

Adjourned Council – 28 February 2024

Decision note

Item	Decision
1. Elect Person to Preside	Not applicable as the Mayor was in attendance.
2. Apologies	Councillors S. Hussain, P. Kaur, G. Flint, T. Wilson, B. Allen, A. Parkes, S. Elson, A. Underhill, R. Larden, B. Bains, S.J. Cooper, A. Nazir, F. Hassan, and A. Hussain.
3. Minutes	That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 January, 2024 be approved as a correct record subject to the following amends to committee seats:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Economy & Environment: Councillor Hicken to replace Councillor Cooper• Scrutiny Overview: Councillor Waters to replace Councillor Bains.
4. Declarations of interest	None.
5. Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985	There were no items in private session.
6. Mayor's announcements	Received.
7. Petitions	None.
8. Petition for a safer Chester Road at the Junctions with Stonnall Village.	Petition noted. Report to Cabinet in March regarding West Midlands Local Transport Plan Settlement and Transport Capital Programme 2024/25.
9. Questions	The questions from members were responded to.
10a. Pay policy statement and living wage 2024/25	1) That the Pay Policy Statement for 2024/2025 be approved; and 2) That the continuation of the living wage as detailed in the Pay Policy (section 6.5) and section 4.2, (option a) of the report (appended) be approved.

10b. Designation of Section 151 Officer	That the designation of the statutory post of Section 151 Officer be changed permanently to the Director of Finance, Corporate Performance and Procurement.
11. Corporate Budget Plan 2024/25 – 2027/28, incorporating the Capital Strategy and the Treasury Management and investment Strategy 2024/25	<p>Recommendations as set out in the report approved as set out in report:-</p> <p>Budget Recommendations</p>
12. Portfolio holder briefings	<p>The following portfolio holder gave a presentation and answered questions from members thereon: -</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. Deputy Leader and Resilient Communities – Councillor Perry:</p> <p>The following briefing to be presented to Council in April, 2024:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. Wellbeing, Leisure and Public Spaces – Councillor Flint</p>
13. Notice of Motion - Care leavers as a Protected Characteristic	<p>That Cabinet receive a report to determine whether Care Experience should be a protected characteristic to include the following recommendations: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognise that care experienced people are a group who are likely to face discrimination. • Recognise that Councils have a duty to put the needs of disadvantaged people at the heart of decision-making through co-production and collaboration. • Agree that future decisions, services and policies made and adopted by the Council should be assessed through Equality Impact Assessments to determine the impact of changes on people with care experience, alongside those who formally share a protected characteristic. • Agree that in the delivery of the Public Sector Equality Duty the Council will include care experience in the publication and review of Equality Objectives and the annual publication of information relating to people who share a protected characteristic in services and employment. • Agree that this Council will treat care experience as if it were a Protected Characteristic.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formally call upon all other bodies to treat care experience as a protected characteristic until such time as it may be introduced by legislation. • Commit to continue proactively seeking out and listening to the voices of care experienced people when developing new policies based on their views.
<p>14. Notice of Motion – Funding arrangements</p>	<p>That this Council resolves to write to the appropriate department/s of Central Government to inform them of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The Council’s grave concerns about the present funding arrangements and the threat to future sustainability. * This Council’s view that the present funding system is broken. * The Council’s view that there is a need for an urgent review of what councils do and how local services are paid for, including an overhaul of outdated and regressive council tax.