

## COUNCIL

17 December 2008

**Present:-** The Worshipful the Mayor

(Councillor J Cooper) in the Chair

### COUNCILLORS

|                                 |                              |
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| Bannister, James MacKenzie      | Maskery, Philip              |
| Barber, Christian Stephen       | Matthews, Ian John           |
| Becket, David William           | Morrey, Mrs Tina             |
| Beech, Mrs Ann Elizabeth        | Morris, Mrs Helen Mary       |
| Blake, Mrs Elaine Elizabeth     | Moss, Mrs Mary, MBE          |
| Braithwaite, Mrs Eileen         | Myatt, Mrs Freda Dorothea    |
| Burgess, Mrs Silvia             | Naylon, Mrs Wenslie          |
| Burke, Mrs Yvonne Carmel        | Nixon, David Ernest          |
| Clarke, David                   | Reddish, Miss Marion Lynne   |
| Cooley, Andrew Robin            | Richards, Dennis John        |
| Cooper, Miss Julie Margaret     | Shenton, Mrs Elizabeth A R   |
| Cornes, Mrs Catherine Dylis, JP | Simpson, Mrs Sandra Jean     |
| Daniels, David Ephraim          | Simpson, William Thomas      |
| Fear, Andrew Thomas             | Slater, Raymond André        |
| Gorton, Richard Lloyd, CC       | Sweeney, Stephen John McLean |
| Hambleton, Mrs Sandra, CC       | Tagg, John Henry             |
| Hambleton, Trevor               | Tagg, Simon John, CC         |
| Heesom, John                    | Tomkins, Brian Ronald        |
| Holland, Stephen Alan           | Walklate, Miss June          |
| Johnson, Mrs Hilda              | Wemyss, Andrew Robert        |
| Jones, William Nigel            | Whieldon, Peter Andrew       |
| Lewis, Mrs Barbara Mary         |                              |

472. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Bowyer, Foy, Mrs Hailstones, Hailstones, Huckfield, Mrs Maxfield, Studd, Wilkes, Mrs Williams and Williams.

473. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

**Resolved:-** That the minutes of the meeting held on 29 October 2008 be approved as a correct record.

474. **STAFFORDSHIRE CREDIT UNION**

Councillor Mrs Cornes thanked the Council for its support of the creation of a Credit Union for Staffordshire that was now operational.

475. **APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLOR COOLEY TO THE CABINET**

**Resolved:-** That Councillor Cooley be appointed to replace Councillor Mrs Maxfield on the Cabinet for the period 21 January to 12 March 2009 and that he be Portfolio Holder for Culture and Active Communities during that time.

**476. COUNCILLOR COOLEY – COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

It was reported that as a consequence of Councillor Cooley being appointed to serve on the Cabinet for the period 21 January to 12 March 2009, it would be necessary for him to relinquish his membership of a number of the Council's Scrutiny Committees.

**Resolved:-** That the following changes be approved:-

- (i) That Councillor Jones replace Councillor Cooley on the Active and Cohesive Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- (ii) That Councillor Miss Walklate be appointed Vice Chair of the Active and Cohesive Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- (iii) That Councillor Miss Walklate Replace Councillor Cooley on the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee.
- (iv) That Councillor Daniels replace Councillor Cooley on the Recycling Working Group.
- (v) That Councillor Mrs Shenton replace Councillor Cooley on the Councillor Roles Working Party.
- (vi) That the above changes remain in force for the rest of the current municipal year.

**477. CORPORATE EQUALITY SCHEME**

Consideration was given to a report seeking adoption of the Corporate Adoption Scheme which set out the Council's obligations in respect of relevant legislation to avoid discrimination on the grounds of age, disability, gender, race, religion or belief and sexual orientation.

**Resolved:-** That the Corporate Equality Scheme be adopted subject to the word "may" that appears in the second sentence of the third paragraph to Section 1.6 of the document being amended to "will".

**478. ACCESS TO INFORMATION RULES – MODEL PUBLICATION SCHEME**

A report was submitted advising the Council of the work undertaken to update its Publicity Scheme.

**Resolved:-** That the adoption of the model Publication Scheme from 1 January 2009 be noted.

**479. MEMBERSHIP OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

It was reported that in order to comply with the provisions of the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008 and guidance on Standards Committees for Local Authorities it was necessary to reduce the number of Councillors sitting on the Standards Committee by two.

**Resolved:-** (a) That Councillors Mrs Burgess and Mrs Taylor be taken off the Standards Committee with immediate effect.

(b) That the above named Councillors be reserve members of the Standards Committee for the remainder of the current municipal year.

480. **REPORTS OF THE CHAIRS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

(i) Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee

The Chair made a general statement expressing satisfaction with the progress made by the various Overview and Scrutiny Committees in their respective work areas.

(ii) Active and Cohesive Communities

The Chair outlined concerns about the future of the Post Office network and suggested that a meeting be arranged with them to clarify what was happening now and in the future.

(iii) Cleaner, Greener and Safer Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Chair referred to a recent meeting held with the Police to discuss under age drinking and associated problems in the Borough.

**J COOPER  
Chair**