

Councillor Mark Winnington (Mayor)

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

Councillors:

E L Carter	B McKeown
R P Cooke	A Nixon
A G Cooper	L Nixon
B M Cross	A N Pearce
A P Edgeller	J M Pert
P C Edgeller	J S Powell
I D Fordham	J P Read
A T A Godfrey	A F Reid
A D Hobbs	J T Rose
J Hood	D P Rouxel
F D J James	A J Sandiford
R A James	S N Spencer
P W Jones	J Thorley
R Kenney	

Officers in attendance:-

T Clegg	-	Chief Executive
I Curran	-	Head of Law and Governance
J Allen	-	Democratic Services Officer

C7 Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 May 2026 were agreed as a true and correct record.

C8 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K M Aspin, J A Barron, F Beatty, M G Dodson, P A Leason, A R McNaughton, D M McNaughton and G P K Pardesi.

C9 Announcements

The Mayor announced the sad passing of Councillor Angela Loughran and invited Members to join him for a minute's silence.

C10 Leaders Appointments to the Cabinet and Appointment of Deputy Leader of the Council

The Leader of the Council advised Members of the following Cabinet Member appointments:-

Councillor R Kenney - Deputy Leader (Town Centres Regeneration)

Councillor R P Cooke - Resources Portfolio

Councillor J Hood - Community Portfolio

Councillor G P K Pardesi - Leisure Portfolio

Councillor I D Fordham - Environment Portfolio

Councillor A F Reid - Economic Development and Planning Portfolio

Councillor A N Pearce - Climate Action and Nature Recovery

RESOLVED:- that the appointments made by the Leader of the Council be noted.

C11 Appointment of Committees and Allocation of Seats Thereto

The Leader of the Council proposed the appointments to the Committees and Working Groups for the 2026/27 Municipal Year as set out in the document as circulated, which were seconded by Councillor J M Pert.

On being put to the vote, the uncontested appointments were declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that the undermentioned Committees and Working Groups be established:-

RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (10 MEMBERS)

Councillors:	
J A Barron	E G R Jones
P C Edgeller	P A Leason
E L Carter	A R McNaughton
M G Dodson	A Nixon
R A James	J P Read

Chair - Councillor M G Dodson

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (10 MEMBERS)

Councillors:	
F Beatty	D M McNaughton
B M Cross	A Nixon
F D J James	M Phillips
P W Jones	J S Powell
B McKeown	D P Rouxel

Chair - Councillor F Beatty

COMMUNITY WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (10 MEMBERS)

Councillors:	
A P Edgeller	J A Nixon
A D Hobbs	L Nixon
E G R Jones	J S Powell
P A Leason	J T Rose
D M McNaughton	J Thorley

Chair - Councillor A P Edgeller

AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (6 MEMBERS)

Councillors:	
J A Barron	A R McNaughton
M G Dodson	A Nixon
R A James	D P Rouxel

Chair - Councillor R A James

LICENSING COMMITTEE (10 MEMBERS)

Councillors:	
K M Aspin	P A Leason
J A Barron	J A Nixon
A G Cooper	J P Read
A P Edgeller	J T Rose
F D J James	J Thorley

Chair - Councillor J A Barron

PLANNING COMMITTEE (11 MEMBERS)

Councillors:	
B M Cross P C Edgeller R A James P W Jones A D Hobbs J Hood	B McKeown A R McNaughton D M McNaughton A J Sandiford S N Spencer

Chair - Councillor B McKeown
Vice-Chair - Councillor S N Spencer

EMPLOYEE APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE (5 MEMBERS)

Councillors:	
J A Barron F D J James E G R Jones	A Nixon D P Rouxel

Chair - Councillor A Nixon

STANDARDS COMMITTEE (5 MEMBERS)

Councillors:	
A G Cooper A R McNaughton L Nixon	J T Rose A J Sandiford

Chair - Councillor A R McNaughton

JOINT APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (3 MEMBERS)

Councillors:	
R P Cooke A N Pearce	J M Pert

Chair - Councillor R P Cooke

WORKING GROUPS

MEMBERS FACILITIES GROUP (4 MEMBERS)

Councillors:	
A G Cooper I D Fordham	A D Hobbs D P Rouxel

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP (5 MEMBERS)

Councillors:	
F Beatty A D Hobbs D M McNaughton	J M Pert J S Powell

C12 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies and Organisations

The Leader of the Council proposed the appointment of representatives to Outside Bodies and Organisations for the 2026/27 Municipal Year as set out in the document as circulated, which were seconded by Councillor J M Pert.

On being put to the vote, the uncontested appointments were declared to be carried.

Organisation	Representative(s)
STRATEGIC	
Local Government Association - Annual Conference (Group Leaders)	A T A Godfrey, R Kenney, J M Pert, D P Rouxel
Stafford District Arts Council	J Hood, D P Rouxel
Staffordshire Sustainability Board	I D Fordham, A N Pearce
Regional Employers Organisation for Local Government in the West Midlands	R P Cooke
PRIORITY	
West Coast Rail - 250	E G R Jones, A F Reid
Staffordshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel	I D Fordham, A Nixon (sub)
Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Staffordshire County Council)	A P Edgeller

Organisation	Representative(s)
Corporate Parenting Panel	A D Hobbs
Cannock Chase National Landscape	A N Pearce
COMMUNITY	
Stafford United Charities Trustees	J A Barron, A N Pearce, J Thorley
Stafford Borough Horticultural Committee (Allotments)	F D J James, J Nixon, L Nixon, D P Rouxel
Stafford Borough Horticultural Show Committee	A Nixon
Best Kept Village Competition	J T Rose
Joint Playing Fields Committee (Barlaston)	E G R Jones
Sir Graham Balfour High School Management Liaison Group - Sports Facilities	A R McNaughton
Swynnerton Village Hall Management Committee	R A James
Cotes and Standon Community Centre Management Committee	P W Jones
Colwich and Haywood Community Association	B McKeown
Council of Management of Broad Eye Windmill (Stafford)	A N Pearce
Stafford Narrow Gauge Railway Society	Alderman M Smith
Walton (Stone) Community Centre - Management Committee	J S Powell
West Midlands Reserve Forces and Cadets Association	B M Cross
Mid-Staffordshire Bereavement Group - Bereavement and Loss Support Group	G P K Pardesi
Local Liaison Committee - Swynnerton ROF Site	R A James
Sow and Penk Drainage Board	F Beatty, F D J James, B McKeown, J P Read, S N Spencer, M J Winnington
Relate North Staffordshire and Stafford	D M McNaughton

Organisation	Representative(s)
Campaign to Protect Rural England (Staffordshire Branch)	A F Reid, S N Spencer
PLASMET (UK) LTD Site Liaison Committee	B McKeown

RESOLVED:- that the appointments set out above be made to Outside Bodies and Organisations for the 2026/27 Municipal year.

C13 Members Allowances: Access to Pension Scheme

Considered the report of the Head of Law and Governance.

Councillor R P Cooke introduced the report noting the detail as set out in paragraphs 1 to 5 before concluding his comments by recommending that the proposals as set out in paragraph 2 be approved.

This was seconded by Councillor A T A Godfrey.

RESOLVED:- that the Councils Members Allowance Scheme be updated to include the right for councillors to opt-in to the Local Government Pension Scheme.

C14 Appointment of Town Warden

The Leader of the Council proposed the appointment of Mrs Susan Savage as Town Warden for the ensuing year, which was duly seconded by Councillor J M Pert.

Members then voted on the proposal as set out, which was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that the appointment of Mrs Susan Savage as Town Warden for the ensuing year be confirmed.

MAYOR