

Councillor Gareth Jones (Mayor)

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

C A Baron	W J Kemp
J A Barron	R Kenney
R J Barron	P A Leason
F Beatty	A M Loughran
A R G Brown	B McKeown
R P Cooke	D McNaughton
A G Cooper	A Nixon
B M Cross	J A Nixon
M G Dodson	L Nixon
A P Edgeller	G P K Pardesi
P M M Farrington	A N Pearce
I D Fordham	J M Pert
A T A Godfrey	M Phillips
M Green	J K Price
A S Harp	P Roycroft
A D Hobbs	R M Smith
M V Holmes	R M Sutherland
J Hood	C V Trowbridge
R A James	M J Winnington
P W Jones	

Officers in attendance:-

Mr T Clegg	-	Chief Executive
Mr R Kean	-	Head of Finance
Mr I Curran	-	Head of Law and Administration
Mr R Simpson	-	Head of Operations
Dr T Redpath	-	Corporate Business and Partnerships Manager
Mr W Conaghan	-	Press and Communication Manager
Miss M Smith	-	Economic Growth and Strategic Projects Manager
Mr A Bailey	-	Scrutiny Officer
Mr J Dean	-	Democratic Services Officer

## **C90 Minutes**

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 26 January 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

## **C91 Announcements**

The Mayor had hosted a second series of virtual 'get-togethers' with Members of the Council. The virtual events were well received and gave those attending the opportunity to catch up in an informal atmosphere.

## **C92 Public Question Time**

The following question had been received pursuant to Paragraph 11.1 of the Council Procedure Rules:-

### **Mr Roger Oldfield**

'A research study by scientists at four British and American universities was reported this month as finding that globally 8.7 million people died in 2018 from pollution caused by the burning of fossil fuels. This compares with the 2.34 million who have died so far from Covid-19. More than one in 10 deaths in Europe are caused by the burning of fossil fuels to power factories, homes and vehicles.

What powers does Stafford Borough Council have to reduce the threat to our health from the burning of fossil fuels for each of these three purposes? How far is it using these powers?'

Councillor J K Price, Cabinet Member, Environment Portfolio, responded as follows:-

'District and Borough Local authorities have some powers to deal with pollution caused by the burning of fossil fuels to power factories, homes and vehicles.

The provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 prescribes some power generating industrial activities such as biomass power stations for local authority regulation. The emissions from such are then controlled via a bespoke permit which takes into account the local and regional impacts, larger power generators (regional power stations) are regulated by the Environment Agency.

Stafford Borough Council fully utilises these powers.

The Environment Act 1995-Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) sets out minimum air quality standards to be achieved arising from industrial, domestic and transportation sectors. The methodology requires assessment of the local and regional impacts arising from such activities and where shown to be necessary declare Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's), additional AQMA controls are adopted to enhance local controls for each sector. Domestic use of wood burning stoves is likely to be added as a consideration in LAQM shortly. Stafford Borough Council fully complies with the air quality standards prescribed and adoption of AQMA's has not been required.

The Clean Air Act 1993 empowers local authorities to take action against industries and residences where smoke arising from the burning of fossil fuels or wastes breaches the prescribed standards, in particular some councils may have adopted 'smoke control areas' which limits the types of fuels which may be used industrially and domestically. Stafford Borough Council enforces breaches of the Act but has not declared any 'smoke control areas'.

The Environmental Protection Act Statutory Nuisance Provisions apply to domestic emissions of smoke where this results in a statutory nuisance. Stafford Borough Council fully utilises these powers.

As provided for under Paragraph 11.9 of the Council Procedure Rules, Mr Oldfield asked the following supplementary question of the Cabinet Member:-

'It is not clear if the Council meets anything but the required minimum standards required, in terms of housing developments, pressing developers to install renewable energy systems, enforcement of minimum traffic standards, promotion of traffic-free town centres, use of clear air zones and the closure of streets to traffic outside schools etc. Air pollution is an enormous problem attributing to approx. 1 in 5 deaths globally – what initiatives are the Council undertaking to become a lead pioneer in this field?

Councillor J K Price responded as follows:-

'Air pollution is not a significant problem in Stafford Borough – approved standards are consistently met. The Council is keen to further improve air quality in its area with the obvious benefits that will bring. The latest test results demonstrate that air quality standards were achieved and there were no resulting actions to be taken'.

### **C93 Councillor Session**

Councillor A N Pearce had submitted the following question in accordance with Paragraph 12.3(b) of the Council Procedure Rules:-

"At the full Council meeting in November 2019, the following motion was considered:

'A Notice of Motion pursuant to Paragraph 13.1 of the Council Procedure Rules has been proposed by Councillor A N Pearce and seconded by Councillor M V Holmes as follows:-

This Council notes that:

- It had a commitment to double tree cover in the Borough by 2020

- Trees play an extremely important role in reducing air pollution, promoting biodiversity and absorbing carbon emissions
- At a recent Public Appeals Committee meeting, residents from Eccleshall turned up in large numbers to support the implementation of a tree preservation order

I therefore move that Cabinet consider the development of a Tree Strategy which will:

- (1) Increase the number of trees on Council owned land by direct planting or enabling community - led planting of saplings
- (2) Involve working with other public and private land owners in the Borough with a view to increasing the level of tree cover
- (3) In doing so, aim to get an extra 10,000 trees planted by 2023
- (4) Develop a network of volunteer tree wardens throughout the Borough whose role will be to map the location of existing mature trees and report on and monitor their condition, notifying the Council of any threat to their continued existence'

The motion was defeated as the controlling group voted against it.

However, an assurance was given that a Tree Strategy was in preparation.

At the full Council meeting in November 2020, an assurance was again given that a tree strategy was in preparation.

It is perhaps worth noting a) that the tree planting season for the Spring is almost over and b) that trees play a crucial role in helping to prevent flooding.

Whilst fully accepting that Covid 19 has caused delays in policy development, it would be helpful if the Cabinet Member for the Environment could give an update on the development of the Tree Policy and, as a first step, it is suggested that contact is made with the Tree Council to establish a trial tree warden scheme in one of the wards in the Borough."

Councillor F Beatty, Cabinet Member - Economic Development and Planning Portfolio, responded by explaining that the tree strategy formed part of the emerging Local Plan, and that was a complicated area of work being formed by specialist Officers, in conjunction with developers. Government payments made to landowners recognised the value of maintaining the natural environment, including trees, as reflected in said payments. Further detail on this matter was expected to be contained within the Environment Bill, due to be considered by Government in Autumn of this year. The points raised by Councillor Pearce would be taken into account by the Council's Forward Planning Team.

Continuing, Councillor J K Price, Cabinet Member - Environment Portfolio, detailed tree planting taking place as part of flooding mitigation works on

the Isabel Trail and on the embankments of the M6 motorway, and was pleased to see the number of trees planted in the Borough, including those in Victoria and Charnley Road parks. Further schemes for additional tree planting were under development with Officers, and it was pleasing to see the Council working with partner organisations in this area of work.

At the invite of the Mayor several Councillors noted tree planting initiatives taking place in their Wards.

**C94 Time Limit**

The Head of Law and Administration indicated that in accordance with paragraph 12.6 of the Council Procedure Rules the time limit for consideration of this item had been reached.

**C95 Offices of Mayor and Deputy Mayor**

RESOLVED:- that the Council receive nominations of:-

- (a) Councillor A Nixon for the Office of Mayor for the Municipal Year 2021/22;
- (b) Councillor P W Jones for the Office of Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2021/22.

Councillors Nixon and Jones responded appropriately to the nominations.

**C96 Council Tax 2021/22**

Considered the report of the Head of Finance proposing the level of Council Tax for 2021/22 inclusive of the County Council, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Authority and individual Parish Council requirements.

The Deputy Leader introduced the report and noted the recommendations as set out in paragraph 2 before concluding his comments by moving that said recommendations be approved.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor F Beatty.

In accordance with Paragraph 17.4(b) of the Council Procedure Rules a recorded vote was taken; voting on the proposal was as follows:-

**For**

C A Baron  
J A Barron  
R J Barron  
F Beatty  
A R G Brown  
A G Cooper

**Against**

**Abstain**

R P Cooke  
A T A Godfrey  
A D Hobbs  
M V Holmes  
E G R Jones  
W J Kemp

B M Cross  
M G Dodson  
A P Edgeller  
P M M Farrington  
I D Fordham  
M Green  
A S Harp  
J Hood  
R A James  
P W Jones  
R Kenney  
P A Leason  
B McKeown  
J A Nixon  
J M Pert  
M Phillips  
J K Price  
P Roycroft  
R M Smith  
R M Sutherland  
C V Trowbridge  
M J Winnington

A M Loughran  
D McNaughton  
A Nixon  
L Nixon  
G P K Pardesi  
A N Pearce

The Mayor declared that the proposal was duly carried.

RESOLVED:- that the following be approved:-

- 1 It be noted that under the power delegated to the Council's Section 151 Officer, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2021/22
  - (a) **for the whole Council area as 47,994.06 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; and**
  - (b) **for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as shown below**

Parish	Taxbase
Adbaston	230.18
Barlaston	1,011.63
Berkswich	796.13
Bradley	223.55
Brocton	557.42
Chebsey	254.84
Church Eaton	288.06
Colwich	1,824.66
Creswell	538.16
Doxey	937.72
Eccleshall	2,133.80

Ellenhall	63.55
Forton	142.19
Fradswell	84.74
Fulford	2,310.54
Gayton	73.11
<b>Parish</b>	<b>Taxbase</b>
Gnosall	2,027.32
Haughton	454.56
High Offley	392.64
Hilderstone	276.86
Hixon	733.16
Hopton and Coton	889.72
Hyde Lea	184.64
Ingestre	84.36
Marston	85.27
Milwich	198.83
Norbury	203.49
Ranton	180.93
Salt and Enson	189.61
Sandon and Burston	164.59
Seighford	774.99
Standon	336.92
Stone Town	6,196.81
Stone Rural	735.51
Stowe by Chartley	190.52
Swynnerton	1,366.48
Tixall	127.75
Weston	476.59
Whitgreave	87.91
Yarnfield and Cold Meece	826.17
	<b>28,655.91</b>
<b>Unparished</b>	
Stafford Town	18,859.65
MOD Contribution in Lieu	478.50
<b>Council Tax Base</b>	<b>47,994.06</b>

- 2 That the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2021/22 (excluding Parish precepts) is calculated at £7,789,435.94.
- 3 That the following amounts are calculated for the year 2021/22 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:
- (a) £46,903,558.72 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
  - (b) £37,894,700.00 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.

- (c) £9,008,858.72 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
- (d) £187.71 being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
- (e) £1,219,422.78 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- (f) £162.30 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) 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 Parish precept relates.
- (g) For the following parts of the Council's Area

<b>Parish</b>	<b>Band D £ p</b>
Adbaston	175.80
Barlaston	226.08
Berkswich	194.08
Bradley	210.76
Brocton	185.92
Chebsey	187.71
Church Eaton	182.44
Colwich	248.34
Creswell	188.00
Doxey	183.48
Eccleshall	199.39
Ellenhall	165.37
Forton	169.83
Fradswell	176.13
Fulford	206.24
Gayton	211.68
Gnosall	208.78
Haughton	207.16
High Offley	174.52
Hilderstone	201.44
Hixon	203.81
Hopton and Coton	203.66
Hyde Lea	196.05



Ingestre	191.52
Marston	162.30
Milwich	182.58
<b>Parish</b>	<b>Band D £ p</b>
Norbury	181.18
Ranton	185.62
Salt and Enson	202.43
Sandon and Burston	219.23
Seighford	186.68
Standon	187.67
Stone Town	215.36
Stone Rural	182.53
Stowe by Chartley	238.98
Swynnerton	183.92
Tixall	181.45
Weston	232.27
Whitgreave	177.10
Yarnfield and Cold Meece	192.79

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(f) 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 (1)(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

(h) For the following parts of the Council's area

<b>Parish</b>	<b>Band A Disabled</b>	<b>Band A</b>	<b>Band B</b>	<b>Band C</b>	<b>Band D</b>	<b>Band E</b>	<b>Band F</b>	<b>Band G</b>	<b>Band H</b>
	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>
Adbaston	97.67	117.20	136.73	156.27	175.80	214.87	253.93	293.00	351.60
Barlaston	125.60	150.72	175.84	200.96	226.08	276.32	326.56	376.80	452.16
Berkswich	107.82	129.39	150.95	172.52	194.08	237.21	280.34	323.47	388.16
Bradley	117.09	140.51	163.92	187.34	210.76	257.60	304.43	351.27	421.52
Brocton	103.29	123.95	144.60	165.26	185.92	227.24	268.55	309.87	371.84
Chebsey	104.28	125.14	146.00	166.85	187.71	229.42	271.14	312.85	375.42
Church Eaton	101.36	121.63	141.90	162.17	182.44	222.98	263.52	304.07	364.88
Colwich	137.97	165.56	193.15	220.75	248.34	303.53	358.71	413.90	496.68
Creswell	104.44	125.33	146.22	167.11	188.00	229.78	271.56	313.33	376.00

Doxey	101.93	122.32	142.71	163.09	183.48	224.25	265.03	305.80	366.96
Eccleshall	110.77	132.93	155.08	177.24	199.39	243.70	288.01	332.32	398.78
<b>Parish</b>	<b>Band A Disabled</b>	<b>Band A</b>	<b>Band B</b>	<b>Band C</b>	<b>Band D</b>	<b>Band E</b>	<b>Band F</b>	<b>Band G</b>	<b>Band H</b>
	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>
Ellenhall	91.87	110.25	128.62	147.00	165.37	202.12	238.87	275.62	330.74
Forton	94.35	113.22	132.09	150.96	169.83	207.57	245.31	283.05	339.66
Fradswell	97.85	117.42	136.99	156.56	176.13	215.27	254.41	293.55	352.26
Fulford	114.58	137.49	160.41	183.32	206.24	252.07	297.90	343.73	412.48
Gayton	117.60	141.12	164.64	188.16	211.68	258.72	305.76	352.80	423.36
Gnosall	115.99	139.19	162.38	185.58	208.78	255.18	301.57	347.97	417.56
Haughton	115.09	138.11	161.12	184.14	207.16	253.20	299.23	345.27	414.32
High Offley	96.96	116.35	135.74	155.13	174.52	213.30	252.08	290.87	349.04
Hilderstone	111.91	134.29	156.68	179.06	201.44	246.20	290.97	335.73	402.88
Hixon	113.23	135.87	158.52	181.16	203.81	249.10	294.39	339.68	407.62
Hopton and Coton	113.14	135.77	158.40	181.03	203.66	248.92	294.18	339.43	407.32
Hyde Lea	108.92	130.70	152.48	174.27	196.05	239.62	283.18	326.75	392.10
Ingestre	106.40	127.68	148.96	170.24	191.52	234.08	276.64	319.20	383.04
Marston	90.17	108.20	126.23	144.27	162.30	198.37	234.43	270.50	324.60
Milwich	101.43	121.72	142.01	162.29	182.58	223.15	263.73	304.30	365.16
Norbury	100.66	120.79	140.92	161.05	181.18	221.44	261.70	301.97	362.36
Ranton	103.12	123.75	144.37	165.00	185.62	226.87	268.12	309.37	371.24
Salt and Enson	112.46	134.95	157.45	179.94	202.43	247.41	292.40	337.38	404.86
Sandon and Burston	121.79	146.15	170.51	194.87	219.23	267.95	316.67	365.38	438.46
Seighford	103.71	124.45	145.20	165.94	186.68	228.16	269.65	311.13	373.36
Standon	104.26	125.11	145.97	166.82	187.67	229.37	271.08	312.78	375.34
Stone	119.64	143.57	167.50	191.43	215.36	263.22	311.08	358.93	430.72
Stone Rural	101.41	121.69	141.97	162.25	182.53	223.09	263.65	304.22	365.06
Stowe-by-Chartley	132.77	159.32	185.87	212.43	238.98	292.09	345.19	398.30	477.96
Swynnerton	102.18	122.61	143.05	163.48	183.92	224.79	265.66	306.53	367.84
Tixall	100.81	120.97	141.13	161.29	181.45	221.77	262.09	302.42	362.90
Weston	129.04	154.85	180.65	206.46	232.27	283.89	335.50	387.12	464.54
Whitgreave	98.39	118.07	137.74	157.42	177.10	216.46	255.81	295.17	354.20

Yarnfield & Cold Meece	107.11	128.53	149.95	171.37	192.79	235.63	278.47	321.32	385.58
All other parts of the Council's area	90.17	108.20	126.23	144.27	162.30	198.37	234.43	270.50	324.60

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at (3)(f) and (3)(g) above by the number by 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.

- 4 To note that the County Council, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.

#### Valuation Bands

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>
Staffordshire County Council	907.08	1,058.26	1,209.44	1,360.62	1,662.98	1,965.34	2,267.70	2,721.24
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner	159.05	185.55	212.06	238.57	291.59	344.60	397.62	477.14
Stoke-on-Trent and Staffs Fire Authority	52.52	61.27	70.03	78.78	96.29	113.79	131.30	157.56

- 5 That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the table below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2021/22 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Parish	Band A Disabled	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
Adbaston	1,029.88	1,235.85	1,441.81	1,647.80	1,853.77	2,265.73	2,677.66	3,089.62	3,707.54
Barlaston	1,057.81	1,269.37	1,480.92	1,692.49	1,904.05	2,327.18	2,750.29	3,173.42	3,808.10
Berkswich	1,040.03	1,248.04	1,456.03	1,664.05	1,872.05	2,288.07	2,704.07	3,120.09	3,744.10
Bradley	1,049.30	1,259.16	1,469.00	1,678.87	1,888.73	2,308.46	2,728.16	3,147.89	3,777.46
Brocton	1,035.50	1,242.60	1,449.68	1,656.79	1,863.89	2,278.10	2,692.28	3,106.49	3,727.78
Chebsey	1,036.49	1,243.79	1,451.08	1,658.38	1,865.68	2,280.28	2,694.87	3,109.47	3,731.36
Church Eaton	1,033.57	1,240.28	1,446.98	1,653.70	1,860.41	2,273.84	2,687.25	3,100.69	3,720.82
Colwich	1,070.18	1,284.21	1,498.23	1,712.28	1,926.31	2,354.39	2,782.44	3,210.52	3,852.62
Creswell	1,036.65	1,243.98	1,451.30	1,658.64	1,865.97	2,280.64	2,695.29	3,109.95	3,731.94
Doxey	1,034.14	1,240.97	1,447.79	1,654.62	1,861.45	2,275.11	2,688.76	3,102.42	3,722.90
Eccleshall	1,042.98	1,251.58	1,460.16	1,668.77	1,877.36	2,294.56	2,711.74	3,128.94	3,754.72
Ellenhall	1,024.08	1,228.90	1,433.70	1,638.53	1,843.34	2,252.98	2,662.60	3,072.24	3,686.68
Forton	1,026.56	1,231.87	1,437.17	1,642.49	1,847.80	2,258.43	2,669.04	3,079.67	3,695.60
Fradswell	1,030.06	1,236.07	1,442.07	1,648.09	1,854.10	2,266.13	2,678.14	3,090.17	3,708.20
Fulford	1,046.79	1,256.14	1,465.49	1,674.85	1,884.21	2,302.93	2,721.63	3,140.35	3,768.42
Gayton	1,049.81	1,259.77	1,469.72	1,679.69	1,889.65	2,309.58	2,729.49	3,149.42	3,779.30
Gnosall	1,048.20	1,257.84	1,467.46	1,677.11	1,886.75	2,306.04	2,725.30	3,144.59	3,773.50
Haughton	1,047.30	1,256.76	1,466.20	1,675.67	1,885.13	2,304.06	2,722.96	3,141.89	3,770.26
High Offley	1,029.17	1,235.00	1,440.82	1,646.66	1,852.49	2,264.16	2,675.81	3,087.49	3,704.98
Hilderstone	1,044.12	1,252.94	1,461.76	1,670.59	1,879.41	2,297.06	2,714.70	3,132.35	3,758.82
Hixon	1,045.44	1,254.52	1,463.60	1,672.69	1,881.78	2,299.96	2,718.12	3,136.30	3,763.56
Hopton and Coton	1,045.35	1,254.42	1,463.48	1,672.56	1,881.63	2,299.78	2,717.91	3,136.05	3,763.26
Hyde Lea	1,041.13	1,249.35	1,457.56	1,665.80	1,874.02	2,290.48	2,706.91	3,123.37	3,748.04
Ingestre	1,038.61	1,246.33	1,454.04	1,661.77	1,869.49	2,284.94	2,700.37	3,115.82	3,738.98
Marston	1,022.38	1,226.85	1,431.31	1,635.80	1,840.27	2,249.23	2,658.16	3,067.12	3,680.54
Milwich	1,033.64	1,240.37	1,447.09	1,653.82	1,860.55	2,274.01	2,687.46	3,100.92	3,721.10
Norbury	1,032.87	1,239.44	1,446.00	1,652.58	1,859.15	2,272.30	2,685.43	3,098.59	3,718.30
Ranton	1,035.33	1,242.40	1,449.45	1,656.53	1,863.59	2,277.73	2,691.85	3,105.99	3,727.18
Salt and Enson	1,044.67	1,253.60	1,462.53	1,671.47	1,880.40	2,298.27	2,716.13	3,134.00	3,760.80
Sandon & Burston	1,054.00	1,264.80	1,475.59	1,686.40	1,897.20	2,318.81	2,740.40	3,162.00	3,794.40
Seighford	1,035.92	1,243.10	1,450.28	1,657.47	1,864.65	2,279.02	2,693.38	3,107.75	3,729.30
Standon	1,036.47	1,243.76	1,451.05	1,658.35	1,865.64	2,280.23	2,694.81	3,109.40	3,731.28
Stone	1,051.85	1,262.22	1,472.58	1,682.96	1,893.33	2,314.08	2,734.81	3,155.55	3,786.66
Stone Rural	1,033.62	1,240.34	1,447.05	1,653.78	1,860.50	2,273.95	2,687.38	3,100.84	3,721.00
Stowe-by-Chartley	1,064.98	1,277.97	1,490.95	1,703.96	1,916.95	2,342.95	2,768.92	3,194.92	3,833.90
Parish	Band A Disabled	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
Swynnerton	1,034.39	1,241.26	1,448.13	1,655.01	1,861.89	2,275.65	2,689.39	3,103.15	3,723.78
Tixall	1,033.02	1,239.62	1,446.21	1,652.82	1,859.42	2,272.63	2,685.82	3,099.04	3,718.84
Weston	1,061.25	1,273.50	1,485.73	1,697.99	1,910.24	2,334.75	2,759.23	3,183.74	3,820.48
Whitgreave	1,030.60	1,236.72	1,442.82	1,648.95	1,855.07	2,267.32	2,679.54	3,091.79	3,710.14

Yarnfield & Cold Meece	1,039.32	1,247.18	1,455.03	1,662.90	1,870.76	2,286.49	2,702.20	3,117.94	3,741.52
All other parts	1,022.38	1,226.85	1,431.31	1,635.80	1,840.27	2,249.23	2,658.16	3,067.12	3,680.54

- 6 That it is determined in accordance with Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 that the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2021/22 is not excessive in accordance with the principles determined by the Secretary of State under Section 52ZC of that Act.

### **C97 Corporate Business Plan 2021 - 2024**

Considered the report of the Leader of the Council.

Councillor Farrington introduced the report noting the purpose of the Plan and the associated 'new' corporate business objective. A summary of the Council's recent successes was provided, together with its aspirations for the future.

The Leader reiterated the Council's strong economic base which allowed the continuation of service delivery despite the inevitable impact of the ongoing Coronavirus epidemic.

In concluding his comments, Councillor Farrington moved and Councillor F Beatty seconded that the recommendation as set out in paragraph 2 of the report be approved.

Members were afforded the opportunity to raise any points relating to the report, during which time Councillor J M Pert, Cabinet Member - Community Portfolio, noted the previous consideration of the matter at the February meeting of Cabinet and the various Scrutiny Committees.

At the conclusion of the debate the matter was put to the vote and subsequently declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that the revised Corporate Business Plan 2021 - 2024 be approved and implemented in April 2021.

### **C98 Localism Act 2011 - Pay Policy Statement 2021/2022**

Considered the report of the Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio.

The Deputy Leader of the Council introduced the report and concluded his comments by moving that the recommendations as set out in paragraph 2 be approved.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor P M M Farrington.

At the conclusion of the debate the matter was put to the vote and subsequently declared to be carried.

- RESOLVED:- that (a) the Pay Policy Statement as set out in the appendix to the report be approved;
- (b) publication of the Pay Policy Statement on the Council's website as required by the Act be approved.

*At the request of the Mayor, the Deputy Leader of the Council undertook to provide a written response to Members regarding a query raised regarding national minimum wage rates.*

### **C99 Capital Programme: Future High Street Fund - Part Confidential**

Considered the part confidential report of the Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio.

Councillor R M Smith introduced the report and confirmed the criteria for spending said grant awarded to the Council. It was noted that this was an exciting project which would rejuvenate Stafford and make the town a destination of choice in the region. The Cabinet Member concluded his comments by highlighting paragraph 2 of the report and moving that the recommendations as set out be approved.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor F Beatty who continued by noting the size of the project at hand and confirming that details of the specific proposals would be released at the appropriate time.

Following a request to consider the confidential appendix to the report, the Mayor moved that the meeting move into Confidential Session. The proposal was seconded by Councillor C A Baron and duly carried.

### **C100 Exclusion of Press and Public**

- RESOLVED:- that pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting whilst the next following item of business be discussed, on the grounds that it includes the disclosure of exempt information of the type specified in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

*Recording of the meeting was suspended at this time.*

At the conclusion of the debate there were no dissenters to the recommendations as set out in the report, which on being put to the vote were declared to be unanimously carried.

- RESOLVED:- that
- (a) the sum of £19,748,000 be included in the Capital Programme in relation to the Future High Street Funds approved schemes;
  - (b) the schemes be funded from the FHSF grant allocation of £14,377,723 and the Council's Future High Streets Fund co-funding of £5,370,000 (of which £1,000,000 is an Affordable Housing commuted sum) subject to the full business case, as set out in the confidential appendix to the report;
  - (c) a supplementary revenue estimate of £150,000 be approved to enable further technical work to be undertaken to enable the schemes to progress through detailed planning / scheme design stage.

*Members of the Council passed on their thanks and congratulations to all who worked on bringing this major project to fruition.*

MAYOR