

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2024

PRESENT: Councillor L Swindlehurst (Chair)

Councillors J Aberley, C Atkins, P Barks, G Bentley, C Beswick, C Boone, C Brady, B Cawley, A Church, J Cox, M Deaville, M Durose, C Edwards, B Emery, E Fallows, K Flunder, J Garvey, M Gledhill, M Haines, A Hart, I Herdman, T Holmes, K Hoptroff, B Hughes, P Hughes, A Hulme, C Jebb, M Johnson, J Jones, J Kempster, L Malyon, N Moul, V O'Shea, A Parkes, D Pascall, I Plant, O Pointon, J Porter, D Price, D Proudlove, J Salt, D Shaw, C Smith, M Spooner, M Swindlehurst, G Taylor, E Wain, R Ward, P Wilkinson, C Wood, M Worthington and N Yates

APOLOGIES: Councillors K Mills, P Roberts and L Whitehouse

Prayers were offered by Reverend Nigel Irons.

41 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 6 December 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

42 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations were made:-

Agenda Item	Members Declaring Interest	Nature of Interest
Item 9 Checkley Parish Neighbourhood Plan - Referendum and Decision Statement	Cllr. K Flunder	Other Interest – Chair Checkley Neighbourhood Plan
Item 10 Biddulph Neighbourhood Plan and Neighbourhood Development Order	All Biddulph Town Councillors	Other Interest – Member of Biddulph Town Council

Agenda Item	Members Declaring Interest	Nature of Interest
Item 13.1 Support for Farmers and Local Produce	Cllr. P Hughes, Cllr. E Fallows & Cllr. C Beswick	Other Interest – family connections with the farming community
	Cllr. A Hulme	Other Interest – agriculture and food
	Cllr. P Barks	Other Interest – Vice-Chair of Ipstones Agricultural Society
	Cllr. L Maylon	Other Interest – Member of Ipstones Agricultural Society
Item 13.2 West Midlands Ambulance Service	Cllr. Porter	Other interest - employed by – Emergency Services – intended to leave the meeting
	Cllr. C Wood	Other interest – in receipt of fire service pension
	Cllr. M Haines	Other Interest – Trustee Churnet Valley Fist Responders
	Cllr. B Hughes	Other Interest – family member a paramedic

43 **CHAIRMAN'S OR LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE, IF ANY.**

The Leader provided an update on the recent Corporate Peer Challenge which had demonstrated considerable progress since the last review. A report would be issued in due course and the Council would develop an action plan to address any recommendations. The Peer team would re-visit the Council later during the year to monitor progress.

The Chairman of the Council referred to recent engagements which included a curry night in aid of charitable causes and attendance at Holocaust Memorial Day events at Cheshire East Council and St. Edward's Church, Leek.

44 **TO CONSIDER AND DEBATE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CABINET, OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANELS AND COMMITTEES, IF ANY.**

44a **CABINET - 2024/25 BUDGET & MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2024/25 TO 2027/28**

Councillors considered the proposed Budget for 2024/25, updated Medium-Term Financial Plan 2024/25 – 2027/28, Capital Strategy 2024/25, proposed Fees and Charges for 2024/25 and Procurement Forward Plan 2024/25.

As an **AMENDMENT** an alternative budget was also **PROPOSED** and **SECONDED** as detailed in a supplementary document.

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, councillors voted as follows:

Amendment - Alternative Budget

Those voting **FOR**:

Councillors Aberley, Bentley, Beswick, Cox, Deville, Durose, Edwards, Emery, Fallows, Flunder, Herdman, Holmes, B. Hughes, P Hughes, Hulme, Moulton, Pointon, Porter, Shaw, Wain, Ward and Worthington **(22)**

Those voting **AGAINST**:

Councillors Atkins, Barks, Boone, Brady, Cawley, Church, Garvey, Gledhill, Haines, Hart, Hoptroff, Jebb, Johnson, Jones, Kempster, Malyon, O'Shea, Parkes, Pascall, Plant, Price, Proudlove, Salt, Smith, Spooner, L, Swindlehurst, M. Swindlehurst, Taylor, Wilkinson, Wood and Yates **(31)**

ABSTENTIONS:

None

Therefore the **AMENDMENT** was declared **LOST**.

Substantive Motion

Those voting **FOR**:

Councillors Atkins, Barks, Bentley, Boone, Brady, Cawley, Church, Garvey, Gledhill, Haines, Hart, Hoptroff, Jebb, Johnson, Jones, Kempster, Malyon, O'Shea, Parkes, Pascall, Plant, Price, Proudlove, Salt, Smith, Spooner, L, Swindlehurst, M. Swindlehurst, Taylor, Wilkinson, Wood and Yates **(32)**

Those voting **AGAINST**:

Councillors Aberley, Beswick, Cox, Deville, Durose, Edwards, Emery, Fallows, Flunder, Herdman, Holmes, B. Hughes, P Hughes, Hulme, Moulton, Pointon, Porter, Shaw, Wain, Ward and Worthington **(21)**

ABSTENTIONS:

None

Therefore the **PROPOSAL** was **CARRIED**.

44b **CABINET - COUNCIL TAX SECOND HOME AND EMPTY PROPERTY PREMIUMS**

RESOLVED:

1. That the content of the report be noted and approve the following recommendations be approved.

2. The implementation of the premium of 100% for properties that have been empty for over one year (applied to properties over two years currently) from 1 April 2024.
3. The Implementation of the maximum premium of 100% for second homes from 1 April 2025 (this being the earliest that the new charge can apply, as legislation states that twelve months' notice is required to be given to existing owners of second homes).
4. Where premiums are to be applied, the Council is mindful of the current consultation by government, which recommends exceptions in certain circumstances outlined within this report. Subject to the outcome of that consultation, it is recommended that the Section 151 Officer be given delegated powers to implement the Council's policy on premiums in line with statute, the Council's requirements and any guidance given by the Secretary of State.

44c **AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE - TREASURY MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

RESOLVED:

That the Treasury Management position as at 31st December 2023 be noted.

45 **AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE - TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT (TMSS) 2024/25**

RESOLVED:

That the Annual Treasury Management Strategy Statement (TMSS) 2024/25 be approved.

46 **CHECKLEY PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - REFERENDUM AND DECISION STATEMENT**

RESOLVED:

1. That the Examiner's modifications in respect of the Checkley Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan as set out in the Examiner's report be accepted, and it be noted that the basic conditions as required by Paragraph 8 (2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) have been met and that a Decision Statement is published to confirm this.
2. Officers be authorised, in consultation with the Parish Council to make any minor editorial and presentational corrections to the text/images contained within the draft Neighbourhood Plan, where these changes do not affect the substance or meaning of the Neighbourhood Plan.
3. That the Examiner's recommendation that the Checkley Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan, as modified by recommendation b) should meet the basic conditions and should be submitted to a referendum in the Parish of Checkley be approved.

47 **BIDDULPH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AND NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT ORDER**

Council at its meeting on the 6th December 2023 resolved to delegate authority to make the Biddulph Neighbourhood Plan and Neighbourhood Development Order to the Executive Director (Place) in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Planning upon receipt of a positive vote at referendum.

Council also resolved that a report should be brought to Council on the 28th February 2024 confirming the results of the referendum and whether the Plan and Neighbourhood Development Order were 'made'. The referendum took place on 7th December 2023 and 1,338 people voted 'yes' and 190 voted 'no'.

RESOLVED:

That the information in this report be noted.

48 **PAY POLICY 2024/25**

RESOLVED:

That the Pay Policy Statement for 2024/25 be approved.

49 **SETTING OF THE COUNCIL TAX 2024/25**

RESOLVED:

That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council in accordance with Sections 31A and 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011):

- (a) £31,073,058 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (2) of the Act. (**Gross Expenditure on General Fund Services, Special District Expenses and Parish Precepts**)
- (b) £23,312,930 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act. (**Gross Income including External Financing and the Use of Reserves**)
- (c) £7,760,128 being the amount by which the aggregate at (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (b) above calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A (4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (**Amount to be Funded from Council Tax**)
- (d) £230.02 being the amount at (c) above divided by the tax base, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31 (B) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year. (**Average Local Council Tax**)
- (e) Appendix B being Council Tax for the SMDC District divided by the tax base plus the Parish Precept and any amounts of special items

relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area divided the local tax base. **(Band D Charges for each Parish)**

- (f) Appendix C being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at (e) above by the number which, in the proportion applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands **(Charges for all Bands)**
- (g) Appendix D being the aggregate of the local charges in (f) above and the amounts levied by major precepting authorities. **(Total Council Tax charge for each Band in each Parish)**

APPENDIX B

Local Council Tax at Band D – 2024/25

Parish	£
Alstonefield	223.94
Alton	199.63
Bagnall	198.62
Biddulph	245.12
Blore	183.83
Bradnop	179.30
Brown Edge	202.00
Butterton	223.31
Caverswall	189.27
Cheadle	257.25
Checkley	213.88
Cheddleton	204.30
Consall	189.65
Cotton	233.81
Dilhorne	190.57
Draycott	195.71
Endon	195.40
Farley	196.59
Fawfieldhead	211.27
Forsbrook	244.52
Grindon	197.65
Heathylee	178.94
Heaton	180.52
Hollinsclough	194.17
Horton	194.76
Ilam	187.07
Ipstones	214.41
Kingsley	198.75
Leek	251.46
Leekfrith	181.03
Longnor	213.28

Longsdon	185.64
Oakamoor	196.53
Onecote	202.90
Quarnford	190.02
Rushton	182.59
Sheen	193.02
Tittesworth	191.12
Warslow	257.19
Waterhouses	216.55
Werrington	224.60
Wetton	295.93
Whiston	198.75

APPENDIX C

Local Council Tax All Bands – 2024/25

Parish	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Alstonefield	149.29	174.17	199.06	223.94	273.71	323.47	373.23	447.88
Alton	133.08	155.27	177.45	199.63	243.99	288.36	332.71	399.26
Bagnall	132.41	154.48	176.55	198.62	242.76	286.90	331.03	397.24
Biddulph	163.41	190.64	217.88	245.12	299.60	354.07	408.53	490.24
Blore	122.55	142.98	163.40	183.83	224.68	265.54	306.38	367.66
Bradnop	119.53	139.45	159.38	179.30	219.15	258.99	298.83	358.60
Brown Edge	134.66	157.11	179.55	202.00	246.89	291.78	336.66	404.00
Butterton	148.87	173.68	198.50	223.31	272.94	322.56	372.18	446.62
Caverswall	126.18	147.21	168.24	189.27	231.33	273.39	315.45	378.54
Cheadle	171.50	200.08	228.67	257.25	314.42	371.59	428.75	514.50
Checkley	142.58	166.35	190.11	213.88	261.41	308.94	356.46	427.76
Cheddleton	136.20	158.90	181.60	204.30	249.70	295.10	340.50	408.60
Consall	126.43	147.50	168.58	189.65	231.80	273.94	316.08	379.30
Cotton	155.87	181.85	207.83	233.81	285.77	337.73	389.68	467.62
Dilhorne	127.04	148.22	169.39	190.57	232.92	275.27	317.61	381.14
Draycott	130.47	152.22	173.96	195.71	239.20	282.70	326.18	391.42
Endon	130.26	151.98	173.69	195.40	238.82	282.25	325.66	390.80
Farley	131.06	152.90	174.75	196.59	240.28	283.97	327.65	393.18
Fawfieldhead	140.84	164.32	187.79	211.27	258.22	305.17	352.11	422.54
Forsbrook	163.01	190.18	217.35	244.52	298.86	353.20	407.53	489.04
Grindon	131.76	153.73	175.69	197.65	241.57	285.50	329.41	395.30
Heathylee	119.29	139.17	159.06	178.94	218.71	258.47	298.23	357.88
Heaton	120.34	140.40	160.46	180.52	220.64	260.76	300.86	361.04
Hollinsclough	129.44	151.02	172.59	194.17	237.32	280.47	323.61	388.34
Horton	129.84	151.48	173.12	194.76	238.04	281.32	324.60	389.52
Ilam	124.71	145.50	166.28	187.07	228.64	270.22	311.78	374.14
Ipstones	142.94	166.76	190.59	214.41	262.06	309.71	357.35	428.82
Kingsley	132.50	154.58	176.67	198.75	242.92	287.09	331.25	397.50
Leek	167.63	195.58	223.51	251.46	307.34	363.22	419.09	502.92
Leekfrith	120.68	140.80	160.91	181.03	221.26	261.49	301.71	362.06
Longnor	142.18	165.88	189.58	213.28	260.68	308.08	355.46	426.56
Longsdon	123.76	144.38	165.01	185.64	226.90	268.15	309.40	371.28
Oakamoor	131.02	152.85	174.69	196.53	240.21	283.88	327.55	393.06

Parish	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Onecote	135.26	157.81	180.35	202.90	247.99	293.08	338.16	405.80
Quarnford	126.68	147.79	168.91	190.02	232.25	274.48	316.70	380.04
Rushton	121.72	142.01	162.30	182.59	223.17	263.75	304.31	365.18
Sheen	128.68	150.12	171.57	193.02	235.92	278.81	321.70	386.04
Tittesworth	127.41	148.65	169.88	191.12	233.59	276.07	318.53	382.24
Warslow	171.46	200.03	228.61	257.19	314.35	371.50	428.65	514.38
Waterhouses	144.36	168.43	192.49	216.55	264.67	312.80	360.91	433.10
Werrington	149.73	174.69	199.64	224.60	274.51	324.43	374.33	449.20
Wetton	197.28	230.17	263.05	295.93	361.69	427.46	493.21	591.86
Whiston	132.50	154.58	176.67	198.75	242.92	287.09	331.25	397.50

APPENDIX D

Total Council Tax – 2024/25

Parish	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Alstonefield	1,419.28	1,655.83	1,892.37	2,128.92	2,602.01	3,075.11	3,548.20	4,257.84
Alton	1,403.07	1,636.93	1,870.76	2,104.61	2,572.29	3,040.00	3,507.68	4,209.22
Bagnall	1,402.40	1,636.14	1,869.86	2,103.60	2,571.06	3,038.54	3,506.00	4,207.20
Biddulph	1,433.40	1,672.30	1,911.19	2,150.10	2,627.90	3,105.71	3,583.50	4,300.20
Blore	1,392.54	1,624.64	1,856.71	2,088.81	2,552.98	3,017.18	3,481.35	4,177.62
Bradnop	1,389.52	1,621.11	1,852.69	2,084.28	2,547.45	3,010.63	3,473.80	4,168.56
Brown Edge	1,404.65	1,638.77	1,872.86	2,106.98	2,575.19	3,043.42	3,511.63	4,213.96
Butterton	1,418.86	1,655.34	1,891.81	2,128.29	2,601.24	3,074.20	3,547.15	4,256.58
Caverswall	1,396.17	1,628.87	1,861.55	2,094.25	2,559.63	3,025.03	3,490.42	4,188.50
Cheadle	1,441.49	1,681.74	1,921.98	2,162.23	2,642.72	3,123.23	3,603.72	4,324.46
Checkley	1,412.57	1,648.01	1,883.42	2,118.86	2,589.71	3,060.58	3,531.43	4,237.72
Cheddleton	1,406.19	1,640.56	1,874.91	2,109.28	2,578.00	3,046.74	3,515.47	4,218.56
Consall	1,396.42	1,629.16	1,861.89	2,094.63	2,560.10	3,025.58	3,491.05	4,189.26
Cotton	1,425.86	1,663.51	1,901.14	2,138.79	2,614.07	3,089.37	3,564.65	4,277.58
Dilhorne	1,397.03	1,629.88	1,862.70	2,095.55	2,561.22	3,026.91	3,492.58	4,191.10
Draycott	1,400.46	1,633.88	1,867.27	2,100.69	2,567.50	3,034.34	3,501.15	4,201.38
Endon	1,400.25	1,633.64	1,867.00	2,100.38	2,567.12	3,033.89	3,500.63	4,200.76
Farley	1,401.05	1,634.56	1,868.06	2,101.57	2,568.58	3,035.61	3,502.62	4,203.14
Fawfieldhead	1,410.83	1,645.98	1,881.10	2,116.25	2,586.52	3,056.81	3,527.08	4,232.50
Forsbrook	1,433.00	1,671.84	1,910.66	2,149.50	2,627.16	3,104.84	3,582.50	4,299.00
Grindon	1,401.75	1,635.39	1,869.00	2,102.63	2,569.87	3,037.14	3,504.38	4,205.26
Heathylee	1,389.28	1,620.83	1,852.37	2,083.92	2,547.01	3,010.11	3,473.20	4,167.84
Heaton	1,390.33	1,622.06	1,853.77	2,085.50	2,548.94	3,012.40	3,475.83	4,171.00
Hollinsclough	1,399.43	1,632.68	1,865.90	2,099.15	2,565.62	3,032.11	3,498.58	4,198.30
Horton	1,399.83	1,633.14	1,866.43	2,099.74	2,566.34	3,032.96	3,499.57	4,199.48
Ilam	1,394.70	1,627.16	1,859.59	2,092.05	2,556.94	3,021.86	3,486.75	4,184.10
Ipstones	1,412.93	1,648.42	1,883.90	2,119.39	2,590.36	3,061.35	3,532.32	4,238.78
Kingsley	1,402.49	1,636.24	1,869.98	2,103.73	2,571.22	3,038.73	3,506.22	4,207.46
Leek	1,437.62	1,677.24	1,916.82	2,156.44	2,635.64	3,114.86	3,594.06	4,312.88
Leekfrith	1,390.67	1,622.46	1,854.22	2,086.01	2,549.56	3,013.13	3,476.68	4,172.02

Longnor	1,412.17	1,647.54	1,882.89	2,118.26	2,588.98	3,059.72	3,530.43	4,236.52
Longsdon	1,393.75	1,626.04	1,858.32	2,090.62	2,555.20	3,019.79	3,484.37	4,181.24
Oakamoor	1,401.01	1,634.51	1,868.00	2,101.51	2,568.51	3,035.52	3,502.52	4,203.02
Onecote	1,405.25	1,639.47	1,873.66	2,107.88	2,576.29	3,044.72	3,513.13	4,215.76
Quarnford	1,396.67	1,629.45	1,862.22	2,095.00	2,560.55	3,026.12	3,491.67	4,190.00
Rushton	1,391.71	1,623.67	1,855.61	2,087.57	2,551.47	3,015.39	3,479.28	4,175.14
Sheen	1,398.67	1,631.78	1,864.88	2,098.00	2,564.22	3,030.45	3,496.67	4,196.00
Tittesworth	1,397.40	1,630.31	1,863.19	2,096.10	2,561.89	3,027.71	3,493.50	4,192.20
Warslow	1,441.45	1,681.69	1,921.92	2,162.17	2,642.65	3,123.14	3,603.62	4,324.34
Waterhouses	1,414.35	1,650.09	1,885.80	2,121.53	2,592.97	3,064.44	3,535.88	4,243.06
Werrington	1,419.72	1,656.35	1,892.95	2,129.58	2,602.81	3,076.07	3,549.30	4,259.16
Wetton	1,467.27	1,711.83	1,956.36	2,200.91	2,689.99	3,179.10	3,668.18	4,401.82
Whiston	1,402.49	1,636.24	1,869.98	2,103.73	2,571.22	3,038.73	3,506.22	4,207.46

50 **NOTICES OF MOTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURE RULE NO. 8, IF ANY.**

51 **SUPPORT FOR FARMERS AND LOCAL PRODUCE - CLLR J PORTER**

Councillor J. Porter:

“Staffordshire Moorlands District Council recognises and notes the huge contribution made by our local farmers and growers to the local economy and its rural communities. Staffordshire Moorlands District Council commits to developing stronger partnerships with our arable, livestock, and dairy farmers to enhance our magnificent British countryside. The Council will strive to support farmers, by being sympathetic to diversification opportunities and promotion of local produce.

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council commits to supporting our local farmers and growers by, where possible, ensuring that all food provided at council organised events is sourced from local suppliers; to include meat, dairy, and plant-based produce.

With tackling climate change and restoring nature being key priorities for Staffordshire Moorlands District Council, we will consider ways to encourage residents, where possible, to shop locally, taking advantage of home-grown, affordable and nutritious food, both plant and meat based thus reducing food miles to our plates and boosting the local economy.”

With the agreement of Cllr Porter an **AMENDMENT** was **PROPOSED** and **SECONDED** that the Council would also support the farming community when developing planning strategies and neighbourhood plans.

Having been **PROPOSED** and **SECONDED**, upon being put to the vote, the **AMENDMENT** was **CARRIED**.

51a **WEST MIDLANDS AMBULANCE SERVICE - CLLR L MALYON**

Councillor L. Malyon:

“This Council finds the West Midlands Ambulance Service as it stands unacceptable for the Staffordshire Moorlands. This Council demands an independent review of the service. The residences of the Staffordshire Moorlands deserve the same reliable quality of service as people in the urban areas receive, meeting government targets for everyone in rural and urban areas.”

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Malyon that the Notice of Motion be **AMENDED** as follows:

“This Council finds the West Midlands Ambulance Service as it stands unacceptable for the Staffordshire Moorlands. This Council demands an independent review of the services given to the Staffordshire Moorlands. The residences of the Staffordshire Moorlands deserve the same reliable quality of service as people in the urban areas receive, meeting government targets for everyone in rural and urban areas.”

With the agreement of Cllr Malyon a **FURTHER AMENDMENT** was **PROPOSED** and to **SECONDED** that the Council writes to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to demand a public enquiry.

RESOLVED:

Having been **PROPOSED** and **SECONDED**, upon being put to the vote, the **AMENDMENT** was **CARRIED** unanimously in the terms set out above.

52 **TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10, IF ANY.**

1. Question to the Portfolio Holder for Services received from Councillor Porter

“Since May 2023, there has been a noticeable decline in recycling rates and standards under the Labour Administration, with missed bin collections becoming increasingly common and local residents and local councillors being left without updates. What steps will the Labour Administration take to restore the recycling rates to best in the country and will you commit to a date to get them back up to that level?”

Response:

“Full year recycling figures for 2023-24 will not be available until at least July 2024. However, we can confirm that the first two quarters performance for 2023-24 are higher than 2022-23 (published Waste Data Flow figures).

The targets and current performance for Staffordshire Moorlands Recycling rates are presented in the following table. Actual at Qtr 2 details that there has been a positive increase, exceeding target % at this point for the year (compared and positioned higher other English and West Midland Collection Authorities average).

SMDC Recycling Rates

YR	SM % Target	SM % Actual	Mean All English District LAs	Mean West Midlands LAs
21/22	57.5	54.5	44.39	42.82
22/23	57.0	53.2	43.18	41.90
23/24	57.5	58.6	-	-

24/25	58.0	-	-	-
25/26	59.0	-	-	-

The following Waste Data Flow tables compare both Qtr 1 and 2 for years 2022-23 and 2023-24. It should be noted that there has been an increase of 4.3% measuring from Qtr 1 (22-23) to Qtr 1 (23-24) over the 2 year period.

Q1 confirmed 2022/23 55.6%

Q1 confirmed 2023/24 59.9%

The cumulative position for 2023-24 is 58.6%

Waste Data Flow – Published Data

NI192: Percentage HH waste sent for Reuse, Recycling or Composting (Provisional)

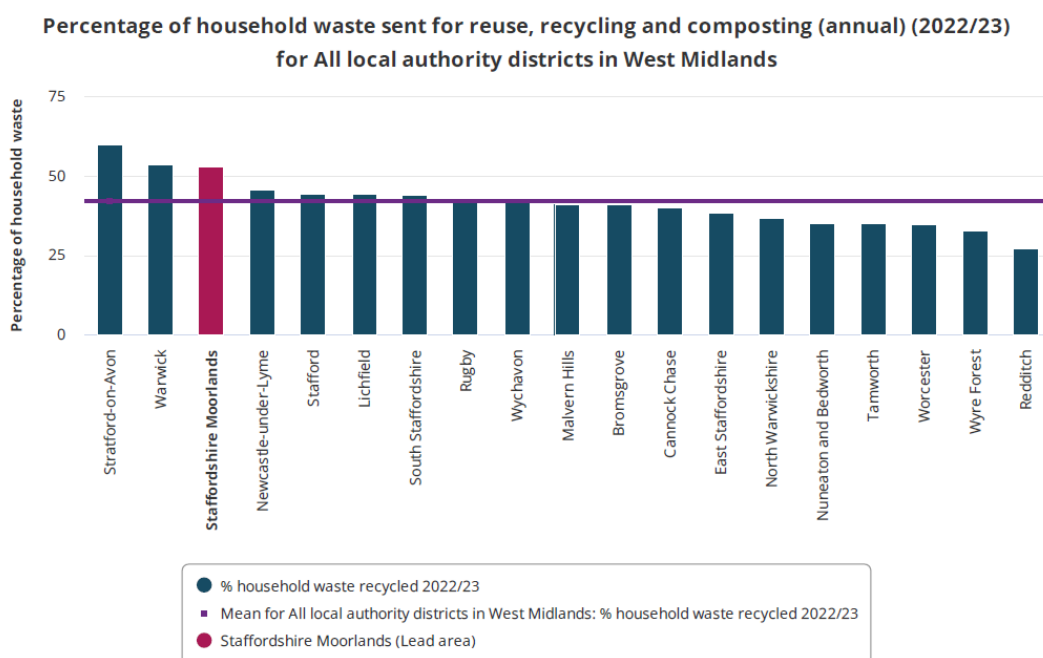
Staffordshire Moorlands DC 2022-23	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total For	
	2022/23	2022/23	2022/23	2022/23	2022/23	
HH waste sent for recycling, reuse or composting	5,551.33	5,471.78	4,660.38	3,900.28	19,583.77	tonnes
Total HH Waste Collected	9,991.49	9,539.78	8,893.67	8,367.85	36,792.79	tonnes
Reuse, Recycling and Composting Rate	55.6%	57.4%	52.4%	46.6%	53.2%	per cent

Staffordshire Moorlands DC 2023-24	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total For	
	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	
HH waste sent for recycling, reuse or composting	6,496.37	5,762.89	-	-	12,259.26	tonnes
Total HH Waste Collected	10,837.11	10,073.42	-	-	20,910.53	tonnes
Reuse, Recycling and Composting Rate	59.9%	57.2%	-	-	58.6%	per cent

Staffordshire Moorland's recycling performance for 2022-23 compared with wider West Midland Authorities Collection and recycling results are confirmed as the highest achieving recycling rates across West Midlands Authorities;

2022/23 West Midlands Authorities Recycling rates

Authority	Residual HH waste per HH (kg/household) (Ex NI191)	% HH waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting (Ex NI192)	Collected HH waste per person (kg) (Ex BVPI 84a)
Cannock Chase	488.7	40.1%	369.7
East Staffordshire	504.3	38.6%	362.4
Lichfield District	455.7	44.3%	369.1
Newcastle-under-Lyme	417.1	45.8%	362.0
South Staffordshire	468.6	43.9%	368.1
Stafford	449.4	44.6%	373.6
Staffordshire Moorlands	384.2	53.2%	383.1
Tamworth Borough	518.0	35.4%	351.0



Source:
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

The results for the remainder of 2023-24 will not be available until July 2024 and therefore unable to report Qtr 3 onwards in this response, however it is expected that based against current trajectory for Qtr 1 and 2, SMDC will maintain a strong lead position across the Staffordshire region.

2023-24 Staffordshire region recycling %

Authority	APR – JUN	JUL – SEP	OCT - DEC	JAN – MAR
Cannock Chase Council	49.7%	41.1%	-	-
East Staffordshire Borough Council	48.3%	46.3%	-	-
Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council	48.6%	49.3%	-	-
South Staffordshire	50.9%	48.5%	-	-

Council				
Stafford Borough Council	50.1%	48.5%	-	-
Staffordshire Moorlands District Council	59.9%	57.2%	-	-
Tamworth Borough Council	40.8%	42.6%	-	-

The Council is well within the target (threshold) for missed bin collections across the district.

Missed Bins SM Performance Indicator

YEAR	Per 100,000 properties	
	Target (threshold)	Actual
21/22	36.0	31.69
22/23	36.0	28.24
23/24 *	35.0	30.32

**YTD January 2024*

So far (YTD end of Jan 24) there have been 902 justified missed collections from over 2.97 million collections.

In comparison to 2022-23 measuring in parity to the current YTD position there were 840 missed collections. Which equates to an increase of 62 missed collections over the same period in current year from over 2.97 million collections.

We can compare current performance to other Staffordshire collection Authorities, for this example, the following table details the current collection rate position (2023-24 YTD) against South Staffordshire Council;

Authority	Collection rate %
South Staffordshire Council	99.7
Staffordshire Moorlands District Council	99.9

The in-cab system (installed in vehicles pre May 23) allows residents and customer services colleagues to have access to real time data, through the Council's website. Residents can check their bin's status using our online checking tool – [See why your bin has not been emptied - Staffordshire Moorlands District Council \(staffsmoorlands.gov.uk\)](https://staffsmoorlands.gov.uk)

If a resident's bin was put out before 6am, but it hasn't been emptied by the end of the day, you can see if there was an access issue affecting all or part of the street at the time AES were collecting. Completing this form will also tell residents if AES plan to return for the bin before their next scheduled bin day.

AES won't return to empty the bin before their next collection day if:

- The bin was not out for collection when AES visited your street.
- The wrong bin was presented.

- The bin contained items or materials we don't accept and has been stickered by AES crew.
- The bin was too heavy for the crew to move.
- The contents of your bin were stuck or frozen inside and didn't drop out when AES tipped the bin.

Additionally, news feed messages are still displayed on the Council's landing page for Bins if there has been any major disruption to the service.

The Council's communications team also uses various social media platforms for alerting and sharing information to residents and businesses and have an agreed Communications plan for scheduled campaigns agreed with Alliance Environmental Services Communications leads.

Members will appreciate it is not possible for our Commissioning Officer (Waste and Streets) to issue bespoke updates to all ward Councillors regarding waste collection services, which is why we encourage the use of the online tool/website previously referred to in this response."

In response to supplementary questions the Portfolio Holder confirmed that communications with regards to missed bins was displayed on the Council's website when required.

53 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC:**

RESOLVED:

That, pursuant to Section 100A(2) and (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings whereby it is likely that confidential information as defined in Section 100A (3) of the Act would be disclosed to the public in breach of the obligation of confidence or exempt information as defined in Section 100 I (1) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act would be disclosed to the public by virtue of the Paragraphs indicated.

54 **TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10, IF ANY.**

The Portfolio Holder for Services replied to a question with regards to the commercial letting of a Council property in Market Place, Leek.

The meeting closed at 9.13 pm

_____Chairman _____Date