

COUNCIL

Wednesday, 16th July, 2014

Present:- Cllr Mrs Hailstones in the Chair

Councillors Miss Walklate, Mrs Heames, Welsh, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Burnett, Cooper, Becket, Mrs Beech, Hambleton, Matthews, Mrs Hambleton, Wilkes, Mrs Williams, Williams, Mrs Astle, Fear, Hailstones, Mrs Hailstones, Allport, Eagles, Kearon, Taylor.J, Waring, Loades, Holland, Bailey, Miss Cooper, Jones, Miss Reddish, Robinson, Mrs Shenton, Mrs Simpson, Mrs Heesom, Sweeney, Tagg, Mrs Bates, White, Miss Mancey, Mrs Burgess, Eastwood, Baker, Plant, Stringer, Stubbs, Mrs Winfield, Rout, J Tagg, Harper, Huckfield, Naylor, Northcott, Owen, Proctor, Mrs Braithwaite, Wallace and Woolley

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Wemyss, Cllr Peers and Cllr Olszewski.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4th June be agreed as a correct record.

4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor thanked everyone who had come out on 25th June to support the Parade by C Company, The Mercian Regiment (Staffords).

5. BUDGET 2014/15 - VIREMENT REQUEST

A report was submitted seeking full Council's approval for the virement of monies to pay for costs of appeals that have recently been received against the decisions by the Planning Committee to refuse two planning applications.

Resolved: That Council approves funding of £75,500 from the Revenue Investment Fund and £36,500 from the Budget Support Fund to meet the costs and expenses of the appeals.

6. CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND AMENDMENT TO THE SIZE OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

A report was submitted requesting that Council increase the number of members of the Audit and Risk Committee from five members (plus an independent member) to seven members (plus an independent member).

The report also requested that Council agree to the requested changes to the Membership of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee; the Cleaner, Greener and Safer Communities Scrutiny Committee; and the Finance, Resources and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee.

Resolved: a) That the size of the Audit and Risk Committee be increased to seven elected members (plus one independent member – Mr Phil Butters).

b) That, due to the increase in membership, Cllr Sweeney be appointed to the Audit and Risk Committee

c) That the appointment to the labour vacancy on the Audit and Risk Committee be dealt with under Appendix 4 of the Council's Constitution (Scheme of Delegation), Section (22) which states that the Chief Executive in consultation with the appropriate political group can make appointments to all committees other than the Cabinet to give effect to the rule of political balance.

c) That the following changes in membership of committees are agreed as follows:

- i) That Cllr Kyle Robinson replaces Cllr David Allport on the Cleaner, Greener and Safer Communities Scrutiny Committee
- ii) That Cllr David Allport replaces Cllr Kyle Robinson on the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.
- iii) That Cllr Amelia Rout is appointed to the Finance, Resources and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee.

7. REVISED FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

A report was submitted requesting Council to approve the revised Financial Regulations and Procedures. The Council's Financial Regulations and Procedures needed to be reviewed regularly and revised where necessary so that they reflected the current structures and requirements of the Council.

Resolved: That the revised Financial Regulations and Procedures be approved.

8. OUTSIDE BODIES

A report was submitted setting out the review of the Council's 'List of Outside Bodies', as agreed at the Council's Annual Meeting on 4th June 2014. The report included a working definition for an 'Outside Body' as well as criteria for the Council to nominate Members to be a part of these outside bodies. Based on the criteria established in the report of the existing 'List of Outside Bodies', a number of changes had been made to the existing List of Outside Bodies and these were found at Appendix A to the report.

The existing 'List of Outside Bodies' included around 80 such organisations on which Members were currently nominated to represent the Council. In order to ensure that resources were used efficiently, a review had been carried out and the list amended accordingly.

Resolved:

- a) That the changes proposed to the 'List of Outside Bodies' (found at Appendix A) be approved.
- b) That no additional bodies should be added to the list unless they meet the criteria set out in this report.
- c) That the issues raised in the report, especially in relation to those outside bodies identified in the report be noted.
- d) That the nominations listed on pages 5 and 6 of the second supplementary agenda be agreed.

9. COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES

Resolved: That the following substitutes be agreed:

	LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	LIB DEM	UKIP
Audit & Risk		Mark Holland	Marion Reddish	
Employees Consultative	Bert Proctor	David Loades	Marion Reddish	
	Sylvia Burgess	Mark Holland		
Staffing Committee	Bert Proctor	David Loades	Nigel Jones	
	Paul Waring			
Grants Assessment	Hilda Johnson	David Loades	Marion Reddish	
	Colin Eastwood	Mark Holland		
	Billy Welsh			
Joint Parking	Amelia Rout	Stephen Sweeney		Eileen Braithwaite
Licensing	Dave Stringer	David Loades	Marion Reddish	
		Stephen Sweeney		
Member Development	Kyle Robinson	Mark Holland	Nigel Jones	
	Dave Stringer			
	Tony Kearon			
Conservation Advisory	Kyle Robinson	Stephen Sweeney		
	Sylvia Burgess			
Public Protection	Joan Winfield	Stephen Sweeney	Nigel Jones	
	Tony Kearon	Gillian Heesom		
	Billy Welsh	David Loades		
Standards Committee	Elsie Bates	Stephen Sweeney	Nigel Jones	

	Sophia Baker	David Loades		
Health & Well Being Scrutiny	Gill Williams	Stephen Sweeney	Marion Reddish	
	Bert Proctor	Mark Holland		
Active & Cohesive Communities SC	Joan Winfield	Stephen Sweeney	Marion Reddish	
	Rob Wallace	David Loades,		
		Mark Holland		
Cleaner, Greener & Safer Communities SC	Hilda Johnson	Julie Cooper	Nigel Jones	
	Dave Allport	David Loades		
		Stephen Sweeney		
Economic Development & Enterprise SC	Glyn Plant	Stephen Sweeney	Nigel Jones	
		Andrew Fear		
		Paul Northcote		
Finance, Resources and Partnerships SC	Sylvia Burgess	David Loades	Marion Reddish	
	Elsie Bates	Mark Holland		

10. **THISTLEBERRY PARKWAY CYCLE PATH AND LIGHTING**

A report was submitted to seek approval of the masterplan for the Thistleberry Parkway Neighbourhood Park drawn up as a result of a consultation exercise undertaken with the local community and other stakeholders.

The report also sought approval to proceed with the first phase of the proposals to improve the parkway.

Resolved: a) That the masterplan proposals for the parkway be approved.

b) That the first phase of the project, to improve the cycleway running through the park and provide lighting be approved.

c) That the Executive Director – Operational Services be authorised to seek tenders for the works and, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Recycling accept the lowest suitable tender within the available funding.

11. **STATEMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

A verbal statement was provided by the Leader of the Council on the activities and decisions of Cabinet and items included on the Forward Plan. The Leader confirmed that a written copy of the statement would be distributed the next day and that a written report would be provided in writing prior to the meeting in the future.

Resolved: That the information be received.

12. **REPORTS OF THE CHAIRS OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

Resolved: That the reports and information be received.

13. **REPORTS FROM THE CHAIRS OF THE REGULATORY COMMITTEES**

Resolved: That the reports and the information be received.

14. **QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR, APPROPRIATE CABINET MEMBER OR COMMITTEE CHAIR**

No questions had been received.

15. **MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

A motion had been submitted by Cllr Nigel Jones and seconded by Cllr Mrs Reddish in relation to the Council's Enforcement Policy.

Resolved: That under the provisions of Procedure Rule 12, as this matter was within the remit of the Public Protection Committee, the matter was referred to that Committee.

16. **RECEIPT OF PETITIONS**

No petitions were received.

17. **STANDING ORDER 18 - URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

CLLR MRS HAILSTONES
Chair