



## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 21st AUGUST 2023**

**PRESENT:** Councillor J Harper (Mayor), Councillors D Maycock, 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, S Smith, M Summers, P Thompson, P Thurgood, J Wade and J Wadrup

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

### **37 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors, M Bailey, L Bone, B Price & R Pritchard

### **38 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### **39 TO RECEIVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, LEADER, MEMBERS OF THE CABINET OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

#### **The Mayor made the following announcement**

I've just got a couple of things I really want to just mention. They're both dates actually so if you could mark them in your diary with red pens because the first one concerns Heritage Open Day which is on Saturday September 9th from 10am to 2pm I should be in this very Chamber hoping to meet anyone who wants to have a look round the Council Chamber and the Mayor's Parlour. I'll be explaining the pictures, artwork and silverware and anything else that I can about the work of the Council so hopefully one or two of you may be able to pop in, bring your family members and have a look round and see where we spend all our time.

Next is the Christmas Celebration which we're organising, there will be two nights of Carol Services at Tamworth Parish Church on the 15th and 16th of December. The 15th of December will be a Carol Service at the Church involving everybody

and anybody on the Saturday will be having a Civic Carol Service it will be involving everybody and civic guests will be invited to attend. We're having a Civic Christmas Party in here prior to the Carol Service from around 5pm we will then process up to the Parish Church to have a Carol Service at the church. I promise you it will be a proper carol service with all the very best known hymns, it will have every Christmas cliché thrown into it and we'll all come out of the it singing We Wish you a Merry Christmas and anything that we can because we intend to make a really good Christmas event and I hope as many of you as possible, well hopefully all of you will be able to come along to that.

**The Deputy Leader Councillor T Jay made the following announcement**

Just want to put on record the congratulations to the Lionesses yesterday, hope you enjoyed it and they are better than the blokes, and tomorrow we have the first pop up engagement session at the town hall for residents. We're going to have one per month so if they've got any repair issues, they can be discussed face to face downstairs. That's from 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

**40 MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES**

Report of the Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee referring the Leaseholder Service Charges to the Council in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules. The report provided an update on the current status of Leaseholder Service Charges following previous discussions at Corporate Scrutiny Committee.

The Chair of Corporate Scrutiny Councillor D Cook had put forward the following motion for debate

That this entire issue is referred to full council for a debate and make a decision how we are going to treat these vulnerable residents, and that Cabinet receives the recommendations arising from the debate and reports back to Council at the earliest opportunity.

Portfolio Holder Councillor S Smith tabled the following motion

That council carry out a Strategic Review which includes the specifics of withdrawing existing stage 3 consultations and pausing the issuing of any further stage 3 consultations until the completion of the review unless there is an urgent need for works to address issues of health and safety or structural integrity.

Following questions and debate the following motion was voted on by council and it was

**RESOLVED** That Council

carry out a Strategic Review which includes the specifics of withdrawing existing stage 3 consultations and pausing the issuing of any further stage 3 consultations until the completion of the review unless there is an urgent need for

works to address issues of health and safety or structural integrity.

*(Moved by Councillor S Smith and seconded by Councillor A Cooper)*

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The Mayor

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