

## COUNCIL

29 June 2011

**Present:-**

The Worshipful the Mayor

(Councillor Trevor Hambleton) in the Chair

### COUNCILLORS

Allport, David	Kearon, Anthony
Bailey, Reginald	Lewis, Mrs Barbara Mary
Bannister, James MacKenzie	Loades, David
Becket, David William	Matthews, Ian John
Beech, Mrs Ann Elizabeth	Myatt, Mrs Freda Dorothea
Blair, Stephen Paul	Nixon, David Ernest, CC
Boden, Edward Michael	Olszewski, Mark Joseph, JP
Burke, Mrs Yvonne Carmel	Olszewski, Miss Sophie
Burnett, Mrs Gillian	Reddish, Marion Lynne
Cairns, George O'Kane	Richards, Dennis John
Clarke, David	Robinson, Kyle
Clarke, Michael Ross	Shenton, Mrs Elizabeth A R
Cooper, John, CC	Simpson, Mrs Sandra Jean
Cooper, Miss Julie Margaret	Slater, Raymond André
Cornes, Mrs C Dylis, JP CC	Snell, Gareth Craig
Eagles, Tony	Studd, Robin
Fear, Andrew Thomas	Sweeney, Stephen J M, CC
Gilmore, Ian David	Tagg, John Henry
Hailstones, Mrs Linda	Tagg, Simon John, CC
Hailstones, Peter James, JP	Taylor, John
Hambleton, Mrs Sandra	Taylor, Kyle-Noel
Heames, Mrs Ann	Walklate, Miss June
Heesom, Mrs Gillian Mary	Welsh, Billy
Holland, Mark	Wemyss, Andrew Robert
Howells, Robert Ashley, JP	Wilkes, Ian Frank
Johnson, Mrs Hilda	Williams, Mrs Gill
Jones, William Nigel	Williams, John

57. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Astle, Barber, Lawton, Sinnott and Waring.

58. **NATIONAL RECYCLING AWARD**

The Mayor referred to the fact that the Council has recently won the PAWS National Recycling Award for Local Authority of the Year which recognised excellence in the recycling and waste management sector and was presented to the local authority that had developed and implemented a successful waste and recycling strategy which demonstrated an increase in recycling uptake and innovation in waste processing.

This was the second national award received by the Council within the past few months.

**Resolved:-** That the thanks of the Council be passed to employees and partners, Acumen Distribution Ltd, Lower Peak Bioenergy and Simpro for their achievements.

59. **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

The Mayor referred to the achievement of the Council's Customer Services Team in winning a national accolade for their customer service excellence.

The customer service standard assessment covered five themes, customer insight, the culture of the organisation, information and access, service delivery and timelines and quality of service.

**Resolved:-** That the Council's congratulations be passed to all employees involved.

60. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2010/11**

A report was submitted recommending approval of the Treasury Management Annual Report for 2010/11 including Prudential Indicators contained within the report.

**Resolved:-** (a) That the Treasury Management Annual Report for 2010/11 be received.

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

61. **FREEHOLD ACQUISITION OF FORMER SAINSBURY'S SITE – NOS 10-16 LIVERPOOL ROAD, NEWCASTLE (634/11)**

Further to the above resolution a report was submitted updating Members in respect of the proposed acquisition of the above land and property and seeking a decision as to whether the acquisition should proceed.

Details of the options available were considered including proceeding with the partnership with Staffordshire County Council on the basis of a 75:25 split in favour of the County Council.

**Resolved:-** (a) That, following the resolutions made at the Council meeting on 23 March 2011 (in principle, to proceed with both the acquisition of the property and the establishment of an enabling partnership with the County Council), this Council commits its funding contribution towards this acquisition on the basis set out in this report, in the context of the Council's current and future capital programmes.

(b) That the Officers be authorised to take the necessary steps, in conjunction with representatives of the County Council, to complete the acquisition as soon as possible on the terms set out in this report.

(c) That Officers be authorised to complete the Joint Venture agreement with Staffordshire County Council which will enable the cost

of this purchase (and its associated holding and marketing costs) to be shared by the Borough Council on the terms summarised both within the report and at Appendix A (green paper – Confidential).

(d) That Officers be authorised to take the necessary steps, in conjunction with representatives of the County Council, to procure specialist advisers to assist the local authority partnership in finding a development partner with a view to securing the comprehensive retail-led redevelopment of the wider area as described in the report.

(e) That notwithstanding recommendation (d) Officers be authorised to take the necessary steps to market the site as soon as practically possible with a view to securing short term tenancies.

(f) That officers be authorised to take the necessary steps to facilitate the use of the surface car parks and ground floor of the multi-storey car park as soon as practically possible, including any necessary civil engineering works and installation of equipment, along with the legal procedures relating to the designation of such use.

(g) That the Council agrees, in principle, to utilise its powers of compulsory purchase to facilitate the comprehensive redevelopment of the wider Ryecroft area.

62. **MIDWAY MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK – REFURBISHMENT AND REPAIRS (822/10)**

Further to the above resolution of the Cabinet a report was submitted updating Members on progress with the repair works to the Midway Multi-Storey car park and seeking approval for additional funds necessary to complete the works in accordance with contractual obligations.

Details of the additional works that had arisen were considered.

**Resolved:-** That Members note the progress made to date and the allocation of the necessary additional funds be approved, such funding to be met from within the current Capital Programme contingency.

63. **PETITION FROM RESIDENTS AGAINST PROPOSAL TO RUN AN INTERNET PHARMACY FROM A PROPERTY IN SHERBORNE DRIVE, WESTLANDS**

A petition signed by some 200 residents was presented to the Mayor by Mr and Mrs Youd in accordance with the Council's adopted Petition Scheme and Mrs Youd addressed the meeting thereon.

The petition was against a proposal to run an internet pharmacy from a property in Sherborne Drive, Westlands and the advice of the Planning Officer in respect of this matter was considered.

**Resolved:-** (a) That the petition be received.

(b) That the entire matter be referred to the Planning Committee for a decision.

(c) That the issues in respect of possible covenants on the land be investigated.

**64. CHANGES IN POLITICAL BALANCE OF THE COUNCIL AND ENTITLEMENT TO SEATS ON COMMITTEES**

A report was submitted advising Members of a change in the political balance of the Council following the recent Seabridge By Election and subsequently the entitlement of political groups to seats on committees.

The size of the political groups was now as follows:-

Labour Group	25 Members
Conservative Group	21 Members
Liberal Democrat Group	12 Members
UKIP Group	2 Members

**Resolved:-** (a) That the revised political balance of the Council be noted.

(b) That the following Conservative Group Members be appointed to fill those seats to be vacated on committees in accordance with the requirement for political balance:-

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Member</u>
Planning	Mrs Burke
Public Protection	Hailstones
Overview & Scrutiny Co-ordinating	Mrs Heesom
Active & Cohesive Overview & Scrutiny	Mrs Myatt
Cleaner, Greener and Safer Overview & Scrutiny	Hailstones
Economic Development & Enterprise Overview & Scrutiny	Hailstones
Transformation & Resources Overview & Scrutiny	Slater

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

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

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

**66. PETITION**

Pursuant to Standing Order No 17, the Mayor received a petition from residents supporting an application for village green status on an area of land bordering Repton Drive/Rossall Avenue, Westlands and requesting the support of the Council in respect of the application.

**67. SIR JAMES HAWLEY KCVO, LORD LIEUTENANT OF STAFFORDSHIRE**

Councillor Boden referred to the forthcoming retirement in 2012 of Sir James Hawley, KCVO as Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire and sought support for the Freedom of the Borough to be granted to him.

**Resolved:-** That consideration to Freedom of the Borough being granted to Sir James Hawley KCVO be given at a Special Meeting of the Council.

68. **DISCLOSURE OF EXEMPT INFORMATION**

**Resolved:-** That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items by reason of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

69. **FREEHOLD ACQUISITION OF FORMER SAINSBURY'S SITE NOS 10-16 LIVERPOOL ROAD, KIDSGROVE**

Consideration was given to the confidential information to be in read in conjunction within the item relating to the proposed acquisition of the above premises and land on the open agenda.

**Resolved:-** That the information be received.

70. **MIDWAY MULTI STOREY CAR PARK – REFURBISHMENT AND REPAIRS**

Consideration was given to additional information provided in respect of the above matter to ensure satisfactory completion of the agreed works.

**Resolved:-** That provision be made in the Capital Programme for completion of the work in the sum set out in the report.

**T HAMBLETON  
Chair**