosvenor		
T Hadley		
G Hall		
H Hall		
S A Hussain		
Mrs J A Killoran		
G Lamb		
Ms A J Legg		
R Lock		
S McGarry		
S McKiernan		
M Metcalfe		
B G Peters		
S Sankey		
M Shrive		
C Sylvester		
Mrs B Toon		
L Walker		
P Walker		
C V Whittaker		
C Wileman		

The further amendment therefore became the substantive motion.

In accordance with rule 17.3, as one fifth of the voting Councillors present requested a formal recorded vote, a named vote was taken.

Upon a vote being taken the Mayor declared the substantive motion was carried.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor	THOSE VOTING AGAINST	THOSE ABSTAINING
Mrs P L Ackroyd	R G W Grosvenor	T Hadley
G Allen		M Shrive
Mrs B Ashcroft		L Walker
E W R Barker		P Walker
L Beech		
Mrs B Brady		
K J Builth		
A A Chaudhry		
A Clarke		
R A Faulkner		
M T Fitzpatrick		
D F Fletcher		
D Florence-Jukes		
S P Gaskin		
D Goodfellow		
Mrs V J Gould		
G Hall		
H Hall		
S A Hussain		
Mrs J A Killoran		
G Lamb		
Ms A J Legg		
R Lock		
S McGarry		
S McKiernan		
M Metcalfe		
B G Peters		
S Sankey		
C Sylvester		
Mrs B Toon		
C Whittaker		
C Wileman		

At this juncture the Mayor informed Council that there would be a short adjournment.

At this juncture Councillor G Hall left the meeting.

214/22 **CORPORATE PLAN REFRESH 2022/23**

At this juncture Councillors A A Chaudhry, D Goodfellow and S A Hussain declared an interest and left the meeting. Councillor S A Hussain stated that he had a pecuniary interest, in that a close relative was a potential Selective Licensing holder. Councillor D Goodfellow left the meeting and did not return.

It was proposed and duly seconded that

“The Corporate Plan Refresh 2022/23 be approved.”

An amendment was proposed by Councillor R G W Grosvenor and seconded by Councillor D Florence-Jukes:

The amendment read as follows:

“That the target date for CR17 and CR18 be amended to July 2022”

The amendment was debated.

Upon a vote being taken the Mayor declared the amendment was defeated.

THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor	THOSE VOTING AGAINST	THOSE ABSTAINING
D Florence-Jukes	Mrs P L Ackroyd	K J Builth
R G W Grosvenor	G Allen	S McKiernan
T Hadley	Mrs B Ashcroft	Mrs B Toon
H Hall	E W R Barker	L Walker
G Lamb	L Beech	C V Whittaker
Ms A J Legg	Mrs B Brady	
M Shrive	A Clarke	
P Walker	R A Faulkner	
	M T Fitzpatrick	
	D F Fletcher	
	S P Gaskin	
	Mrs V J Gould	
	Mrs J A Killoran	
	R Lock	
	S McGarry	
	M Metcalfe	
	M G Peters	
	S Sankey	
	C Sylvester	
	C Wileman	

A further amendment was proposed by Councillor R G W Grosvenor and seconded by Councillor D Florence-Jukes:

The amendment read as follows:

“insert a new Corporate Plan target CR18(a) Bring forward proposals based on the review identifying funding streams to be applied for – target Sept 2022”

The amendment was debated.

Upon a vote being taken the Mayor declared the amendment was defeated.

THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor	THOSE VOTING AGAINST	THOSE ABSTAINING
D Florence-Jukes	Mrs P L Ackroyd	K J Builth
R G W Grosvenor	G Allen	S McKiernan
T Hadley	Mrs B Ashcroft	
H Hall	E W R Barker	
G Lamb	L Beech	
Ms A J Legg	Mrs B Brady	
M Shrive	A Clarke	
Mrs B Toon	R A Faulkner	
L Walker	M T Fitzpatrick	
P Walker	D F Fletcher	
C V Whittaker	S P Gaskin	
	Mrs V J Gould	
	Mrs J A Killoran	
	R Lock	
	S McGarry	
	M Metcalfe	
	B G Peters	
	S Sankey	
	C Sylvester	
	C Wileman	

A further amendment was proposed by Councillor R G W Grosvenor and seconded by Councillor D Florence-Jukes.

The amendment read as follows:

“that the target date for VFM 007 be moved to July 2022”

The amendment was debated.

Upon a vote being taken the Mayor declared the amendment was defeated.

THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor	THOSE VOTING AGAINST	THOSE ABSTAINING
D Florence-Jukes	Mrs P L Ackroyd	T Hadley
R G W Grosvenor	G Allen	H Hall
G Lamb	Mrs B Ashcroft	Ms A J Legg
	E W R Barker	M Shrive
	L Beech	L Walker
	Mrs B Brady	P Walker
	K J Builth	
	A Clarke	
	R A Faulkner	
	M T Fitzpatrick	
	D F Fletcher	
	Mrs V J Gould	
	G Hall	
	Mrs J A Killoran	
	R Lock	
	S McGarry	
	S McKiernan	
	M Metcalfe	
	B G Peters	
	S Sankey	
	C Sylvester	
	Mrs B Toon	
	C V Whittaker	
	C Wileman	

Therefore the original motion became the substantive motion. In accordance with rule 17.3, as one fifth of the voting Councillors present requested a formal recorded vote, a named vote was taken.

Upon a vote being taken the Mayor declared the substantive motion was carried.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor	THOSE VOTING AGAINST	THOSE ABSTAINING
Mrs P L Ackroyd	D Florence-Jukes	K J Builth
G Allen	R G W Grosvenor	M T Fitzpatrick
Mrs B Ashcroft	T Hadley	D F Fletcher
E W R Barker	H Hall	G Lamb
L Beech	M Shrive	Ms A J Legg
Mrs B Brady	L Walker	S McKiernan
A Clarke	P Walker	Mrs B Toon
R A Faulkner		C V Whittaker
S P Gaskin		
Mrs V J Gould		
Mrs J A Killoran		
R Lock		
S McGarry		
M Metcalfe		
B G Peters		
S Sankey		
C Sylvester		
C Wileman		

215/22 **CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION PLANNING RESTRICTIONS (ARTICLE 4) DIRECTION**

At this juncture Councillors A A Chaudhry and S A Hussain re-joined the meeting.

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the potential houses in multiple occupation planning restrictions (Article 4) direction was considered. The following appendices had been circulated with the report:

- Appendix 1: Responses to Consultation on the proposed Burton Upon Trent Article 4 HMO restrictions December 2021/January 2022, with officer comments;
- Appendix 2: Consultation Document Library.

Resolved:

- 1) That the Article 4 direction, as consulted on during December 2021-January 2022, having taken into account the responses made during that consultation, be confirmed;
- 2) That the Planning Manager be authorised to carry out the statutory procedure for confirming the direction;
- 3) That the direction would not come into force until 12 months after it had been confirmed by the Council;
- 4) That a Supplementary Planning Document setting out how Planning would approach applications from Class C3 to C4 be developed, consulted on in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement, and adopted before the Article 4 direction comes into force.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor	THOSE VOTING AGAINST	THOSE ABSTAINING
Mrs P L Ackroyd		R G W Grosvenor
G Allen		
Mrs B Ashcroft		
E W R Barker		
L Beech		
Mrs B Brady		
K J Builth		
A A Chaudhry		
A Clarke		
R A Faulkner		
M T Fitzpatrick		
D F Fletcher		
D Florence-Jukes		
S P Gaskin		
Mrs V J Gould		
T Hadley		
H Hall		
S A Hussain		
Mrs J A Killoran		
G Lamb		
Ms A J Legg		
R Lock		
S McGarry		
S McKiernan		
M Metcalfe		
B G Peters		
S Sankey		
M Shrive		
C Sylvester		
Mrs B Toon		
L Walker		
P Walker		
C V Whittaker		
C Wileman		

216/22 **GAMBLING ACT 2005 – STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES REVIEW AND CONSULTATION**

The report of the Head of Service (Mark Rizk) on the duty to review the current Gambling Act Statement of Principles in relation to the Gambling Act 2005 was considered.

The following appendices had been circulated with the report:

- Appendix 1: Draft Gambling Act Statement of Principles: 2022-2025;

- Appendix: Matrix of Changes;
- Appendix 3: Responses to the consultation.

Resolved:

- 1) That the draft revised Gambling Act Statement of Principles be considered;
- 2) That the recommendation of the Licensing Committee that the revised Gambling Act Statement of Principles, be adopted.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor	THOSE VOTING AGAINST	THOSE ABSTAINING
Mrs P L Ackroyd	R G W Grosvenor	S A Hussain
G Allen		
Mrs B Ashcroft		
E W R Barker		
L Beech		
Mrs B Brady		
K J Builth		
A A Chaudhry		
A Clarke		
R A Faulkner		
M T Fitzpatrick		
D F Fletcher		
D Florence-Jukes		
S P Gaskin		
Mrs V J Gould		
T Hadley		
H Hall		
Mrs J A Killoran		
G Lamb		
Ms A J Legg		
R Lock		
S McGarry		
S McKiernan		
M Metcalfe		
B G Peters		
S Sankey		
M Shrive		
C Sylvester		
Mrs B Toon		
L Walker		
P Walker		
C V Whittaker		
C Wileman		

The following Councillors submitted their Annual Scrutiny Committee reports to the Council:-

Scrutiny (Audit and Value for Money Council Services) Committee	Councillor A Clarke
Scrutiny (Community Regeneration, Environment and Health and Well-Being) Committee	Councillor C Wileman

The reports were received and noted.

NOTED.

218/22 **APPOINTMENT TO THE GREATER BIRMINGHAM AND SOLIHULL LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP (GBSLEP)**

Resolved:

That Councillor R A Faulkner be appointed to the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership (GBSLEP).

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor	THOSE VOTING AGAINST	THOSE ABSTAINING
Mrs P L Ackroyd	R G Grosvenor	D F Fletcher
G Allen		T Hadley
Mrs B Ashcroft		S A Hussain
E W R Barker		M Shrive
L Beech		L Walker
Mrs B Brady		P Walker
K J Builth		
A A Chaudhry		
A Clarke		
R A Faulkner		
M T Fitzpatrick		
D Florence-Jukes		
S P Gaskin		
Mrs V J Gould		
H Hall		
Mrs J A Killoran		
G Lamb		
Ms A J Legg		
R Lock		
S McGarry		
S McKiernan		
M Metcalfe		
B G Peters		
S Sankey		
C Sylvester		
Mrs B Toon		
C V Whittaker		
C Wileman		

219/22 **APPOINTMENT TO THE STOKE ON TRENT AND STAFFORDSHIRE LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP (SSLEP)**

Resolved:

That Councillor R A Faulkner be appointed to the Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (SSLEP).

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor	THOSE VOTING AGAINST	THOSE ABSTAINING
Mrs P L Ackroyd	R G W Grosvenor	D F Fletcher
G Allen	T Hadley	S A Hussain
Mrs B Ashcroft	M Shrive	L Walker
E W R Barker		P Walker
L Beech		
Mrs B Brady		
K J Builth		
A A Chaudhry		
A Clarke		
R A Faulkner		
M T Fitzpatrick		
D Florence-Jukes		
S P Gaskin		
Mrs V J Gould		
H Hall		
Mrs J A Killoran		
G Lamb		
Ms A J Legg		
R Lock		
S McGarry		
S McKiernan		
M Metcalfe		
B G Peters		
S Sankey		
C Sylvester		
Mrs B Toon		
C V Whittaker		
C Wileman		

220/22 **ELECTION OF MAYOR 2022/23**

The Council received one nomination for the appointment of Mayor 2022/23.

It was proposed and duly seconded that Councillor P Hudson be nominated for appointment as Mayor at the annual meeting of the Council on 13th May 2022.

Upon a vote being taken the proposal was carried.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows

THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor	THOSE VOTING AGAINST	THOSE ABSTAINING
Mrs P L Ackroyd	D Florence-Jukes	D F Fletcher
G Allen	R G W Grosvenor	S McKiernan
Mrs B Ashcroft	T Hadley	Mrs B Toon
E W R Barker	S A Hussain	C V Whittaker
L Beech	M Shrive	
Mrs B Brady	L Walker	
K J Builth	P Walker	
A A Chaudhry		
A Clarke		
R A Faulkner		
M T Fitzpatrick		
S P Gaskin		
Mrs V J Gould		
H Hall		
Mrs J A Killoran		
G Lamb		
Ms A J Legg		
R Lock		
S McGarry		
M Metcalfe		
B G Peters		
S Sankey		
C Sylvester		
C Wileman		

221/22 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2022/23

The Council received one nomination for the appointment of Deputy Mayor 2022/23.

It was proposed and duly seconded that Councillor C Sylvester be nominated for appointment as Deputy Mayor at the annual meeting of the Council on 13th May 2022.

Upon a vote being taken the proposal was carried.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows

THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor	THOSE VOTING AGAINST	THOSE ABSTAINING
Mrs P L Ackroyd	D Florence-Jukes	D F Fletcher
G Allen	R G W Grosvenor	
Mrs B Ashcroft	T Hadley	
E W R Barker	S A Hussain	
L Beech	M Shrive	
Mrs B Brady	L Walker	
K J Builth	P Walker	
A A Chaudhry		
A Clarke		
R A Faulkner		
M T Fitzpatrick		
S P Gaskin		
Mrs V J Gould		
H Hall		
Mrs J A Killoran		
G Lamb		
Ms A J Legg		
R Lock		
S McGarry		
S McKiernan		
M Metcalfe		
B G Peters		
S Sankey		
C Sylvester		
Mrs B Toon		
C V Whittaker		
C Wileman		

222/22 **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Councillor R G W Grosvenor had put forward the following motion, in accordance with Rule 14, which had been duly seconded:

“This council believes in listening to its residents”.

An amendment was proposed by Councillor G Allen and seconded by Councillor A Clarke.

The amendment read as follows:

“To delete “believes in listening to its” and replace with “continues to listen to””.

The Mayor invited Council to debate the amendment.

In accordance with the voting, the Mayor declared the amendment was carried.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor	THOSE VOTING AGAINST	THOSE ABSTAINING
Mrs P L Ackroyd	A A Chaudhry	K J Built
G Allen	M T Fitzpatrick	
Mrs B Ashcroft	D Florence-Jukes	
E W R Barker	R G W Grosvenor	
L Beech	T Hadley	
Mrs B Brady	H Hall	
A Clarke	S A Hussain	
R A Faulkner	G Lamb	
S P Gaskin	Ms A J Legg	
Mrs V J Gould	S McKiernan	
Mrs J A Killoran	M Shrive	
R Lock	Mrs B Toon	
S McGarry	L Walker	
M Metcalfe	P Walker	
B G Peters	C V Whittaker	
S Sankey		
C Sylvester		
C Wileman		

(Councillor D F Fletcher did not vote on this item)

The amendment therefore became the substantive motion.

In accordance with the voting, the Mayor declared the substantive motion as carried.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

THOSE VOTING FOR THE MOTION Councillor	THOSE VOTING AGAINST	THOSE ABSTAINING
Mrs P L Ackroyd		K J Builth
G Allen		M T Fitzpatrick
Mrs B Ashcroft		T Hadley
E W R Barker		S A Hussain
L Beech		S McKiernan
Mrs B Brady		M Shrive
A A Chaudhry		
A Clarke		
R A Faulkner		
D Florence-Jukes		
S P Gaskin		
Mrs V J Gould		
R G W Grosvenor		
H Hall		
Mrs J A Killoran		
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B G Peters		
S Sankey		
C Sylvester		
Mrs B Toon		
L Walker		
P Walker		
C V Whittaker		
C Wileman		

(Councillor D F Fletcher did not vote on this item.)

223/22 **QUESTIONS**

One question had been submitted by Councillor D Florence-Jukes and one question had been submitted from Councillor R G W Grosvenor prior to the meeting.

Councillor R G W Grosvenor asked one supplemental question and a response was given at the meeting by the Deputy Leader (Finance).

A copy of the questions and the responses were circulated at the meeting and are appended to these minutes.

224/21 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Resolved:-

That in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 the Press and public be excluded from the following item on the agenda for the Meeting as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of

the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL
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Question received from Councillor D Florence-Jukes and response from the Deputy Leader (Environment and Housing) Councillor R A Faulkner.

20/22 **In November 2020, it was announced that ESBC was to receive an additional £241,251 for local schemes that provide secure ‘move on’ style accommodation for people at risk of sleeping on the streets. Will the Deputy Leader provide a breakdown of how this additional funding has been allocated and provide an overview of the outcomes of the expenditure?**

The £241,251 was secured by the Council in a joint bid with Trent and Dove to the [Next Steps Accommodation Programme](#) (NSAP) Capital Fund [EDR No. 234/20]. The funding comprises both capital and revenue for support until 31 Mar 24. The capital component is £180k for 6 properties (the remainder being revenue) and has been secured under the ‘purchase and repair’ model, with properties purchased from the open market on long lease to be made available for 30 years for those rough sleeping or at risk of rough sleeping and homelessness. Rent are then set at affordable rent levels, with tenancies for a maximum of two years as residents secure the skills they need to move into general needs housing.

The project funded by NSAP is known as ‘Stage 2 Accommodation’ for individuals who have made progress in shared supported accommodation (‘Stage 1’) but are not yet ready for independent living. All properties in the project are self-contained with their own front door to support independent living, and therefore give the residents a sense of progress whilst retaining the support they need to fully integrate into the community. There are a number of skills which can be an obstacle to moving into independent living, and are best worked in a self-contained environment such as: developing the skills to budget and pay utilities / rent, developing hobbies and interests, accessing training, education and/or employment.

To date 5 purchases have completed and 4 properties are occupied by the target cohort, all 4 residents are doing well though none have moved on yet having occupied the accommodation for approx. 9 months in most cases. The 5th property remains void pending repair and allocation, the 6th property to be purchased under NSAP has been delayed by lease terms which prevent sublet amongst other issues. Following the addition of funding from the [Rough Sleeper Accommodation Programme](#) (RSAP) [EDR No. 287/21] on the same terms as the NSAP funding, there will be 7 additional ‘Stage 2’ properties bringing the total of 13 properties and 1.3 FTE support staff. So far, there have been 2 properties purchased with RSAP funding both of which are now being repaired.

Question received from Councillor R G W Grosvenor and response from the Deputy Leader (Finance) Councillor S Sankey.

21/22

Could the cabinet member who has responsibility for finance please answer the following question (please note I am just seeking a factual response and no additional commentary at this stage)

Appendix c which was issued for the the recent MTFS debate held at council said that the total earmarked revenue reserves are , and are forecasted to be ;

31/03/21 - 26,500,264

31/03/22 - 19,278,605

31/03/23 - 17,435,627

31/03/24 - 15,028,830

31/03/25 - 13,300,247

Is this appendix correct ?

Appendix C to the Medium Term Financial Strategy sets out the forecast of earmarked and general reserves over the period of the MTFS.

Earmarked reserves are by their nature monies that are set aside for a specific purpose and therefore the appendix takes into account forecasts as to when those reserves are likely to be utilised in line with the purpose for which they have been earmarked.