

COUNCIL

24 February 2010

Present:- The Worshipful the Mayor

(Councillor Miss Marion Reddish) in the Chair

COUNCILLORS

Bannister, James MacKenzie	MacMillan, John
Becket, David William	Maskery, Philip
Beech, Mrs Ann Elizabeth	Matthews, Ian John
Bishop, Mrs Elizabeth Ellen	Maxfield, Mrs Mary Cynthia, CC
Blake, Mrs Elaine Elizabeth	Morrey, Mrs Tina
Bowyer, Mrs Sandra Phyllis	Morris, Mrs Helen Mary, JP
Braithwaite, Mrs Eileen	Myatt, Mrs Freda Dorothea
Burgess, Mrs Silvia	Naylon, Mrs Wenslie
Burke, Mrs Yvonne Carmel	Nixon, David Ernest, CC
Clarke, David	Richards, Dennis John
Cooley, Andrew Robin	Shenton, Mrs Elizabeth A R
Cooper, Miss Julie Margaret	Simpson, Mrs Sandra Jean
Cooper, John, CC	Simpson, William Thomas
Cornes, Mrs C Dylis, JP CC	Slater, Raymond André
Fear, Andrew Thomas	Studd, Robin
Foy, Michael	Sweeney, Stephen J M, CC
Gilmore, Ian David	Tagg, John Henry
Hailstones, Mrs Linda	Tagg, Simon John, CC
Hailstones, Peter James, JP	Tomkins, Brian Ronald
Hambleton, Mrs Sandra	Walklate, Miss June
Hambleton, Trevor	Wemyss, Andrew Robert
Heames, Mrs Ann	Wilkes, Ian Frank
Heesom, John	Williams, Mrs Gillian
Huckfield, Derrick, CC	Williams, John
Jones, William Nigel	Woolley, David Anthony
Lewis, Mrs Barbara	

649. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Barber, Blair, Daniels, Gorton, Holland, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Moss and Miss Short.

650. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2009 be approved as a true and correct record.

651. **REVISED FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

Consideration was given to proposed revisions to the Financial Regulations and Procedures to reflect the current structure and requirements of the Council.

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

652. **CAPITAL STRATEGY**

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:- That the Capital Strategy be approved.

653. **RETURNING OFFICER'S STATEMENT OF THE RESULT OF THE NEWCHAPEL BY-ELECTION**

Consideration was given to a report detailing the result of the Newchapel By-Election held on 4 February 2010.

Resolved:- That the election of Councillor Susan Short be noted

654. **VACANT SEATS ON COMMITTEES**

Consideration was given to a report recommending that the Council make appointments to the Committees where positions were left vacant pending the result of the Newchapel By-Election.

Resolved:- (a) That Councillor Miss Short be appointed to the vacant positions on the Appeals Committee and the Economic Development and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

(b) That Councillor Mrs Burke replace Councillor Mrs Moss on the Planning Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.

(c) That the best wishes of the Council be forwarded to Councillor Mrs Moss.

655. **COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION**

Consideration was given to a report which sought approval to amend the Constitution to ensure that new powers for councillors in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act and the Police and Justice Act in respect of Councillor Call for Action can be introduced.

Resolved:- That the wording detailed at paragraph 2.1 be inserted into the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules as a new Procedure Rule 9.

656. **ESTABLISHING A CRIME AND DISORDER OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Consideration was given to a report which sought approval to amend the Constitution to implement the legislative requirement to establish a Crime and Disorder Committee.

Resolved:- (a) That the Cleaner Greener and Safer Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee be designated as the Council's crime and

disorder overview and scrutiny committee, within the meaning of Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006.

(b) That this change be reflected in the relevant parts of the Constitution.

657. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2010/11

Consideration was given to the proposed Treasury Management Strategy for 2010/11 including the prudential indicators, investment strategy and minimum revenue provision strategy.

The Strategy was required to be in place before the start of 2009/10 financial year.

Resolved:- (a) That the Treasury Management Strategy Report for 2010/11 be approved.

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

(c) That the amended CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice 2009 be adopted.

(d) That the revised Treasury Management Policy Statement be adopted.

658. REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS AND COUNCIL TAX 2010/11

A detailed report was submitted which outlined the Cabinet's recommendations for the Revenue and Capital Budgets and Council Tax for 2010/11.

Resolved:- (a) That the Revenue Budget for 2010/11 be approved in the sum of £17,866,650 as set out in **Appendix G**.

(b) That £468,000 of the Budget Support Fund be utilised to fund the 2010/11 budget.

(c) That the Council Tax at Band 'D' be £176.93 an increase of 1.5% over 2009/10.

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

(e) That £400,000 be transferred from the Contingency Reserve Fund to the Repairs and Renewals Fund.

(f) That it be noted that at its meeting on the 13 January 2010 the Cabinet calculated the following amounts for the year 2010/11 in accordance with the regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

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(i) 38,448 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	7,179
Loggerheads	1,944
Audley	2,651
Betley, Balterley and Wrinehill	583
Chapel and Hill Chorlton	197
Keele	337
Madeley	1,510
Maer	249
Silverdale	1,389
Whitmore	797

(g) That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2010/11 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

(i) £60,875,019 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) £42,657,320 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) £18,217,699 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) £11,063,940 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 reduced by the amount of the sums which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year from its general fund to its collection fund in accordance with Section 97(4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Council Tax Deficit)

(v) £186.06 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) £351,049 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	£194.46
	Betley, Balterley and Wrinehill Parish Council	£194.31
	Chapel and Hill Chorlton Parish Council	£185.56
	Keele Parish Council	£195.25
	Kidsgrove Town Council	£191.78
	Loggerheads Parish Council	£198.53
	Madeley Parish Council	£249.78
	Maer Parish Council	£195.94
	Silverdale Parish Council	£184.49
	Whitmore Parish Council	£192.93

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) Valuation Bands

	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	127.86	149.16	170.47	191.78	234.40	277.01	319.64	383.56
Loggerheads Parish Council	132.36	154.41	176.47	198.53	242.65	286.76	330.89	397.06
Audley Parish Council	129.64	151.24	172.85	194.46	237.68	280.89	324.10	388.92
Betley, Balterley and Wrinehill Parish Council	129.54	151.13	172.72	194.31	237.49	280.67	323.85	388.62
Chapel and Hill Chorlton Parish Council	123.71	144.32	164.94	185.56	226.80	268.03	309.27	371.12
Keele Parish Council	130.17	151.86	173.55	195.25	238.64	282.03	325.42	390.50
Madeley Parish Council	166.52	194.27	222.02	249.78	305.29	360.79	416.30	499.56
Maer Parish Council	130.63	152.39	174.17	195.94	239.49	283.02	326.57	391.88
Whitmore Parish Council	128.62	150.05	171.49	192.93	235.81	278.68	321.55	385.86
Silverdale Parish Council	123.00	143.49	163.99	184.49	225.49	266.48	307.49	368.98
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 2010/11 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:-

Precepting Authority

Valuation Bands

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£ 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 2010/11 for each of the categories of dwelling shown below:-

Valuation Bands

	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	977.23	1140.10	1302.97	1465.84	1791.58	2117.32	2443.07	2931.68
Loggerheads Parish Council	981.73	1145.35	1308.97	1472.59	1799.83	2127.07	2454.32	2945.18
Audley Parish Council	979.01	1142.18	1305.35	1468.52	1794.86	2121.20	2447.53	2937.04
Betley, Balterley and Wrinehill Parish Council	978.91	1142.07	1305.22	1468.37	1794.67	2120.98	2447.28	2936.74
Chapel and Hill Chorlton Parish Council	973.08	1135.26	1297.44	1459.62	1783.98	2108.34	2432.70	2919.24
Keele Parish Council	979.54	1142.80	1306.05	1469.31	1795.82	2122.34	2448.85	2938.62
Madeley Parish Council	1015.89	1185.21	1354.52	1523.84	1862.47	2201.10	2539.73	3047.68
Maer Parish Council	980.00	1143.33	1306.67	1470.00	1796.67	2123.33	2450.00	2940.00
Whitmore Parish Council	977.99	1140.99	1303.99	1466.99	1792.99	2118.99	2444.98	2933.98
Silverdale Parish Council	972.37	1134.43	1296.49	1458.55	1782.67	2106.79	2430.92	2917.10
Other Parts of Borough Area	967.33	1128.55	1289.77	1450.99	1773.43	2095.87	2418.32	2901.98

659. STATEMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Consideration was given to a statement submitted by the Leader of the Council detailing the activities and recent decisions of the Cabinet and items included in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions.

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

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

660. 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 previous meeting of the Council.

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

661. **PETITIONS**

Pursuant to Standing Order No 17, the Mayor received the following petition:

From residents of Dimsdale Parade East and Albert Terrace, Wolstanton regarding the proposed reinstatement of a play area on Marsh Way, Wolstanton.

MISS M L REDDISH
Chair