

Chair - Councillor R Kenney – *Deputy Leader in the Chair*

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

Councillors:

R P Cooke	-	Resources Portfolio
J Hood	-	Community Portfolio
A N Pearce	-	Climate Action and Nature Recovery Portfolio

Officers in attendance:

T Clegg	-	Chief Executive
G Stott	-	Deputy Chief Executive – Place
J Aupers	-	Head of Business Support and Assurance
W Conaghan	-	Press and Communications Manager
J Dean	-	Democratic Services Officer

**CAB5 Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2026 as published on 22 May 2026 were agreed as a correct record.

**CAB6 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A T A Godfrey, I D Fordham, G P K Pardesi and A F Reid.

**CAB7 Councillor's Question Time**

Councillor D P Rouxel had submitted the following item in accordance with paragraph 2.9(b) of the Cabinet Procedure Rules:

“Can the Cabinet member for Economic Development and Planning confirm that any sitting tenants related to the land acquisition for the Stafford Station Gateway (agreed in minute CAB13 of the 7 July 2025) are being supported and kept informed of any relevant timelines by which they will have to vacate by Stafford Borough Council.”

Councillor Rouxel was not present at the meeting.

RESOLVED:- that a written response to the question be provided to Councillor Rouxel.

**CAB8 Climate Action Plans 2026/27**

Considered a report updating Members on the delivery of the 25/26 Climate Action plans, the agreed Climate Action plans for 26/27 as

approved by the Climate Action Board and seeking recognition of and support for the SBC Climate Action Plans.

The Cabinet Member, Climate Action and Nature Recovery Portfolio, introduced the report noting the detail as set out in paragraphs 1, 4, 5, 6 and the associated appendices.

Councillor Pearce concluded his comments recommending that the proposals as set out in paragraph 2 be approved.

The Cabinet subsequently voted on the recommendation, which was declared to be carried.

**RESOLVED:-** that the proposals of the Cabinet Member, Climate Action and Nature Recovery Portfolio be approved as follows:

- (a) the plans agreed by the Climate Action Board be noted;
- (b) it be noted that regular performance and delivery updates would be provided to Cabinet on 6 monthly reporting cycle as determined by the Head of Regulatory Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Climate Action and Nature Recovery.

## **CAB9 Public Spaces Protection Order Renewal**

Considered a report seeking approval to renew, and increase the scope, of the current Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in the Borough for a further three years for the purposes of reducing anti-social behaviour (ASB), in accordance with the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (the Act).

The Cabinet Member, Community Portfolio, introduced the report noting the detail as set out in paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 5 and the associated appendices.

Councillor Hood concluded her comments by recommending that the proposals as set out in paragraph 2 be approved.

Councillor A N Peace was pleased to note the flexible arrangements for the use of amplifiers for busking.

The Cabinet subsequently voted on the recommendation, which was declared to be carried.

**RESOLVED:-** that the proposals of the Cabinet Member, Community Portfolio be approved as follows:

- (a) the renewal of the existing PSPO for a three-year period, following a compliant consultation exercise, pursuant to s.72 of the Act;

- (b) the inclusion of a new prohibited activity relating to unauthorised incursions onto buildings/rooftops (as set out in paragraph 5.16 of the report), for a three-year period, following a compliant consultation exercise, pursuant to s.72 of the Act;
- (c) the inclusion of a new prohibited activity relating to face coverings (as set out in paragraph 5.17 of the report), for a three-year period, following a compliant consultation exercise, pursuant to s.72 of the Act;
- (d) the amendment of the current prohibited activity for busking with amplification (as set out in paragraph 5.13 of the report) to only include situations whereby such behaviours are causing a nuisance or disturbance;
- (e) additional restricted areas for dog exclusion areas (as set out in 5.8(iii) of the report), for a three-year period, following a compliant consultation exercise, pursuant to s.72 of the Act;
- (f) additional restricted areas for prohibited activities relating to loitering, and to remove the requirement for 5 people to be present for the offence to occur (as set out in 5.10 of the report), for a three-year period, following a compliant consultation exercise, pursuant to s.72 of the Act.

**CAB10 Proposed Direct Action on non-compliance with Section 215 Notices and High Hedge Remediation Notices and other Measures**

Considered a report seeking approval to take direct action to enforce action under Section 215 (S215) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and High Hedge Remediation Notices (HHRN) pursuant to Part 8 of the Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003 in order to secure compliance and resolve complaints.

The Deputy Leader, on behalf of the Cabinet Member, Economic Development and Planning Portfolio, introduced the report noting the detail as set out in paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 5 and the associated appendix.

Councillor Kenney concluded his comments by recommending that the proposals as set out in paragraph 2 be approved.

The Cabinet subsequently voted on the recommendation, which was declared to be carried.

**RESOLVED:-** that the proposals of the Cabinet Member, Economic Development and Planning Portfolio be approved as follows:

- (a) the use of direct action to address breaches of planning control through Section 215 or High Hedge Remediation Notices or other measures to secure necessary improvements and remediation;
- (b) the adoption of the Direct Action Protocol 2026;
- (c) the Head of Economic Development and Planning in liaison with the Portfolio Holder Economic Development and Planning be authorised to develop and implement process to inform the prioritisation of projects to benefit from direct action;
- (d) the Head of Economic Development and Planning and the Council's Section 151 Officer in liaison with the Portfolio Holder Regeneration and High Streets be authorised to approve funding towards priority projects requiring direct action.

**CAB11 End of Year Performance Report for 2025-26**

Considered a report advise Members on the progress in delivering the Council's priorities and performance at the end of 2025-26.

The Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio, introduced the report noting the detail as set out in paragraphs 1, 5 and the associated appendices.

Councillor Cooke concluded his comments by recommending that the proposals as set out in paragraph 2 be approved.

The Cabinet subsequently voted on the recommendation, which was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that the proposals of the Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio be approved as follows:

Progress made during 2025/26 in the delivery of the Council's priorities and performance as set out in the appendices to the report be noted.

**THIS REPORT IS NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN AND WILL BE REFERRED TO THE VARIOUS SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

**CAB12 Updated Strategic Risk Register**

Considered a report setting out details of the Council's Strategic Risk Register as at 1 April 2026.

The Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio, introduced the report noting the detail as set out in paragraphs 1, 3, 5 and the associated appendices.

Councillor Cooke concluded his comments by recommending that the proposals as set out in paragraph 2 be approved.

The Cabinet subsequently voted on the recommendation, which was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that the proposals of the Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio be approved as follows:

The Strategic Risk Register be approved and progress made in the identification and management of the strategic risks be noted.

**THIS REPORT IS NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN AND WILL BE REFERRED TO AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ON 25 JUNE 2026**

**CAB13 Governance Improvement Plan Progress Report for 2025-26**

Considered a report advising Members on the progress in the delivery of the Governance Improvement Plan at the end of 2025-26.

The Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio, introduced the report noting the detail as set out in paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 5 and the associated appendices.

Councillor Cooke concluded his comments by recommending that the proposals as set out in paragraph 2 be approved.

The Cabinet subsequently voted on the recommendation, which was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that the proposals of the Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio be approved as follows:

- (a) progress made in the delivery of the Governance Improvement Plan set out at appendix 1 of the report be noted;
- (b) the revised Governance Improvement Plan for 2026/27 set out at appendix 2 of the report, subject to any further additions arising from the Annual Governance Statement for 2025/26.

**THIS REPORT IS NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN AND WILL BE REFERRED TO AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ON 25 JUNE 2026**

**CAB14 Revenues and Benefits Collection Report - Quarter 4 - Part Confidential**

Considered a report informing Cabinet of the performance of the Revenues and Benefits Service as regards:

- the collection of Council Tax during the last quarter of the 2025-2026 financial year;
- the collection of Business Rates during the last quarter of the 2025-2026 financial year;
- the recovery of overpaid Housing Benefit during the last quarter of the 2025- 2026 financial year and;
- seeking approval to the write off of the arrears listed in the confidential appendix.

The Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio, introduced the report noting the detail as set out in paragraphs 1 to 7 together with the associated confidential appendix.

Councillor Cooke concluded his comments by thanking Officers of the Revenues and Benefits Team for their efforts in this area of work before recommending that the proposals as set out in paragraph 2 be approved.

Cabinet subsequently voted on the recommendation, which was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that the proposals of the Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio be approved as follows:

- (a) the information regarding collections be noted;
- (b) the arrears listed in the confidential appendix of the report be written off.

CHAIR