Stafford
BOROUGH COUNCIL

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23 November 2026

Dear Members

Council Meeting

I hereby give notice that a meeting of the Council will be held in the **Council Chamber, County Buildings, Martin Street, Stafford** on **Tuesday 1 December 2026 at 7.00pm** to deal with the business as set out on the agenda.



Tim Clegg
Chief Executive

COUNCIL MEETING - 1 DECEMBER 2026

Mayor, Councillor Mark Winnington

AGENDA

1 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 8 September 2026, as published on the Council's website.

2 Apologies for Absence

3 Declarations of Interest

4 Announcements (Paragraph 3.2(iii) of the Council Procedure Rules)

5 Public Question Time - Nil

6 Councillor Session

Councillor S N Spencer has submitted the following question in accordance with Paragraph 12.3(a) of the Council Procedure Rules:-

"One of the parish Councillors in my ward has developed an app to help document trees in the parish, but that can be rolled out elsewhere. The app documents, location, species, C02 absorption, ages (by measuring the girth, value to the local biodiversity etc).

It will aid communities, document local green spaces, value their trees, help update and create a index of the pattern of aged trees within the borough and also help to raise awareness for areas that may benefit from TPOs.

Will the Leader support this initiative and help to highlight this borough wide?"

7 Notice(s) of Motion

(i) A Notice of Motion pursuant to Paragraph 13.1 of the Council Procedure Rules has been proposed by Councillors A P Edgeller and A G Cooper as follows:

"The Closure of Chase Road, Cannock Chase:

The closure of this road will have a detrimental effect on many people's lives that live in Stafford Borough both from a business point of view and the enjoyment value that the Chase has to offer. That is why it has been brought to this Council's attention for debate.

Highways and Country Parks as we all know is the responsibility of the County Council, but when a decision has been made that effects the people we represent, we need to be sending a very strong message to both the County Council and the Cannock Chase SAC Partnership.

1. The consultation document gave no opportunity for people to say NO TO THE ROAD CLOSURE.

2. No thought has been given to the elderly and disabled people who visit the Chase just to sit and enjoy the tranquillity the Chase has to offer.

3. Our children who enjoy going to the Chase with their family for a picnic, remembering some of our children don't have a garden to play in.

Whilst we agree the Chase must be protected for future generations, the committee that made the decision to close the road know that there are other options to protect the Chase.

I ask the Leader of this Council to write to the Leader of the County Council, plus Cannock Chase SAC Partnership and anyone else that might have been involved in making the decision to close the road, to reconsider keeping the Chase Road open.

It is an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and should be able to be enjoyed by everyone, especially our people that live in Stafford Borough."

(ii) A Notice of Motion pursuant to Paragraph 13.1 of the Council Procedure Rules has been proposed by Councillors A N Pearce and D P Rouxel as follows:

"This Council deplores the increasing interference in the running of local authorities by Central Government.

The proposed reorganisation has been a shambles which has wasted much officer and member time.

The ability of local councillors to influence planning decisions has been severely reduced by the changes to planning legislation.

The instruction to certain council leaders, including our own, to end successful joint working with other councillors is totally undemocratic and against the best interests of local residents

We call on the Government to stop this interference and allow local councillors to make the right decisions for those that have elected them".

8 Recommendations Referred from Cabinet

Council is requested to consider the following recommendation from the Cabinet meeting held on 17 September 2026:

(i) Permission to Spend Local Authority Housing Fund 4 - Minute No CAB/26

"That:-

(a) the content of the report be noted;

(b) Cabinet give permission to spend the LAHF4 grant;

(c) Council incorporates the total funding amount of £675,000 into the capital programme for 2026/27".

Council is requested to consider the following recommendation from the Cabinet meeting held on 14 October 2026:

(i) Stafford Station Gateway Land Acquisition - Confidential - Minute No CAB32/26

"That the proposals of the Cabinet Member, Economic Development and Planning Portfolio, as set out in paragraph 2 of the confidential report be approved".

Council is requested to consider the following recommendations from the Cabinet meeting held on 12 November 2026:

(i) Building Safety Levy Implementation - Minute No CAB36/26

"That:-

(a) the new statutory duty placed on the local authority be noted and the delivery model set out in this report be endorsed;

(b) administering the Council's duties under the Building Safety Levy Regulations be delegated to the Head of Regulatory Services;

(c) Cabinet recommends that Council add £63,000 to the 2026-27 Capital programme. This capital funding along with a further £69,000 was provided by Government 'New Burdens' monies to fund the collection of this Levy".

(ii) Stafford Borough Statement of Community Involvement 2026 - Adoption - CAB37/26

"That (subject to the inclusion of the wording 'within the National Planning context' in paragraphs 1.2, 2.4, 3.11, 4.1, 4.4 and 4.7);

(a) the Stafford Borough Statement of Community Involvement 2026 - Adoption, as set out in the associated booklet to the item be approved for publication;

(b) the Head of Economic Development and Planning, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Planning, be authorised to make minor amendments to the Statement of Community Involvement 2026 if necessary prior to publication".

(iii) Stafford Borough Communication and Engagement Strategy 2026 - Adoption - CAB38/26

"That:-

(a) subject to Council agreement on 1 December 2026, the Stafford Borough Communication and Engagement Strategy 2026, as set out in the booklets to the item, be approved for adoption and publication;

(b) the Head of Economic Development and Planning, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Planning, be authorised to make minor amendments to the Stafford Borough Communication and Engagement Strategy 2026 if necessary prior to publication".

The accompanying reports for the above recommendations can be viewed on the Council's website:- www.staffordbc.gov.uk/cabinet

9 Any items referred from Scrutiny Committee(s) -

Chief Executive

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