



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 26th JUNE 2023

PRESENT: Councillor J Harper (Mayor), Councillors P Turner, T Jay, C Adams, C Bain, B Clarke, L Clarke, G Coates, C Dean, L Wood, D Cook, R Claymore, T Clements, A Cooper, S Daniels, S Doyle, J Jones, R Kingstone, J Oates, B Price, R Pritchard, S Smith, M Summers, P Thompson, P Thurgood, J Wade and J Wadrup

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

18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Bailey, L Bone, S Daniels

Councillor D Maycock arrived at 18.50pm

Councillor T Clements left the meeting at 19.01

19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

The Mayor Councillor J Harper made the following announcement

The only announcement I've got to make really is concerning the Mayors charity I've had one or two people contact me wanting to know how they can contribute to the Mayor's charity and direct any funds that they manage to garner from wherever. Tracey over here is going to be putting on a message to all of you giving details of how you can contribute to the Mayor's charity which this year I'm sure you'll probably know is divided between Tamworth Parish Church and Tamworth District Civic Society, so hopefully that'll be coming. Incidentally the very first Mayor's charity event will be taking place this coming Friday at Bolehall Manor Club where we will be having a Soul, Motown and Reggae night. All the proceeds from that will be coming into the Mayor's charity and it will also be a

fabulous night, so hopefully those of you who like all that sort of thing to come along and join us. If anybody requires me to teach you some of the latest dance moves I'm quite willing to stay after the meeting and help you out but otherwise hopefully we'll see you all there on the day.

The Leader of the Council made the following announcement.

With regard to the current Shadow Homelessness Prevention and Social Housing Sub-Committee I propose that this will become known as the Housing Advisory Panel. The Housing Advisory Panel will be an informal group; a non-decision making body – entirely designed to debate and inform future Portfolio Holder and Cabinet decisions across key council housing services. Having an informal Panel will allow maximum representation from our Council Housing Tenants and Leaseholders to vote on matters impacting them – a statutory requirement in the Councils preparedness for Social Housing Regulation . I am therefore confirming the Portfolio Holder of Housing & Planning will be the Chair, along with Leader(s) (or their representative) from all opposition parties; together with two tenant and leaseholder representatives from the Tenant consultative Group. The details of this will be agreed between the Leaders of all parties before the next Housing Advisory Panel is convened. The Monitoring Officer will incorporate these provisions into the next revision of the Council's Constitution.”

The Chief Executive made the following announcement

Thank you Mr. Mayor and thank you for your indulgence, firstly on a personal note it's just a heartfelt thank you to all the good wishes I've received from members following the recent surgery. Just to let you know recovery is going okay, not without its challenges, but a lot better than I have been over the last few months. The second item I have and would be very remiss to me not to mention this at the first available Council meeting is to mention our outgoing S151 Officer Stefan Garner who whilst he's still technically employed by us retired as of last Friday. I would just seek that we just minute Stefan's contribution to the Council over approximately 36 years since he was here and I hope all members will join me in just wishing Stefan all the best for the future and hope he takes his retirement as he intends to and thoroughly enjoys some family time

21 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE 2023/2024

The following Committee membership for 2023/24 was agreed:

Cabinet

Paul Turner
Andrew Cooper
Thomas Jay
Samuel Smith
Martin Summers
Paul Thompson

Appointments & Staffing

Paul Turner

Danny Cook
Carol Dean
Thomas Jay
Jan Wadруп

Audit & Governance

Daniel Maycock
Ben Price
Ben Clarke
Sarah Daniels
Robert Pritchard
Peter Thurgood
Stephen Doyle

Chief Officer Conduct

Martin Summers
Craig Adams
Liam Bone
Paul Turner
Daniel Maycock

Corporate Scrutiny

Danny Cook
Marie Bailey
Chris Bain
Lee Clarke
Rosey Claymore
Gareth Coates
Stephen Doyle
Dan Maycock
Ben Price

Health & Wellbeing

Chris Bain
Rosey Claymore
Tina Clements
Danny Cook
Sarah Daniels
Carol Dean
Jason Jones
Daniel Maycock
Jeremy Oates

Infrastructure Safety & Growth

Carol Dean
Ben Clarke
Rosey Claymore
Tina Clements
Jason Jones
Jeremy Oates
Ben Price

Robert Pritchard
Lee Wood

Licensing

Ben Price
Lee Clarke
Tina Clements
Gareth Coates
Andrew Cooper
R Kingstone
Thomas Jay
Jason Jones
Daniel Maycock
Peter Thurgood
John Wade
Jan Wadrup
Lee Wood

Nominations & Grants

Thomas Jay
Marie Bailey
John Harper
John Wade
Jan Wadrup
Chris Bain
Richard Kingstone

Planning

Tina Clements
Craig Adams
Rosey Claymore
Gareth Coates
Andrew Cooper
Sarah Daniels
R Kingstone
Daniel Maycock
Danny Cook
Jason Jones
Paul Thompson
Peter Thurgood
Lee Wood

Statutory Officer Committee

Robert Pritchard
Marie Bailey
Chris Bain
Liam Bone
Thomas Jay

Under rule 4.3.1 Councillor D Cook had requested the Mayor to call for the Extra Ordinary meeting to discuss the Vision and Corporate Priorities and that at the State of Tamworth Debate on 25th October 2022 it was debated that there was no evidence to capture Homelessness, Voluntary Sector, Mental Health and Vulnerability in the Vision and Priorities.

At the State of Tamworth Debate, on 25th October 2022 the following motion was agreed.

That there is a whole Council Seminar discussion to analyse the evidence of the real issues affecting residents of Tamworth and a cross party working group is set up to allow all members to be part of that discussion.

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

To date this seminar had not taken place.

Councillor D Cook moved 5 motions. Following legal advice, the motions could not be debated but could be incorporated into the September report.

The Solicitor advised that in the constitution states that procedure rule 4.13 motions without notice, there are no motions on the agenda apart from debating the item. To put forward any motions they would have had to be given on notice. As they haven't been given on notice the only ones that can be raised are the ones set out constitutionally to be raised without notice and the motions that have been put forward are quite specific motions that would not fall within council procedure rule 4.13. Only certain motions can be put forward at certain meetings and the motions do not appear on the agenda constitutionally the motion couldn't be accepted. They could be put forward to the September meeting.

The matter can be debated and make motions at a meeting on 18th July or at an extra-ordinary.

The procedure rules can be suspended if 50% of the members present agree.

A motion was put forward to suspend the procedure rules to allow the issue to be debated.

A named vote was called:

For	Against	Abstain
Councillor C Adams		Councillor C Bain
Councillor L Clarke		Councillor B Clarke
Councillor R Claymore		Councillor C Dean
Councillor T Clements		Councillor J Harper
Councillor G Coates		
Councillor D Cook		
Councillor A Cooper		

Councillor S Doyle		
Councillor T Jay		
Councillor J Jones		
Councillor R Kingstone		
Councillor J Oates		
Councillor B Price		
Councillor R Pritchard		
Councillor S Smith		
Councillor M Summers		
Councillor P Thompson		
Councillor P Thurgood		
Councillor P Turner		
Councillor J Wade		
Councillor J Wadrup		
Councillor L Wood		

The motion to suspend the rules was carried

After a discussion the following motion was moved

RESOLVED That Council

Agreed to an all member seminar to discuss current data held on homelessness/vulnerability/voluntary sector within the next 3 weeks for all members to discuss what information is collected and determines and this could form part of the council's aspiration and could be accommodated within the budget process.

(Moved by Councillor J Harper and Councillor D Cook)

23 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

"That in accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meeting and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, and Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act and the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information to the public"

(Moved by Councillor J Harper and seconded by Councillor M Summers)

24 COMMERCIAL LEASE OPPORTUNITY, BOLEBRIDGE STREET

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Town Centre and Commercial Property to provide information on a potential commercial lease opportunity on Bolebridge Street in Tamworth.

RESOLVED; That Council

Approved the three recommendations in the report.

(Moved by Councillor P Thompson and seconded by Councillor xxx)

The Mayor