

Councillor Jenny Barron (Mayor)

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

Councillors:

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

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 17 May 2025 were agreed as a true and correct record.

C8 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors F Beatty, M G Dodson, A R McNaughton, D M McNaughton, J M Pert and J S Powell.

C9 Announcements

The Mayor thanked Members for attending and supporting her at the Annual Council meeting on 17 May. She also thanked the staff for making it a memorable day.

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 2025/26 Municipal Year as set out in the document as circulated, which were seconded by Councillor R P Cooke.

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:	
K M Aspin	P A Leason
E L Carter	A Nixon
M G Dodson	J S Powell
R A James	J P Read
A M Loughran	M J Winnington

Chair - Councillor M J Winnington

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (10 MEMBERS)

Councillors:	
F Beatty B M Cross P C Edgeller P W Jones A M Loughran	B McKeown D M McNaughton F D J James J S Powell D P Rouxel

Chair - Councillor F Beatty

COMMUNITY WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (10 MEMBERS)

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

Chair - Councillor A P Edgeller

AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (6 MEMBERS)

Councillors:	
K M Aspin M G Dodson P A Leason	A M Loughran A R McNaughton D P Rouxel

Chair - Councillor M G Dodson

LICENSING COMMITTEE (10 MEMBERS)

Councillors:	
A G Cooper A P Edgeller P A Leason A M Loughran B McKeown	J A Nixon L Nixon J P Read J T Rose J Thorley

Chair - Councillor A M Loughran

PLANNING COMMITTEE (11 MEMBERS)

Councillors:	
B M Cross P C Edgeller R A James A D Hobbs J Hood R Kenney	A R McNaughton A Nixon M Phillips A J Sandiford S N Spencer

Chair - Councillor A Nixon
Vice-Chair - Councillor S N Spencer

EMPLOYEE APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE (5 MEMBERS)

Councillors:	
I D Fordham F D J James E G R Jones	A M Loughran D P Rouxel

Chair - Councillor A M Loughran

STANDARDS COMMITTEE (5 MEMBERS)

Councillors:	
P W Jones A R McNaughton J T Rose	A J Sandiford M J Winnington

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 G Cooper A D Hobbs	B McKeown D M McNaughton

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 2025/26 Municipal Year as set out in the document as circulated, which were seconded by Councillor R P Cooke.

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

Members then proceeded to vote on the contested appointments after which the Mayor duly declared the following results:-

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	A F Reid, M J Winnington
Staffordshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel	I D Fordham (sub), A M Loughran

Organisation	Representative(s)
Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Staffordshire County Council)	A P Edgeller
Corporate Parenting Panel	A D Hobbs
Cannock Chase National Landscape	A N Pearce
COMMUNITY	
Stafford United Charities Trustees	Delegate appointments to CEO in agreement with Group Leaders
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

Organisation	Representative(s)
Sow and Penk Drainage Board	F Beatty, A M Loughran, B McKeown, J P Read, S N Spencer, M J Winnington
Relate North Staffordshire and Stafford	D M McNaughton
Campaign to Protect Rural England (Staffordshire Branch)	A F Reid, S N Spencer
Stafford Sports College - Baseline Tennis - Tennis Centre Committee	A D Hobbs
PLASMET (UK) LTD Site Liaison Committee	B McKeown

RESOLVED:- that the appointments set out above be made to Outside Bodies and Organisations for the 2025/26 Municipal year.

C13 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 R Kenney.

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