



PLEASE NOTE THAT PRAYERS WILL BE HELD AT 6.50PM BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL.

THE MAYOR REQUESTS THAT ANY MEMBER WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN PRAYERS BE IN ATTENDANCE BY NO LATER THAN 6.45PM.

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are summoned to attend the Annual Council meeting of the Borough Council of Newcastle-under-Lyme to be held in the **Queen Elizabeth II & Astley Rooms - Castle House, Barracks Road, Newcastle, Staffs. ST5 1BL** on **Wednesday, 15th May, 2024** at **7.00 pm**.

B U S I N E S S

1 APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of interest from Members on items contained within this agenda.

3 MINUTES OF A PREVIOUS MEETING

(Pages 5 - 12)

To consider the Minutes of the previous meeting(s)

4 ELECTION OF MAYOR 2024/25

When the Mayor has declared the result of the election, the Mayor, preceded by the Mace Bearers, will retire from the room, accompanied by the Chief Executive and the Mayor Elect.

The Mayor Elect will then be robed and invested with the chain of office. The Mayor Elect will then return to the meeting room preceded by the Mace Bearers and accompanied by the Chief Executive.

The Mayor will take the chair and make the declaration of acceptance of office.

5 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2024/25

Following the appointment of the Deputy Mayor, he/she will make the declaration of acceptance of office.

6 MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

The Mayor will announce appointments to Civic Roles for the forthcoming year.

7 MAYORAL ADDRESS

To receive the Mayoral address

8 NOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR, MAYORESS AND CONSORT

In appreciation of their services during the past year, the Group Leaders will lead a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Mayoress and Consort.

9 RESPONSE OF THE RETIRING MAYOR AND SUMMARY OF THE MAYORAL YEAR

Retiring Mayor's response.

10 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET (Pages 13 - 14)

The Leader will report the appointment of the Cabinet and Deputy Leader for 2024/25.

11 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS (Pages 15 - 40) FOR 2024/25

To appoint Members to committees. Appendix to follow.


12 URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any communications which pursuant to Section B4, Rule 9 of the constitution are, in the opinion of the Mayor, of an urgent nature and to pass thereon such resolutions as may be deemed necessary.

13 DISCLOSURE OF EXEMPT INFORMATION

To resolve that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following report(s) as it is likely that there will be disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs contained within Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Simon Mubury', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Interim Chief Executive

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3. Notice of Motion

A Notice of Motion other than those listed in Procedure Rule 14 must reach the Chief Executive ten clear days before the relevant Meeting of the Council. Further information on Notices of Motion can be found in Section B5, Rule 4 of the Constitution of the Council.

Officers will be in attendance prior to the meeting for informal discussions on agenda items.

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COUNCIL

Wednesday, 10th April, 2024
Time of Commencement: 7.00 pm

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Present: Mayor - Councillor Simon White (Chair)

Councillors:	Adcock	Heesom	Richards
	Barker MBE	Holland	Skelding
	Beeston	Fox-Hewitt	Sweeney
	Bettley-Smith	Hutchison	J Tagg
	Brockie	Johnson	S Tagg (Leader)
	Brown	D Jones	J Waring
	Bryan	Lawley	P Waring
	Burnett-Faulkner	Lewis	Whieldon
	Crisp	Moss	G White
	Edginton-Plunkett	Northcott	Wilkes
	Fear	Panter	G Williams
	Gorton	Parker	J Williams
	Grocott	Reece	Wright

Apologies: Councillor(s) Allport, S Jones and Stubbs

Officers:	Geoff Durham	Civic & Member Support Officer
	Simon McEneny	Interim Chief Executive
	Sarah Wilkes	Service Director - Finance / S151 Officer
	Georgina Evans-Stadward	Service Director - Strategy, People and Performance
	Andrew Bird	Service Director - Sustainable Environment
	Anthony Harold	Service Director - Legal & Governance / Monitoring Officer

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Dave Jones and interest on an item contained within the Leader's Statement ('Keele in Town') as an employee of Keele University and would not take part in the debate on that item.

2. MINUTES OF A PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: That the minutes of the two meetings held on 14 February be agreed as correct records.

3. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor had no announcements to make.

4. APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Gordon Mole left the room during consideration of this item.

The Leader introduced a report seeking Council's formal agreement to the appointment of the new Chief Executive and the extension (if required) to the current interim arrangements. The Leader advised Council of Gordon's previous experience.

Following Council's approval of appointment, Gordon addressed Council stating that he was delighted to have been appointed, to give continuity of officer leadership and to bring some new perspective and insights as the Borough further develops its key agenda.

- Resolved:**
- (i) That the appointment of Gordon Mole as the Council's Chief Executive (including the statutory roles of Head of Paid service, Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer) such appointment to commence from a date to be agreed between Mr Mole and the Leader of the Council.
 - (ii) That Mr Mole be appointed on a salary of £116, 530.65 per annum (plus expenses for additional election related duties).
 - (iii) That should it be required, for the current interim arrangements to be extended for up to a month should a start date for Mr Mole fall outwith the agreed acting up period for Mr McEneny (originally approved for up to 3 months).

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5. ELECTIONS - SCALE OF FEES AND CHARGES

The Leader introduced a report which set out the proposed fees to be paid for undertaking the various duties in connection with the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Election being held on 2 May, 2024.

- Resolved:** That the proposed election fees for 2024-25, as set out in Appendix 1, be noted.

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6. WALLEYS QUARRY ODOUR UPDATE

The Leader introduced a report updating Council on the latest position regarding the odours associated with Walleys Quarry.

A breach in the Abatement notice, earlier this year had been announced by officers yesterday and legal action was being prepared against the operator.

Officers would now work up a legal case with King's Counsel advice, which would take as long as was necessary. No time limit on this should be set as officers needed to have a watertight case and for the legal action to be sound.

The Environment Agency (EA) had recently issued a brief suspension notice however, the Council still urged them to issue a closure notice and ensure that the site be capped off and restored.

Reference was made to the funding for legal action. The Council had put £300,000 into the Walleys' reserve fund at the Budget setting meeting in February and a further £300,000 could be drawn down from reserves, as and when it was needed.

The recently formed Walleys Quarry Working Group had, this week, met for the first time and had put together a Work Programme.

Councillor Dave Jones stated that his Group would be supporting this item and stated that it was a shame that it had reached the stage where the Council had to use its Abatement powers.

Councillor Bettley Smith raised two points – as ward Councillor and as Chair of the Working Group, firstly, welcoming the issuing of the letter to Walleys Quarry notifying them of the breach of the abatement notice. Regarding the Working Group, Councillor Bettley Smith stated that it had been very constructive, agreeing a way forward. A further meeting had been arranged for 1 May, 2024.

The Leader stated that the public would be kept updated as much as possible

- Resolved:**
- (i) That the contents of this update report, be noted.
 - (ii) That the breach of the Council's Abatement Notice, be noted.
 - (iii) That it be noted that the Council has issued a letter to Walleys Quarry Ltd notifying them of the breach of the Abatement Notice.
 - (iv) That it be noted that the Council will continue dialogue with Partners via the Strategic Coordinating Group regarding any further enforcement activities to seek to alleviate the suffering of the community.
 - (v) That it be noted that the Council's legal team have been instructed to prepare appropriate legal proceedings in line with the above.
 - (vi) That it be noted that the £300k Walleys Quarry Reserve to undertake the above and if additional funds are required, a separate report will be brought to Council in due course

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7. CORPORATE ENFORCEMENT POLICY

The Leader introduced a report regarding the requirement to update the current Corporate Enforcement Policy.

The Policy had previously been through Cabinet and Scrutiny and set out the Council's approach to regulation and enforcement across all service areas – except Planning which had its own enforcement policy.

Resolved: That the Corporate Enforcement Policy 2024 be approved.

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8. STATEMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Leader, Councillor Simon Tagg presented the statement that had been circulated about the activities and decisions made by Cabinet to allow questions and comments. Reference was made to the Council's Annual Report and the Leader stated that this Council 'made things happen' and this Statement reflected that.

Questions were raised and responses were provided as follows.

On paragraph 2 – Newcastle and Kidsgrove Regeneration Update

Councillor Holland stated that a lot of levelling up money had gone unspent and said that it was great that this Authority was delivering the levelling up money awarded to it.

Councillor Holland referred to a document, produced by the Labour Party as part of the local elections campaign and raised concerns at a quote from the paper "we will widen devolution by asking all Councils, outside of an existing or combined authority to begin preparatory work to join together". Councillor Holland was concerned that this was a plan to take away Newcastle Borough Council's independence. The Leader was asked if he too felt that this was a concern.

The Leader had read the document and shared the concerns stating that it was something that this Council needed to be aware of. All Groups had stated in the past that they wanted to keep the independence of the Borough. The Leader stated that he was prepared to write to all of the candidates for the upcoming elections asking them to commit to preserving the history, integrity and independence of the Borough.

Councillor Parker asked the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Town Centre's and Growth for an update on the developments for the free market on Monday's.

The Portfolio Holder for Finance, Town Centre's and Growth stated that Monday's had always been the quietest day on the market so a decision was made to make Monday's a free market day. Prior to the decision, average usage had been four stalls and now was nearer to ten and on one day there had been fourteen new traders using twenty five stalls.

On paragraph 3 – Procurement of Streetscene and MMF Vehicles and Plant

Councillor Gary White welcomed the fact that electric technology was being embraced across the Borough and asked Council to recognise that there was only 22% of the UK generating electricity through solar and wind power. Keele University were leading the way in terms of green hydrogen. The Leader was asked if there was any intention to liaise with the University on this approach.

The Leader referred to a previous paper to Cabinet regarding a possible solar farm in Keele Cemetery. A report would be going to Cabinet later in the year with an update on that, and the work being done with Keele University.

The Council was liaising with the University regarding hydrogen power.

Councillor Edgington-Plunkett welcomed this and asked the Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Environment, apart from the six electric pick-up vehicles, what was the rest of the Council's fleet like and were any still to be replaced and were there plans for all streetscene vehicles to become electric powered.

Councillor Edgington-Plunkett asked the current position in terms of the grass cutting, when the first cut would be done and how many cuts throughout the year.

The Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Environment stated that the roadside verge mowing had started in mid-March and would continue through to mid-October with a frequency of eight times per year with any cuttings falling on walkways or cycleways being put back on to the verges.

There were now twelve vehicles in the streetscene fleet, half of those being electric and the other half using the hydro-treated vegetable oil.

On paragraph 4 – Newcastle Town Deal Digital Infrastructure Project Update

Councillor Gary White welcomed this project within the Town Deal Region and asked the Leader, when opportunities arose to engage with the relevant authorities and private infrastructure, please could he do so on behalf of the rural communities.

The Leader stated that there was a County plan to get as many people as possible in the rural communities connected by 2026. There was funding available and voucher schemes for residents to club together. The Leader would ensure that Councillor White was in touch with the County Officers regarding this to ensure that he could get Madeley, Betley and the other rural areas up and running.

Council Adcock asked the Leader, as well as Community Centres, what other places would benefit from this infrastructure and where would it be placed.

The Leader stated that Community Centres could be the hubs for this project. Other council owned facilities and county libraries would also be able to be used as well as other public realm material such as CCTV poles and lamp post network. The project was being carried out by the private sector and, through the Town Deal Funding, money had been invested so that the project could happen sooner.

On paragraph 6 – Tree and Biodiversity Management Plan

Councillor Adcock asked the Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Environment if officers would be monitoring the survival rate of newly planted trees as a percentage (approximately 25%) would not make it to full maturity. In addition, would any trees, not surviving, be replaced.

The Leader stated that the 25% was a national figure. There were circumstances where trees would not survive, including vandalism but the Council would look to go back and replace them and there was funding to do that.

Councillor Gorton stated that Councillors had been pleased to see the publication of this Plan which explained how the Authority would look after the trees, setting out actions needed to ensure that more of the trees survived. The Leader was asked if he agreed that there was scope for involving residents to a greater extent in the delivery of the Plan, possibly asking them to help with annual tree inspections.

The Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Environment stated that the survival risk for newly planted trees not reaching maturity was between 10 and 25%. The risks included adverse weather, water and nutrient stress and accidental or intentional damage.

The Portfolio Holder stated that he had not previously considered public involvement but would bring it up at the Sustainable Environment Steering Group.

A review of managing the Council's tree stock took place in 2018 and £30,000 expenditure per annum was incorporated into the Council's arboricultural work programme. A new software management system called 'easytree' had been incorporated to identify and manage the Council's current and future tree stock of approximately 112,000 trees.

Councillor Reece asked if there was sufficient staff and, in relation to increases in costs, fuel, tools and equipment, was the available money sufficient.

The Leader stated that the Plan outlined the staffing and financing arrangements. Where a large amount of trees were planted, the grass beneath them required fewer cuts and therefore freed up resources in that area of work. From around year fifteen, the trees did need to be maintained more.

On paragraph 7 – Sport England Swimming Pool Support Grant for Kidsgrove CIO

Councillor Jill Waring was pleased that this grant had been awarded to Kidsgrove CIO stating that it was an excellent facility and urged everyone to use it.

The Leader agreed that it was really good news getting this money. A problem for all sports facilities over the last couple of years had been the increased cost in energy and if the Centre could get the solar panels, it would cut down on their energy requirement.

Councillor Crisp asked the Leader how well J2 was doing, including membership since the pandemic.

The Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Heritage and Culture stated that Kidsgrove's membership was now over 1,500 and were on target with all of the projected forecasts.

The membership at J2 stood at 4,025 and pre-covid had only been 2,900, reducing to 600 during the pandemic.

An online booking system had gone live, there was now a J2 app and a kiosk in the foyer of the leisure facility. The app and Kiosk alone had helped to achieve 5,400 bookings during February.

There were child swim classes with around fifteen schools involved and medical professionals could refer people to the wellbeing centre.

On paragraph 8 – Museum wins Awards

Councillor Panter stated that during the Council's 850th celebrations there had been over 44,000 visitors and he was very much looking forward to visiting the Museum during his upcoming term as Mayor of the Borough.

Councillor Fox-Hewitt expressed his gratitude to the staff and volunteers as a parent of young children sharing his interest in history. The Leader was asked if he would write to the team at the Museum, on behalf of Members, thanking them for their work and dedication and that it be explored if there could be some small reward for the staff and volunteers.

Councillor Jill Waring stated that the Museum was the Jewel in the Crown of Newcastle and to win the award for the whole of Staffordshire was brilliant and well deserved.

The Leader stated that he would pass on the comments and ensure that they got recognition. The Museum would now be going through to the national awards and were wished the best of luck.

Councillor Brown was amazed at the range of courses and activities provided by the Museum. All of the staff were friendly and helpful and credit was given to Elise Turner for creating a wonderful array of events.

Councillor Gorton felt that events curated by students deserved recognition. There had recently been an exhibition curated by students from Madeley School and during the first week, around 3,000 people viewed the artwork on show.

Councillor Dave Jones stated that his daughter had been one of the young curators. He stated that there was not much provision in the community to foster art and develop it so the Museum was important for the children and the future for Newcastle.

The Leader stated that over many years the Museum and its grounds had been kept as the Jewel in the Crown of Newcastle and it was amazing to see the children getting involved.

The Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Heritage and Culture echoed all of the comments and stated that the 62% increase in visitors this year equated to over 96,000. He had attended the awards ceremony with the previous Cabinet Member holding this Portfolio and stated that the level of competition was very high.

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

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9. REPORTS OF THE CHAIRS OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

The reports for the Health, Wellbeing and Environment Scrutiny Committee and Economy and Place Scrutiny Committee had been circulated with the agenda.

A verbal update was given for the Finance Assets and Performance Scrutiny Committee detailing the items discussed at previous meetings.

Resolved: That the reports be received.

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10. REPORTS OF THE CHAIRS OF THE REGULATORY COMMITTEES

A report for the Licensing and Public Protection Committee was attached to the agenda.

The Audit and Standards Committee had not met since the last meeting of the Full Council.

A verbal update was given for the Planning Committee detailing the items discussed at previous meetings.

Resolved: That the reports be received.

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11. QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR, CABINET MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

There were no questions.

12. RECEIPT OF PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

13. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

14. DISCLOSURE OF EXEMPT INFORMATION

There were no confidential items.

**Mayor - Councillor Simon White
Chair**

Meeting concluded at 8.15 pm

Annual Council 15th May 2024

10. Appointment of Deputy Leader and Cabinet:

- Councillor Sweeney as Deputy Leader

Members of the Cabinet for 2024/25:

- Councillor Gill Heesom (Portfolio: Community Safety and Wellbeing)
- Councillor David Hutchison (Portfolio: Sustainable Environment)
- Councillor Andy Fear (Portfolio: Strategic Planning)
- Councillor Craig Skelding (Portfolio: Leisure, Culture and Heritage)
- Councillor Stephen Sweeney (Portfolio: Finance Town Centres and Growth)
- Councillor Simon Tagg (Portfolio: One Council, People and Partnerships)

Simon Tagg, Council Leader

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NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

CORPORATE LEADERSHIP TEAM'S REPORT TO

Council
15 May 2024

Report Title: Appointment to Committees

Submitted by: Interim Chief Executive

Portfolios: One Council, People and Partnerships

Ward(s) affected: All

Purpose of the Report

To appoint Members to committees, elect chairs and vice-chairs and note appointments to Political Group Leader and Deputy Leadership positions. Also, to make any required changes to the Council's representatives on External Organisations, previously agreed at last year's Annual Council Meeting (copy attached).

Recommendation

That:

- (a) Council makes the committee appointments set out in the Appendix to this report and notes the appointed Group Leader/Deputy Leadership positions.**
- (b) Any required changes to the Council's representatives on External Organisations be noted and the relevant organisation(s) be advised.**

Reasons

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, and to enable council business to be conducted through committees (Sections 101 & 102 of the Local Government Act 1972; Section 6 of the Licensing Act 2003) and to comply with the requirements in respect of Scrutiny (Part 1A of the Local Government Act 2000).

1. Background

Committee Appointments

- 1.1 The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 ("the 1989 Act") imposes political proportionality requirements in respect of the appointment of committees (other than the Executive). Specific provision is made in Section 15 of the Act as to how proportionality requirements should be prioritised as between the number of seats available on each committee and the number of available committee seats overall.
- 1.2 To meet these requirements, minor adjustments often need to be made where, for instance, a strict calculation results in an entitlement to less than one whole seat on any given committee.
- 1.3 It now falls to Council to appoint members from the relevant political groups to the seats allocated to those groups. Council will then need to elect a chair and vice-chair for each

committee. Nominations made by the groups will be set out in an appendix to be tabled at the meeting.

- 1.4 Government advice on Scrutiny Committees suggests that local authorities might consider it appropriate to have all or some of these committees chaired by members outside the majority group.
- 1.5 The constitution states that there shall be 2 non-voting co-opted members on the Health, Wellbeing and Environment Scrutiny Committee as set out below:

“In addition, there shall also be 2 non-voting co-opted members, representing the young people of the Borough drawn from the Student’s Union at Keele University and the Student Representative Body at Newcastle College. Both establishments are to be invited to nominate a co-opted member at each Annual Council.”

It is recommended that the Head of Legal and Governance/Monitoring Officer be granted delegated authority to make these arrangements.

Group Leadership/Deputy Leadership

- 1.6 For completeness, Political Group Leader and Deputy Leaderships are also reported to Annual Council. These will also be set out the appendix to this report tabled at the meeting.

2. **Issues**

- 2.1 Set out above.

3. **Proposal**

- 3.1 That Council makes the committee appointments set out in the Appendix to this report and notes the appointed Group Leader/Deputy Leadership positions.

4. **Reasons for Proposed Solution**

- 4.1 To comply with the legislative requirements and Council’s Constitution.

5. **Options Considered**

- 5.1 Not applicable.

6. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

- 6.1 Dealt with in the body of the report

7. **Equality Impact Assessment**

- 7.1 Not applicable.

8. **Financial and Resource Implications**

- 8.1 There are no significant direct financial or resource implications arising from the proposals. There is no change to the number of chairmanships or vice-chairmanships so no impact on members’ allowances.

9. **Major Risks**

- 9.1 It is essential that the council's decision making structures and processes are robust and established in line with the relevant legislation and principles of good governance, to minimise the risk of legal challenge. The proposed approach seeks to ensure those aims are met.
- 9.2 The appointment of scrutiny committees enables the Council to achieve enhanced accountability and transparency of decision making process. Scrutiny is a key element of the Council's executive arrangements and is the main way by which executive decision-makers are held to public account for the discharge of the functions for which they are responsible.
- 9.3 The scrutiny process is a key mechanism for enabling councillors to represent the views of their constituents and other organisations to the cabinet and to the Council and, by examining the operation and impact of the Council's policies, is a useful means of improving the development and delivery of services. Lack of an effective scrutiny function could lead to a lack of democratic accountability for the Council.

10. **UN Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG)**

10.1 Not applicable.

11. **Key Decision Information**

11.1 This is not a Key Decision.

12. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

12.1 Not Applicable.

13. **List of Appendices**

13.1 Nominations. (to follow)

13.2 Current appointments to external organisations

14. **Background Papers**

14.1 Not Applicable.

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Notification of Political Groups of the Borough Council

Members are advised that the Proper Officer has received notification, under the provisions of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, of the operation of two political groups on the Council namely:-

NAME & NUMBER OF MEMBERS	DESIGNATED LEADER	DESIGNATED DEPUTY LEADER
CONSERVATIVE 25	SIMON TAGG	MARK HOLLAND
LABOUR 18	DAVE JONES	ANDREW FOX-HEWITT
INDEPENDENT 1	SUSAN BEESTON	

Representation of Political Groups in Committees and Appointment of Members to Committees

		CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Audit & Standards	7	4	3
		Paul Waring	Mike Stubbs
		Gill Burnett-Faulkner	Rebekah Lewis
		Mark Holland	Wendy Brockie
		Joan Whieldon	
Substitutes	7	4	3
		Barry Panter	Annabel Lawley
		Paul Northcott	Phil Reece
		Simon Jones	Richard Gorton
		Andrew Parker	
Independent Member			
Employment Committee	7	4	3
		Simon Tagg	Andrew Fox-Hewitt
		Gary White	Dave Jones
		Gill Heesom	Dave Grocott
		Stephen Sweeney	
Substitutes	7	4	3
		Mark Holland	John Williams
		Paul Northcott	Gill Williams
		Andy Fear	Dave Allport
		Joan Whieldon	
Licensing & Public Protection	15	9	6
		Trevor Johnson	Sylvia Dymond
		Joan Whieldon	Ruth Wright
		Simon White	Dave Allport
		Lilian Barker	John Williams
		Gill Heesom	Gill Williams
		Stephen Sweeney	Jacqueline Brown
		Ian Wilkes	
		Craig Skelding	
		Rupert Adcock	

Substitutes	15	9	6
		David Hutchison	Wendy Brockie
		Barry Panter	Rebekah Lewis
		Andrew Parker	Andrew Fox-Hewitt
		John Tagg	Dave Jones
		Jill Waring	Mike Stubbs
		Gill Burnett-Faulkner	Lesley Richards
Conservation Advisory	5	3	2
		Barry Panter	Annabel Lawley
		Trevor Johnson	Phil Reece
		Lilian Barker	
Substitutes	5	3	2
		Gill Burnett-Faulkner	Lesley Richards
		Ian Wilkes	Ruth Wright
		Rupert Adcock	
Planning	12	7	4
		Paul Northcott	John Williams
NOTE: INDEPENDENT		Nick Crisp	Wendy Brockie
HAS THE FINAL SEAT		Andy Fear	Richard Gorton
		Mark Holland	Dave Jones
		Amy Bryan	
		David Hutchison	
		Gill Burnett-Faulkner	
Substitutes	12	7	5
		Stephen Sweeney	Gill Williams
		Barry Panter	Joel Edgington-Plunkett
		Simon Tagg	Dave Grocott
		Gill Heesom	Andrew Fox-Hewitt
		Trevor Johnson	
		John Tagg	
		Simon Jones	
Health, Wellbeing & Environment SC	11	6	5
		Ian Wilkes	Sylvia Dymond
		Rupert Adcock	Ruth Wright
		Lilian Barker	Jacqueline Brown
		Paul Northcott	Phil Reece
		Nick Crisp	Lesley Richards
		Joan Whieldon	
Substitutes	11	6	5
		Andrew Parker	Rebekah Lewis
		Mark Holland	Dave Jones
		John Tagg	Andrew Fox-Hewitt
		Simon White	Mike Stubbs
		Amy Bryan	Joel Edgington-Plunkett
		Gill Burnett-Faulkner	

Economy & Place SC	11	6	5
		Gary White	Dave Jones..
		Andrew Parker	Dave Grocott
		Gill Burnett-Faulkner	Joel Edgington-Plunkett
		Robert Bettley-Smith	Richard Gorton
		Jill Waring	Rob Moss
		Barry Panter	
Substitutes	11	6	5
		Mark Holland	Phil Reece
		Simon White	Andrew Fox-Hewitt
		John Tagg	Sylvia Dymond
		Simon Jones	Dave Allport
		Joan Whieldon	Mike Stubbs
		Rupert Adcock	
Finance, Assets & Performance SC	11	6	5
		Mark Holland	Mike Stubbs
		Amy Bryan	Wendy Brockie
		Andrew Parker	Rebekah Lewis
		John Tagg	Dave Allport
		Paul Waring	Annabel Lawley
		Robert Bettley-Smith	
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		Ian Wilkes	Dave Grocott
		Nick Crisp	Richard Gorton
		Rupert Adcock	

Appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees (in accordance with Standing Order 46(1))

Members are advised of the following nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair for the various Committees of the Council. Where there are two nominations (**highlighted in bold**), the Council must vote on which Member to appoint:-

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	VICE-CHAIR
Audit & Standards	Paul Waring Rebekah Lewis	Gill Burnett-Faulkner Mike Stubbs
Conservation Advisory	Trevor Johnson Phil Reece	Lilian Barker Annabelle Lawley
Employment Committee	PORTFOLIO HOLDER	NO NOMINATION REQUIRED
Licensing & Public Protection	Joan Whieldon Dave Allport	Trevor Johnson Gill Williams
Planning	Paul Northcott John Williams	Nick Crisp Richard Gorton

Health, Wellbeing & Environment SC	Rupert Adcock	Ian Wilkes
	Sylvia Dymond	Phil Reece
Economy & Place SC	Andrew Parker	Robert Bettley-Smith
	Joel Edgington-Plunkett	Rob Moss
Finance, Assets & Performance SC	Mark Holland	Amy Bryan
	Mike Stubbs	Wendy Brockie
MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR NOMINATIONS		
NOMINATION FOR MAYOR	Barry Panter	Barry Panter
NOMINATION FOR DEPUTY MAYOR	Robert Bettley-Smith	John Williams

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APPOINTMENTS TO 20 MAY, 2026 .

External Roles of Members – Community Groups

Name of Organisation/ Role	Description of Organisation / Role	Appointed by	Nomination convention	Term of Appointment	Nominations for re-appointment
<p>Community Centres Management Committees:</p> <p>Audley Bradwell Lodge Community Centre * Butt Lane Chesterton Clayton Crackley Harriet Higgins Knutton Marsh Hall Ramsay Road Red Street Silverdale, Park Road Silverdale, Social Centre Whitfield Wye Road</p> <p>CIP – Community Interest Group (Appoints own Directors)</p>	<p>The Management Committees hold regular meetings, usually monthly, to decide on how the organisation should operate the community centre on a day to day basis.</p>	<p>Council (up to 3 members on each)</p>	<p>Ward members automatically become the Council's nominated representatives for community centres situated within their wards for the period of their office, negating the need to make specific nominations each year</p> <p>Ward Members do not have voting rights unless co-opted or elected to the Management Committee</p>	<p>Every 4 years</p>	<p>Ward Councillors automatically appointed</p>

Residents' Associations are made up of local residents (tenants and/or homeowners) who represent the interests of everyone living in a particular area or building. They come together to represent the views of all residents in their area to help make their neighbourhood a better place to live.

Council

Ward Members automatically become the Council's nominated for any Residents Association within their ward for the period of their office, negating the need to make specific nominations each year.

Ward Members do not have voting rights unless co-opted or elected to the Residents Association.

Every 4 years

Ward Councillors automatically appointed

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Aspire Housing Board	Provider of homes for rent and homes for shared ownership.	1 member/ Council (£5,000 p/a paid by Aspire)	Relevant Portfolio Holder or nominee (Cllr Northcott)	4 years	
Business Improvement District	Works with partner organisations to lobby, support and deliver a range of projects and events in the BID area	1 member/ Council	Relevant Portfolio Holder or nominee (Cllr Sweeney)	4 years	
Campaign to Protect Rural England - County Branch	Works to make the countryside of Staffordshire a better place for everyone to live, work and enjoy.	up to 2 members/ Council	One Member (Cllr Panter)	4 years	

Corporate Parenting Panel

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The Corporate Parenting Panel supports the Council to ensure that it is fulfilling its duties towards those children looked after corporately. It also oversees the services provided to children and young people in care.

1 member/
Cabinet

Relevant Portfolio Holder or
nominee
(Cllr Heesom)

4 years

District Councils Network

The District Councils' Network is a cross-party member led network of 180 district councils. It is a Special Interest Group of the Local Government Association and provides a single voice for all district councils within the Local Government Association.

1 member/
Council

Leader

4 years

"Enjoy Staffordshire" Destination Management Partnership	A partnership between the public sector and private sector – to bring more visitors into Staffordshire. The partnership has a board of members representing all parts of the county and all elements of the industry.	1 member/ Council	Relevant Portfolio Holder or nominee (Cllr Sweeney)	4 years	
Go Kids Grove	Community Interest Company promoting local businesses and events.	1 member/ Council	Relevant Portfolio Holder or nominee (Cllr Sweeney)	4 years	
LGiU Assembly	A local authority membership organisation. Members are councils and other organisations with an interest in local government from across the UK. Support is provided to officers and councillors.	1 member/ Council	One nominee (Cllr Hutchison)	4 years	
Local Government Association	The 'parliament of Local Government'	1 member/ Council	Leader	4 years	

<p>Locality Action Partnerships:</p> <p>Page 30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audley • Betley, Keele and Madeley • Butt Lane and Talke • East Newcastle • Greater Chesterton • Kidsgrove • Partnership of Western Communities • Newcastle Rural • Newcastle South 	<p>These represent the Newcastle Partnership's established infrastructure for the delivery of locality working and offer communities access to a range of partners.</p>	<p>Council</p>	<p>The LAP constitutions state that membership is open to "Any County or District Councillor representing any part of the area" - this negates the need to make specific nominations annually.</p>		<p>Ward Councillors automatically appointed</p>
<p>Newcastle Partnership (Local Strategic Partnership)</p>	<p>Representing different sectors in the Borough and playing a vital role in bringing together a range of organisations through co-operative and co-ordinated joint working to improve social, economic and environmental wellbeing for residents.</p> <p>It is committed to continuously improving the quality of life and experiences of people, who live, work, invest, study and visit Newcastle</p>	<p>1 + sub member/ Council</p>	<p>Leader, Deputy Leader as substitute</p>	<p>4 years</p>	

North Staffs Victim Support			Portfolio Holder or nominee (Cllr Heesom)	4 years	
Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London (PATROL)	There is a statutory requirement for authorities to make provision for independent adjudication of motorists' appeals against the traffic penalties they issue.	1 Member Council	Relevant Portfolio Holder or Nominee (Cllr Heesom)	4 years	
Sir John Offley Almshouse Trust	Charity run Housing situated in Madeley	N/A	One Madeley Ward Cllr (Cllr S White)	4 years	
Staffordshire County Council Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Responsible for scrutinising the commissioning and delivery of health services in Staffordshire County Council's area, with the aim of helping to reduce health inequalities.	1 member/ Council	Chair of relevant Scrutiny Committee or substitute (Cllr Wilkes)	4 years	

Staffordshire Health and Wellbeing Board

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To lead improvement of health and well-being and to oversee transformation of health and care services in Staffordshire. This includes conversations with the public about how they can improve their own health and well-being.

1 member/
Council

Relevant portfolio holder or nominee

(Cllr Heesom)_

4 Years

Staffordshire Sustainability Board

Relevant Portfolio Holder or nominee

(Cllr Hutchison)

4 years

Portfolio Holder

Cllr Hutchison

Staffordshire Leaders Board

A Joint Committee of the local authorities in Staffordshire to explore opportunities for improved joint working

1
member/Council

Leader

Deputy Leader is substitute

4 years

Staffordshire Playing Fields Association

1

Relevant Portfolio Holder or nominee

(Cllr Skelding)

4 years

Portfolio Holder

Cllr Skelding

Staffordshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel and associated panels	The role of the Panel is to scrutinise the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, to promote openness in the transaction of Police and Fire and Rescue business and also to support the Commissioner in the effective exercise of their functions.	1+ sub member/ Council (£920.04 p.a. paid by the PFCP)	Relevant Portfolio Holder or nominee (Cllr Heesom)	4 years	
Stoke-on-Trent and North Staffordshire Theatre Trust Limited (New Victoria Theatre)	A charity for people of all ages/backgrounds – using the power of theatre to change lives.	1 member/ Council	Relevant Portfolio Holder or nominated Member (Cllr Holland)	4 years	
Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Local Enterprise Partnership	The Partnership works to bring together businesses and local authorities to drive economic growth, create jobs and raise skills levels.	1 member/ Council	Leader	4 years	

Newcastle-under-Lyme Almshouse Association

Charity run housing – comprising 5 bungalows providing accommodation for single ladies, over the age of 60 and in need of affordable housing.

2 members/

N/A

Cross Heath Ward members automatically become the Council's nominated representatives for the period of their office, negating the need to make specific nominations each year

4 years

Ward Councillors automatically appointed

Waste and Mineral Site Liaison Committee – Acton Composting Site (Committee is Active)

ONE elected member (whose ward is not specified in any related S106 agreement) - the site lies within the Loggerheads and Whitmore ward

Overseeing the operation of mineral or waste developments. The Committee ensures continued communication and cooperation with the community, operator, the Council and interested parties

1 member/
Council

One nominee
(Cllr Bryan)

4 years

Waste and Mineral Site Liaison Committee –Holditch House Waste Site (Committee not yet Active *(however as permission implemented August 2016, the County Council will be pushing the operator to arrange a meeting soon)*)

ONE elected member (whose ward is not specified in any related S106 agreement) - the site lies within the Holditch ward

Overseeing the operation of mineral or waste developments. The Committee ensures continued communication and cooperation with the community, operator, the Council and interested parties

1 member

One nominee
(Cllr Beeston)

4 years

<p>Waste and Mineral Site Liaison Committee – Keele (Madeley Heath) Quarry (Committee not yet Active)</p> <p>TWO elected members (whose wards are not specified in any related S106 agreement) - the quarry lies within the Madeley ward</p>	<p>Overseeing the operation of mineral or waste developments. The Committee ensures continued communication and cooperation with the community, operator, the Council and interested parties</p>	<p>2 members/ Council</p>	<p>Two nominees (Cllrs G & S White)</p>	<p>4 years</p>	
<p>Waste and Mineral Site Liaison Committee – Knutton Quarry (Committee is Active)</p> <p>TWO elected members (the quarry lies predominately within the Knutton and Silverdale ward, with a small part located within the Silverdale and Parkside ward. There is a section 106 agreement that requires the liaison committee and for invitations for membership of up to two elected councillors. Whilst there are no conditions dictating which wards the councillors should be drawn from, it should be noted that this committee also determines community projects and the level of financial support from the S106 funds. These projects must be located within the Silverdale and Knutton ward.</p>	<p>Overseeing the operation of mineral or waste developments. The Committee ensures continued communication and cooperation with the community, operator, the Council and interested parties</p>	<p>2 members/ Council</p>	<p>Two nominees (Cllrs Adcock & Moss)</p>	<p>4 years</p>	

<p>Waste and Mineral Site Liaison Committee –Walleys Landfill Site (Committee is Active)</p> <p>FOUR elected members (*previously six) Red Industries have taken over as owners and operators of the site and a unilateral undertaking has formalised the previously voluntary liaison committee (reference N.12/09/216 MW approved 26/5/2016), reducing the number of invited Borough Council elected members from 6 to 4.</p> <p>The unilateral undertaking specifies that Red Industries must invite four elected councillors on behalf of the Borough Council, plus two elected councillors from Staffordshire County Council, one elected councillor on behalf of Silverdale Parish Council and one on behalf of Knutton Parish Council (albeit that Knutton Parish Council does not exist). The undertaking does not specify from which wards the Borough Council elected members should be drawn from. Walley's Landfill site lies within the Thistleberry ward but also adjoins the Knutton and Silverdale and Silverdale and Parkside wards.</p>	<p>Overseeing the operation of mineral or waste developments. The Committee ensures continued communication and cooperation with the community, operator, the Council and interested parties</p>	<p>4 members Council</p>	<p>Four nominees, one each from Thistleberry, Silverdale, Knutton and Keele Wards</p> <p>(<u>Thistleberry:</u> Cllr Bettley-Smith</p> <p><u>Silverdale:</u> Cllr Adcock</p> <p><u>Knutton:</u> Cllr Moss</p> <p><u>Keele:</u> Cllr D Jones)</p>	<p>4 years</p>	
<p>West Midland Reserve Forces and Cadets Association</p>	<p>Made up of volunteers from across the region. Supporting the Reserve Forces and Cadets from the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Army and Royal Air Force within Staffordshire and other Counties.</p>	<p>1 member/ Council</p>	<p>Cllr Sweeney</p>	<p>4 years</p>	

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Labour Nominations to external organisations:

Aspire Board: Cllr Grocott

BID: Cllr Brockie

Campaign for Rural England: Cllr Lewis

Staffordshire Police, Fire & Crime Panel: Cllr Fox-Hewitt

Walleys Quarry Liaison Committee Silverdale: Cllr Brown

North Staffordshire Cadets Association: Cllr Stubbs

All other external nominations we support the incumbants remaining.

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