

COUNCIL

25 February 2009

Present:- The Worshipful the Mayor

(Councillor J Cooper) in the Chair

COUNCILLORS

Barber, Christian Stephen	MacMillan, John
Becket, David William	Maskery, Philip
Beech, Mrs Ann Elizabeth	Matthews, Ian John
Bishop, Mrs Elizabeth Ellen	Morrey, Mrs Tina
Blake, Mrs Elaine Elizabeth	Morris, Mrs Helen Mary
Bowyer, Mrs Sandra Phyllis	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	Salt, Mrs Nora
Cooper, John	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
Foy, Michael	Studd, Robin
Gorton, Richard Lloyd, CC	Sweeney, Stephen John McLean
Hailstones, Mrs Linda	Tagg, John Henry
Hailstones, Peter James, JP	Tagg, Simon John, CC
Hambleton, Mrs Sandra, CC	Taylor, Mrs Tracy Ann Belinda
Hambleton, Trevor	Tomkins, Brian Ronald
Heames, Mrs Ann	Walklate, Miss June
Holland, Stephen Alan	Whieldon, Peter Andrew
Huckfield, Derrick	Williams, Mrs Gill
Johnson, Mrs Hilda	Williams, John
Jones, William Nigel	

629. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Bannister, Heesom, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Maxfield, Wemyss and Wilkes.

630. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 December 2008 be approved as a correct record.

631. CORPORATE PLAN 2009/10 TO 2011/12

Consideration was given to a report seeking adoption of the Corporate Plan for 2009/10 to 2011/12 which underpinned the whole planning structure of the Council and demonstrated the links with partners in delivering national and

regional priorities through the agreed Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement.

Resolved:- That the Corporate Plan for 2009/10 to 2011/12 be adopted.

632. DRAFT STRATEGY FOR ELECTED MEMBER DEVELOPMENT 2008/09

Consideration was given to a draft strategy which would assist Members in identifying what was required or recommended in respect of training needs and the format and frequency of training events.

Resolved:- That, subject to the amendment proposed to Section 6 (iv) as now indicated, the strategy be adopted.

633. REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE CHAIRS

The reports of the Chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees were presented to Council for consideration and in particular Members were requested to adopt the proposed Relationship Management Protocol for Overview and Scrutiny Members, Cabinet Members and Officers as detailed at Appendix B to the report.

The protocol would provide guidance on the interaction of Members and Officers to enable the Council to undertake the Overview and Scrutiny Function.

Resolved:- (a) That the information be received.

(b) That the Council adopt the Relationship Management Protocol for Overview and Scrutiny Members, Cabinet Members and Officers as detailed at Appendix B to the report and the Protocol be included at Appendix 6 of the Council's Constitution.

634. 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:- (a) That the revised Financial Regulations and Procedures be approved.

(b) That the terms of reference of the Audit and Risk Committee be amended by the addition of the following clause (j):

“To approve the Council's Statement of Accounts”

(c) That when the Statement of Accounts has been prepared for the Audit and Risk Committee, a copy be sent to all Members with a covering letter inviting comment via the Committee and, on request, the Chair of that Committee would invite any Member to attend the meeting to make their observations known.

(d) That following the approval by the Audit and Risk Committee, the Statement of Accounts be discussed at the next Full Council meeting and any comments taken on board when it is returned to the Council from the Audit Commission.

(e) That the revised regulations be amended to ensure that following discussion by the Cabinet, the Capital Strategy be approved by Full Council should the Full Council be able to do so.

635. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2009/10

Consideration was given to the proposed Treasury Management Strategy for 2009/10 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 2009/10 be approved.

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

(c) That the monthly monitoring report, prepared for all Members by the portfolio holder for Resources and Efficiency, include a brief statement regarding any significant treasury management activity as well as the list of counterparties used for investments.

636. REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS AND COUNCIL TAX 2009/10

A detailed report was submitted which outlined the Cabinet's recommendations for the Revenue and Capital Budgets and Council Tax for 2009/10.

Resolved:- (a) That the Revenue Budget for 2009/10 be approved in the sum of £17,564,500 as set out in Appendix B.

(b) That £302,000 of the Budget Support Fund be utilised to fund the 2009/10 budget.

(c) That the Council Tax at Band D be £174.32 an increase of 2.5% over 2008/09.

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

(e) That £250,000 be transferred from the Contingency Reserve Fund to General Fund balances.

(f) That the following consolidation of reserves be approved:

- The remaining balance on the Economic Development Fund be transferred to the Special Projects (Economic Development) Fund.
- The remaining balance on the Competition Preparation Fund be transferred to the Organisational Development Fund.
- The remaining balance on the Small Projects Fund be transferred to the Contingency Reserve.

- The remaining balance on the Itinerants Site Reserve be transferred to the Renewals and Repairs Fund.

(g) That the general principle that reserves balances be not reduced to any great extent from their present levels (estimated position at 31 March 2009), with the exception of the Budget Support Fund recommended by the Cabinet be endorsed.

(h) That it be noted that at its meeting on the 14 January 2009 the Cabinet calculated the following amounts for the year 2009/10 in accordance with the regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

(i) 38,543 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	7,211
Loggerheads	1,941
Audley	2,656
Betley, Balterley and Wrinehill	574
Chapel and Hill Chorlton	183
Keele	335
Madeley	1,495
Maer	247
Silverdale	1,395
Whitmore	808

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.

(i) That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2009/10 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

- (i) £59,935,054 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) £42,074,600 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) £17,860,454 being the amount by which the aggregate at (i)(i) above exceeds the aggregate at (i)(ii) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.
- (iv) £10,845,780 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) and increased by the amount of any sum which the Council

estimates will be transferred from its collection fund to its general fund pursuant to the directions under Section 98(4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 made on 7 February 1994 (Community Charge Surplus).

- (v) £182.00 being the amount at (i) (iii) above less the amount at (i) (iv) above, all divided by the amount at (h) (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) £295,954 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34 (1) of the Act.
- (vii) £174.32 being the amount at (i) (v) above less the result given by dividing the amount at (i) (vi) above by the amount at (h) (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	£191.64
Betley, Balterley and Wrinehill Parish Council	£191.97
Chapel and Hill Chorlton Parish Council	£183.61
Keele Parish Council	£192.65
Kidsgrove Town Council	£189.10
Loggerheads Parish Council	£185.14
Madeley Parish Council	£227.83
Maer Parish Council	£193.49
Silverdale Parish Council	£179.70
Whitmore Parish Council	£189.36

Being the amounts given by adding to the amount at (i) (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 (h) (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	126.07	147.08	168.09	189.10	231.12	273.14	315.17	378.20
Loggerheads Parish Council	123.43	144.00	164.57	185.14	226.28	267.42	308.57	370.28
Audley Parish Council	127.76	149.06	170.34	191.64	234.22	276.81	319.40	383.28
Betley, Balterley and Wrinehill Parish Council	127.98	149.32	170.64	191.97	234.62	277.29	319.95	383.94
Chapel and Hill Chorlton Parish Council	122.41	142.81	163.21	183.61	224.41	265.21	306.02	367.22
Keele Parish Council	128.44	149.84	171.24	192.65	235.46	278.27	321.09	385.30
Madeley Parish Council	151.89	177.21	202.51	227.83	278.45	329.09	379.72	455.66
Maer Parish Council	129.00	150.50	171.99	193.49	236.48	279.48	322.49	386.98
Whitmore Parish Council	126.24	147.29	168.32	189.36	231.43	273.52	315.60	378.72
Silverdale Parish Council	119.80	139.77	159.73	179.70	219.63	259.57	299.50	359.40
Other Parts of Borough Area	116.22	135.59	154.95	174.32	213.05	251.79	290.54	348.64

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at (i)(vii) and (i)(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.

(j) That it be noted that for the year 2009/10 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>Precepting Authority</u>	<u>Valuation Bands</u>							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
Staffordshire County Council	673.07	785.25	897.43	1009.61	1233.97	1458.33	1682.68	2019.22
Staffordshire Fire Authority	43.82	51.12	58.43	65.73	80.34	94.94	109.55	131.46
Staffordshire Police Authority	115.14	134.33	153.52	172.71	211.09	249.47	287.85	345.42

637. SCHEME OF DELEGATION

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval to an addition to the Scheme of Delegation to delegate the power to require removal of waste unlawfully deposited under Section 59 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to the Public Protection Committee/Executive Director – Operational Services in consultation with the Chair.

Resolved:- That the proposed addition to the Scheme of Delegation be approved as indicated.

638. PETITIONS

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

From the residents of Leamington Gardens, Dorridge Grove, Stratford Avenue, May Bank and surrounding area requesting the County Council to investigate the installation of fencing and lighting on Footpath No 149, Stratford Avenue to the A500 to reduce anti-social behaviour in the area.

J COOPER
Chair