



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 13th DECEMBER 2022

PRESENT: Councillor M J Greatorex (Mayor), Councillors J Harper, D Box, R Claymore, T Clements, D Cook, M Cook, C Cooke, A Cooper, S Daniels, S Doyle, A Farrell, R Ford, S Goodall, T Jay, J Jones, D Maycock, J Oates, S Peuple, B Price, R Pritchard and P Turner

The following officers were present: Andrew Barratt (Chief Executive), Nicola Hesketh (Monitoring Officer) and Tracey Pointon (Legal Admin & Democratic Services Manager)

51 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Bailey, R Kingstone, R Rogers, S Smith, M Summers, P Thurgood, J Wade and J Wadrup

52 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the meetings held on 25th October and 28th November were approved and signed as a correct record.

(Moved by Councillor S Doyle and seconded by Councillor T Clements)

53 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

54 TO RECEIVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, LEADER, MEMBERS OF THE CABINET OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Jeremy Oates made the following announcement:

I do not have any announcements, but I would like to extend my sympathies to the families and friends of the young boys who tragically suffered in the incident in Solihull this weekend.

Councillor Daniel Cook made the following announcement:

Would it be remiss of us not to mention former Councillor Tony Lightfoot as he sadly passed away recently

The Mayor Councillor Moira Greateorex added:

Yes, indeed he did, and his funeral is I believe, this week, so if anyone would like to go to that funeral, please do.

Chief Executive, Andrew Barrett made the following announcement:

On behalf of myself and staff just to wish all elected members a Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

55 QUESTION TIME:

There were no questions.

56 PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2022

Report of the Leader of the Council to inform council of the report details of Tamworth Borough Council's Pay Policy Statement so that statutory guidance as set out in Section 38 of the Localism Act is adhered to.

RESOLVED: That Council

Approved the Pay Policy Statement 2022 for adoption and publication in line with the Localism Act 2011.

(Moved by Councillor J Oates and seconded by Councillor D Cook)

57 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY MID-YEAR REVIEW REPORT 2022/23

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Risk and Customer Services to present to Members the Mid-year Review of the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy.

RESOLVED: That Council

approved the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy Mid-year Review Report 2022/23.

(Moved by Councillor J Oates and seconded by Councillor D Cook)

58 LOCAL COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2023/24

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Risk and Customer Services to advise members that the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for working age customers for 2023/24 should include continued alignment to Applicable Amounts with those of Housing Benefit.

RESOLVED: That Council

1. considered and endorsed the proposed recommended changes as detailed; and
2. Agreed that the planned review for the introduction of a banding scheme for Council Tax Reduction be deferred until 2024 and that the current scheme for working age customers continues to be aligned to Applicable Amounts with those of Housing Benefit for 2023/24.

(Moved by Councillor J Oates and seconded by Councillor D Cook)

59 REVISED STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY 2023 - 2025

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Voluntary Sector, Town Centre, Evening Economy & Community Safety to bring before Full Council the Licensing Committee recommendation that they consider the draft Statement of Licensing Policy 2023 – 2025 as suitable for adoption and to agree that the authority's Cumulative Impact Policy (which forms part of the Statement of Licensing Policy 2023-2025) is still current.

RESOLVED: That Council

considered the recommendation of the Licensing Committee that the draft Statement of Licensing Policy is suitable for adoption, and consider the current Cumulative Impact Assessment is still relevant and required and should be incorporated within the Policy.

(Moved by Councillor J Oates and seconded by Councillor D Cook)

60 REVISED GAMBLING ACT 2005 STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES (POLICY STATEMENT) 2023 - 2026

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Voluntary sector, Town Centre, Evening economy & Community Safety to advise that the Authority has a duty to review the current Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles (Policy Statement) and to bring before Full Council the Licensing Committee recommendation that they consider the draft Gambling Statement of Principles as suitable for adoption.

RESOLVED: That Council

Agreed that the recommendation of the Licensing Committee that the revised Gambling Act Statement of Principles is suitable for adoption.

(Moved by Councillor J Oates and second by Councillor D Cook)

The Mayor