

Councillor Jenny Barron (Mayor)

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

Councillors:

K M Aspin	P A Leason
E L Carter	A M Loughran
R P Cooke	B McKeown
A G Cooper	A R McNaughton
B M Cross	D M McNaughton
M G Dodson	A Nixon
A P Edgeller	L Nixon
P C Edgeller	G P K Pardesi
I D Fordham	A N Pearce
A T A Godfrey	J M Pert
A D Hobbs	J P Read
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

Officers in attendance:-

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

C29 Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 September 2025 were agreed as a true and correct record.

C30 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors F Beatty, J A Nixon, M Phillips, J S Powell and A F Reid

C31 Declarations of Interest

None received.

C32 Announcements

The Mayor held a Ladies Luncheon on Wednesday 15 October which raised over £400 for the charity appeal.

The Mayor attended a presentation of British Empire Medals by the Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire on Tuesday 21 October. The Mayor was honoured to attend along with the consort for the presentation of five British Empire Medals to residents of Staffordshire. Two of the recipients were from Stafford Borough in recognition of their hard work and volunteering.

The next Mayor's Charity event will be the Curry Evening on Tuesday 25 November. Invitations have been sent out.

Invitations have also been sent for the Gala Night of the Stafford Gatehouse pantomime.

The Leader, Councillor A T A Godfrey announced that the Stafford Borough run car parks will be free on the three Saturdays prior to Christmas in Stafford and Stone.

C33 Local Government Reorganisation

Councillor A T A Godfrey presented the report setting out the potential options for Local Government Reorganisation in Staffordshire and proposed a single unitary council for southern and mid Staffordshire.

Councillor Godfrey proposed that Option A be the preferred option, which would be taken to Cabinet for consideration on 18 November.

This was seconded by Councillor R P Cooke who reserved his right to speak.

Councillors shared their concerns regarding the impact on staff and thanked the staff that had been involved with KPMG with the work carried out so far.

It was noted that work is progressing for the potential creation of Stafford Town Council to preserve some legacies of the council.

RESOLVED:- that

- (a) the report be noted
- (b) Option A be recommended to Cabinet as the preferred option

MAYOR