MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 6th JANUARY 2025

393. **PRESENT –** Councillors Mrs P. Upton (Mayor), Mrs K. Mills (Deputy Mayor), B. Charlesworth, C. Clark, P. Routledge, P. Keeling, D. Wilson, S. Ellis, P. Jackson, J Aberley, M. Staton, Miss Z. Routledge, and G. Bentley.

394. **APOLOGIES –** Councillors Mrs E. Whitehouse (Dispensation), Mrs V. O'Shea, M. Haines, Ms L. Wood Williams, Ms M. Wells, I. Plant, and Miss H. Birch.

395. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
None

396. **SECTION 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS**
None.

397. **STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE/SCC/SMDC/OTHER AUTHORITIES REPORT**
None.

398. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
None.

399. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2024**
Approved and confirmed as a correct record.

400. **REPORT OF THE FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 9th DECEMBER 2024**
All items on the report were accepted and approval was given to all items recommended by both Committee's.

401. **REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 16th DECEMBER 2024**
All items on the report were accepted and approval was given to all items recommended by the Committee.

402. **REPORT OF THE LEISURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 16th DECEMBER 2024**
All items on the report were accepted and approval was given to all items recommended by the Committee.

403. **REPORT OF THE FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE ON WEDNESDAY 18th DECEMBER 2024**
All items on the report were accepted and approval was given to all items recommended by the Committee.

404. **CO-OPTION PROCESS FOR VACANCY ON THE CHEADLE WEST WARD**
Councillors considered the expressions of interest for the vacancy, and Mr Alan Thomas was nominated and elected as the Co-opted Councillor for the Cheadle West Ward. Councillors Mrs K. Mills and S. Ellis proposed and seconded Mr Thomas.

405. COUNCIL BUDGET FOR 2025/26 – CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED BUDGET

Councillor M. Staton, Chair of the Finance & Resources Committee, provided a overview of the proposed budget for 2025/26, and explained how the Committee had worked towards a fair and comprehensive budget. Cllr G. Bentley raised the proposed budget allocation towards bunting, and asked if Council could consider why the bunting was failing in certain areas of the town. It was agreed to look at the fixtures for the bunting for 2025. Cllr Staton, Committee Member and the Deputy Clerk, Rachel Parker, were thanked for their work on the proposed budget, and Councillors approved it for the relevant period.

406. REPORT ON OUTSIDE BODIES

None.

407. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs P. Upton, wished Councillors a very happy New Year, and thanked Council for the support she had received during the Christmas period.

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408. REPORT OF THE STAFFING COMMITTEE ON MONDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2024

The minutes and the recommendations for this meeting were approved, including the transfer of responsibility for Lengthsman, Happy Pig and Community Reassurance contracts to Finance & Resources.

409. REPORT OF THE STAFFING COMMITTEE ON MONDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2024

The minutes and the recommendations for this meeting were approved.

There being no further business the meeting was brought to a close.

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