

COUNCIL

23 February 2011

Present:-

The Worshipful the Mayor

(Councillor Mrs Ann Heames) in the Chair

COUNCILLORS

Becket, David William
Beech, Mrs Ann Elizabeth
Bishop, Mrs Elizabeth Ellen
Boden, Edward Michael
Bowyer, Mrs Sandra Phyllis
Braithwaite, Mrs Eileen
Burgess, Mrs Silvia
Burke, Mrs Yvonne Carmel
Cairns, George O'Kane
Clarke, David
Clarke, Michael Ross
Cooper, Miss Julie Margaret
Cornes, Mrs C Dylis, JP CC
Daniels, David Ephraim
Fear, Andrew Thomas
Gilmore, Ian David
Hailstones, Mrs Linda
Hailstones, Peter James, JP
Hambleton, Mrs Sandra
Hambleton, Trevor
Heesom, Mrs Gillian Mary
Heesom, John
Howells, Robert Ashley
Huckfield, Derrick, CC
Johnson, Mrs Hilda
Jones, William Nigel

Lewis, Mrs Barbara Mary
Matthews, Ian John
Morrey, Mrs Tina
Morris, Mrs Helen Mary JP
Naylon, Mrs Wenslie
Nixon, David Ernest, CC
Reddish, Marion Lynne
Richards, Dennis John
Robinson, Kyle
Shenton, Mrs Elizabeth A R
Simpson, Mrs Sandra Jean
Slater, Raymond André
Snell, Gareth Craig
Studd, Robin
Sweeney, Stephen J M, CC
Tagg, John Henry
Tagg, Simon John, CC
Taylor, Kyle-Noel
Tomkins, Brian Ronald
Walklate, Miss June
Welsh, Billy
Wemyss, Andrew Robert
Wilkes, Ian Frank
Williams, Mrs Gill
Williams, John
Woolley, David Anthony

544. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Bannister, Barber, Blair, Cooper, Mrs Myatt, Olszewski and Miss Short.

545. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2010 be approved as a correct record.

546. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Tomkins declared an interest in the Capital Strategy item and left the meeting during its consideration.

547. REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS AND COUNCIL TAX 2011/12

A detailed report was submitted outlining the recommendations made by the Cabinet in respect of the Revenue and Capital Budgets and Council Tax for 2011/12.

A lengthy debate ensued during which the following amendment to the substantive motion was proposed:-

“That the Revenue and Capital Budgets and Council Tax 2011/12 be approved but that a total sum of £232,000 not be put into reserves but instead used to increase expenditure on the modern apprenticeship scheme”.

A requisition pursuant to Standing Order No 28 for the voting on such proposition to be recorded in the minutes to show how each member present and voting gave their vote resulted as follows:-

For the amendment (17)

Councillors Mrs Beech, Boden, Cairns, Clarke M R, Mrs Hambleton, Hambleton, Huckfield, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Lewis, Nixon, Robinson, Mrs Simpson, Snell, Taylor, Mrs Williams, Williams and Woolley.

Against the amendment (30)

Councillors Becket, Mrs Bishop, Mrs Burke, Clarke D, Miss Cooper, Mrs Cornes, Daniels, Fear, Gilmore, Mrs Hailstone, Mrs Heames, Mrs Heesom, Heesom, Howells, Jones, Matthews, Mrs Morrey, Mrs Morris, Mrs Naylor, Miss Reddish, Richards, Mrs Shenton, Slater, Studd, Sweeney, Tagg J, Tagg S, Miss Walklate and Wilkes.

Abstentions (6)

Councillors Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Braithwaite, Mrs Burgess, Tomkins, Welsh and Wemyss.

The amendment was not carried.

No further amendment was proposed as a consequence of which Council proceeded to a vote on the substantive motion.

A requisition pursuant to Standing Order No 28 for the voting to be recorded in the minutes to show how each Member present and voting gave their vote resulted as follows:-

For the substantive motion (35)

Councillors Becket, Mrs Bishop, Mr Bowyer, Mrs Burgess, Mrs Burke, Clarke D, Miss Cooper, Mrs Cornes, Daniels, Fear, Gilmore, Mrs Hailstones, Hailstones, Mrs Heames, Mrs Heesom, Heesom, Howells, Jones, Matthews, Mrs Morrey, Mrs Morris, Mrs Naylor, Miss Reddish, Richards, Mrs Shenton, Slater, Studd, Sweeney, Tagg J, Tagg S, Tomkins, Miss Walklate, Welsh, Wemyss and Wilkes.

Against the substantive motion (9)

Councillors Boden, Cairns, Clarke M R, Hambleton, Robinson, Snell, Taylor, Mrs Williams and Williams.

Abstentions (9)

Councillors Mrs Beech, Mrs Braithwaite, Mrs Hambleton, Huckfield, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Lewis, Nixon, Mrs Simpsons and Woolley.

Resolved:- (a) That the Revenue Budget for 2011/12 be approved in the sum of £15,258,700 as set out in Appendix B.

(b) That £368,000 of the Budget Support Fund be utilised to fund the 2011/12 budget.

(c) That the Council Tax at Band 'D' be £176.93, unchanged from 2010/11.

(d) That the Capital Programme to 2011/12 be approved as set out in Appendix E, together with the Prudential Indicator relating to the Incremental Impact of Capital Investment Decisions on the Council Tax.

(e) That £100,000 be transferred from the Contingency Reserve Fund to the Repairs and Renewals Fund.

(f) That it be noted that at its meeting on the 19 January 2011 the Cabinet calculated the following amounts for the year 2011/12 in accordance with the regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

(i) 39,061 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with the regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992, as its council tax base for the year.

(ii) For part of the Council's area:-

Kidsgrove	7,252
Loggerheads	1,966
Audley	2,687
Betley, Balterley and Wrinehill	587
Chapel and Hill Chorlton	195
Keele	339
Madeley	1,530
Maer	252
Silverdale	1,411
Whitmore	811

Being the amounts calculated by the Council in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amounts of its Council Tax Base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

(g) That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2011/12 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

- (i) £56,928,232 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (e) of the Act.
- (ii) £41,334,320 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)(a) to (c) of the Act.
- (iii) £15,593,912 being the amount by which the aggregate at (g)(i) above exceeds the aggregate at (g)(ii) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.
- (iv) £8,347,756 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its general fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates, revenue support grant or additional grant increased by the amount of the sums which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year to its general fund from its collection fund in accordance with Section 98(4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Council Tax Deficit).
- (v) £185.51 being the amount at (g) (iii) above less the amount at (g) (iv) above, all divided by the amount at (f) (i) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.
- (vi) £335,212 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34 (1) of the Act.
- (vii) £176.93 being the amount at (g) (v) above less the result given by dividing the amount at (g) (vi) above by the amount at (f) (i) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.

(viii) **Part of the Council's Area**

Audley Parish Council	£194.22
Betley, Balterley and Wrinehill Parish Council	£194.19
Chapel and Hill Chorlton Parish Council	£192.31
Keele Parish Council	£195.56
Kidsgrove Town Council	£191.63
Loggerheads Parish Council	£198.29
Madeley Parish Council	£234.45
Maer Parish Council	£197.59
Silverdale Parish Council	£184.37
Whitmore Parish Council	£197.89

Being the amounts given by adding to the amount at (g) (vii) above, the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above, divided in each case by the amount at (f) (ii) above calculated by

the Council in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

(ix)

	<u>Valuation Bands</u>							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
<u>Part of the Council's Area</u>	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
Kidsgrove Town Council	127.76	149.04	170.34	191.63	234.22	276.80	319.39	383.26
Loggerheads Parish Council	132.20	154.22	176.26	198.29	242.36	286.42	330.49	396.58
Audley Parish Council	129.48	151.06	172.64	194.22	237.38	280.54	323.70	388.44
Betley, Balterley and Wrinehill Parish Council	129.46	151.03	172.61	194.19	237.35	280.50	323.65	388.38
Chapel and Hill Chorlton Parish Council	128.21	149.57	170.94	192.31	235.05	277.78	320.52	384.62
Keele Parish Council	130.38	152.10	173.83	195.56	239.02	282.47	325.94	391.12
Madeley Parish Council	156.30	182.35	208.40	234.45	286.55	338.65	390.75	468.90
Maer Parish Council	131.73	153.68	175.63	197.59	241.50	285.41	329.32	395.18
Whitmore Parish Council	131.93	153.91	175.90	197.89	241.87	285.84	329.82	395.78
Silverdale Parish Council	122.92	143.39	163.88	184.37	225.35	266.31	307.29	368.74
Other Parts of Borough Area	117.96	137.61	157.27	176.93	216.25	255.56	294.89	353.86

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at (g)(vii) and (g)(viii) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

(h) That it be noted that for the year 2011/12 the major precepting authorities have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each of the categories of dwelling shown below:-

	<u>Valuation Bands</u>							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
<u>Precepting Authority</u>	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
Staffordshire County Council	685.87	800.19	914.50	1028.81	1257.43	1486.06	1714.68	2057.62
Staffordshire Fire Authority	45.09	52.61	60.12	67.64	82.67	97.70	112.73	135.28
Staffordshire Police Authority	118.41	138.14	157.88	177.61	217.08	256.55	296.02	355.22

(i) That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (g) (ix) and (h) above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2011/12 for each of the categories of dwelling shown below:-

	<u>Valuation Bands</u>							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
<u>Part of the Council's Area</u>	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
Kidsgrove Town Council	977.13	1139.98	1302.84	1465.69	1791.40	2117.11	2442.82	2931.38
Loggerheads Parish Council	981.57	1145.16	1308.76	1472.35	1799.54	2126.73	2453.92	2944.70
Audley Parish Council	978.85	1142.00	1305.14	1468.28	1794.56	2120.85	2447.13	2936.56
Betley, Balterley and Wrinehill Parish Council	978.83	1141.97	1305.11	1468.25	1794.53	2120.81	2447.08	2936.50
Chapel and Hill Chorlton Parish Council	977.58	1140.51	1303.44	1466.37	1792.23	2118.09	2443.95	2932.74
Keele Parish Council	979.75	1143.04	1306.33	1469.62	1796.20	2122.78	2449.37	2939.24
Madeley Parish Council	1005.67	1173.29	1340.90	1508.51	1843.73	2178.96	2514.18	3017.02
Maer Parish Council	981.10	1144.62	1308.13	1471.65	1798.68	2125.72	2452.75	2943.30
Whitmore Parish Council	981.30	1144.85	1308.40	1471.95	1799.05	2126.15	2453.25	2943.90
Silverdale Parish Council	972.29	1134.33	1296.38	1458.43	1782.53	2106.62	2430.72	2916.86
Other Parts of Borough Area	967.33	1128.55	1289.77	1450.99	1773.43	2095.87	2418.32	2901.98

548. CAPITAL STRATEGY 2011-2014

Consideration was given to the Capital Strategy which set out how the Council proposed to deploy its capital resources in order to assist it to achieve its corporate and service objectives.

Resolved:- (a) That subject to the deletion of paragraph 5.5, the Capital Strategy for 2011-2014 be approved.

(b) That the matter of the Newcastle development programme be referred to the appropriate scrutiny committee.

549. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2011/12

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of the Treasury Management Strategy for 2011/12 including the Prudential Indicators, Investment Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Strategy.

Resolved:- (a) That the Treasury Management Report for 2011/12 be approved.

(b) That the Prudential Indicators contained within the report be approved.

(c) That the Investment Strategy contained within the report be approved.

(d) That the Minimum Revenue Provision Strategy contained within the report be approved.

550. LICENSING OF SEX ESTABLISHMENTS – DRAFT POLICY

Members were asked to approve the adoption of a policy for the licensing of sex establishments in the Borough as recommended by the Licensing Committee.

A copy of the draft policy was appended to the officer's report to Council.

Resolved:- That the draft Sex Establishment Policy be adopted by the Council.

551. **STATEMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

Consideration was given to the Council Leader's statement that detailed the activity and recent decisions of the Cabinet and referred to items in the Forward Plan.

Questions were put and responses received from the Leader and other Cabinet Members on a number of matters received.

Resolved:- That the statement of the Leader of the Council be received.

552. **REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

The Chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees referred to the various activities that had been undertaken since the last Council meeting.

Resolved:- That the reports of the Overview and Scrutiny Chairs be received.

553. **PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

Resolved:- That minute numbers 476, 477 and 478 of the Public Protection Committee held on 6 December 2010 be approved.

MRS A HEAMES
Chair