

Date of meeting **Tuesday, 13th January, 2026**
Time **1.00 pm**
Venue **Astley Room - Castle**
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Cabinet

AGENDA

OPEN AGENDA

- 1 APOLOGIES**
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive declarations of interest from Members on items included in the agenda.
- 3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS** (Pages 5 - 12)
To consider the Minutes of the previous meeting.
- 4 WALLEYS QUARRY UPDATE** (Pages 13 - 22)
- 5 DRAFT REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS AND STRATEGIES 2026/27** (Pages 23 - 102)
- 6 SCALE OF FEES AND CHARGES 2026/27** (Pages 103 - 136)
- 7 CIVIC PRIDE (EMPOWERING OUR COMMUNITIES) - EVALUATION OF 2025 ACTIVITIES** (Pages 137 - 150)
- 8 BOROUGH TREE PLANTING STRATEGY (PHASE 7) AND UPDATE ON PROTECTION OF GREEN SPACE** (Pages 151 - 160)
- 9 PROGRESS OF THE COUNCIL'S SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY & DELIVERY PLAN** (Pages 161 - 252)
- 10 SUPPORT FOR DRAFT STAFFORDSHIRE LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY** (Pages 253 - 274)
- 11 RECYCLING & WASTE SERVICES OPERATIONAL STAFF STRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT** (Pages 275 - 284)
- 12 FUTURE DELIVERY OF FINANCIAL WELL-BEING AND DEBT ADVICE SERVICE** (Pages 285 - 290)
- 13 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 2026** (Pages 291 - 300)

14 FORWARD PLAN (Pages 301 - 306)

15 URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any business which is urgent within the meaning of Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

16 DISCLOSURE OF EXEMPT INFORMATION

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

17 TRADE REFUSE SCALE OF FEES AND CHARGES - (Pages 307 - 308)

CONFIDENTIAL APPENDIX

ATTENDANCE AT CABINET MEETINGS

Councillor attendance at Cabinet meetings:

- (1) The Chair or spokesperson of the Council's scrutiny committees and the mover of any motion referred to Cabinet shall be entitled to attend any formal public meeting of Cabinet to speak.
- (2) Other persons including non-executive members of the Council may speak at such meetings with the permission of the Chair of the Cabinet.

Public attendance at Cabinet meetings:

- (1) If a member of the public wishes to ask a question(s) at a meeting of Cabinet, they should serve two clear days' notice in writing of any such question(s) to the appropriate committee officer.
- (2) The Council Leader as Chair of Cabinet is given the discretion to waive the above deadline and assess the permissibility of the question(s). The Chair's decision will be final.
- (3) The maximum limit is three public questions at any one Cabinet meeting.
- (4) A maximum limit of three minutes is provided for each person to ask an initial question or make an initial statement to the Cabinet.
- (5) Any questions deemed to be repetitious or vexatious will be disallowed at the discretion of the Chair.

Members: Councillors S Tagg (Leader) (Chair), Sweeney (Vice-Chair), Heesom, Fear, Skelding and Hutchison

Members of the Council: If you identify any personal training/development requirements from any of the items included in this agenda or through issues raised during the meeting, please bring them to the attention of the Democratic Services Officer at the close of the meeting.

Meeting Quorums: Where the total membership of a committee is 12 Members or less, the quorum will be 3 members.... Where the total membership is more than 12 Members, the quorum will be one quarter of the total membership.

SUBSTITUTE MEMBER SCHEME (Section B5 – Rule 2 of Constitution)

The Constitution provides for the appointment of Substitute members to attend Committees. The named Substitutes for this meeting are listed below:

Substitute Members:

If you are unable to attend this meeting and wish to appoint a Substitute to attend on your place you need to identify a Substitute member from the list above who is able to attend on your behalf

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

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