



## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 19th NOVEMBER 2013**

**PRESENT:** Councillor J Garner (Chair), Councillors R Kingstone, M Clarke, S Claymore, T Clements, D Cook, C Cooke, M Couchman, S Doyle, J Faulkner, M Greatorex, G Hirons, A James, J Jenkins, A Lunn, M McDermid, R McDermid, K Norchi, J Oates, R Pritchard, E Rowe, P Seekings, P Standen and M Thurgood

The following officers were present: Anthony E Goodwin (Chief Executive), John Wheatley (Executive Director Corporate Services), John Day (Corporate Performance Officer) and Lara Allman (Democratic & Election Services Officer)

### **37 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L Bates, K Gant, M Gant and S People.

### **38 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2013**

The minutes of the meetings held on 10 September 2013 were approved and signed as a correct record.

*(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor A Lunn)*

### **39 STATE OF TAMWORTH DEBATE**

Councillor D Cook introduced the Tamworth Listens report and moved a motion in terms of Rule 4.13(n) to suspend Rule 4.14.5 to allow Members to speak more than once and amend Rule 4.14.4 to reduce the length of each speech to 5 minutes, this was seconded by Councillor R Pritchard and was carried.

The debate was focused on the four key issues that came out of the consultation and Tamworth Listens events. Councillor S Claymore introduced the Town Centre (Place), Councillor M Greatorex introduced Housing (Place), Councillor J Oates introduced Tackling Crime (People) and Councillor S Claymore introduced Education and Skills (People) and a full debate followed each introduction.

Following the debate the following motions were approved

- RESOLVED:** That:
- 1 Aspire and Prosper Scrutiny focus even more effort on the Town's Education opportunities and Challenge in a positive way;
  - 2 The cross party Local Plan working group increase its work looking at and looking to resolve challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century;
  - 3 The Council receive an update from Councillor Claymore on the skills agenda undertaken by the LEP, and;
  - 4 The Council publically thank the 100 plus people that attended this years Tamworth Listens event.

*(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded Councillor J Faulkner)*

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The Mayor