

**A MEETING OF THE
BOROUGH OF TELFORD & WREKIN**

**Will be held at THE PLACE, LIMES WALK,
OAKENGATES, TELFORD, TF2 6EP
on THURSDAY, 25 JULY 2019
at 6.00 pm**

**All Members are summoned to attend for the transaction
of the under mentioned business**



Assistant Director Governance, Procurement & Commissioning

AGENDA

1. **Prayers**
2. **Apologies for Absence**
3. **Declarations of Interest**
4. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** (Pages 7 - 12)
To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Council.
5. **Leader's Report & Announcements**
The Leader of the Council may give an oral report on matters of significance to the Borough, comment upon the Cabinet decisions or make any announcements.

6. **Mayor's Announcements** (Pages 13 - 16)
To note the Mayoral Engagements undertaken since the previous Council meeting.

7. **Public Questions**
To receive any questions from the public which have been submitted under Council Procedure Rules 7.11 and 7.12. The session will last no more than 15 minutes with a maximum of 2 minutes allowed for each question and answer. Questions can be asked of the Leader and Cabinet Members.

- (a) The following question to Cllr David Wright, Cabinet Member for Housing, Transport and Infrastructure has been submitted by Gemma Everson:

With regard to the Shawbirch East site could the cabinet member for development clarify whether the extant planning permission granted by the Government for industrial development in 1991 can override any re-designation in the local plan?

- (b) The following question to Cllr David Wright, Cabinet Member for Housing, Transport and Infrastructure has been submitted by Darren Bailey:

Would the cabinet member for the development confirm that the Government agency, Homes England, is pursuing this Council, who is acting as its agent, to sell the Shawbirch East site for Development?

8. **Cabinet Decisions Made Since the Last Meeting of the Council** (Pages 17 - 20)
To receive the report on the Cabinet decisions made since publication of the last Council meeting agenda. Cabinet Members may speak on these decisions and Members may ask questions about key decisions of the relevant Cabinet Member for the purposes of clarification only. Members are asked to note the additional delegations to officers granted at those meetings.

9. **Recommendations from Cabinet**

CABINET - 30 MAY 2019

- 9.1 **Service & Financial Planning Report - 2018/19 Outturn and 2019/20 Update** (Pages 21 - 56)
Recommended that:-

- (a) the Revenue outturn position for 2018/19 and related virements in Appendix 3 of the report which is subject to audit by the Council's external auditors be approved;

- (b) the transfers to reserves and associated approval to the relevant Assistant Directors to spend the reserves detailed in section 5 of the report be approved;
- (c) the Capital outturn position and related supplementary estimates, re-phasing and virements shown in Appendix 4 of the report and as summarised in the report be approved;
- (d) that delegated authority be granted to the Assistant Director: Finance & HR to make any minor changes required as the outturn is finalised, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Commercial Services and the Economy;
- (e) the performance against income targets be noted; and
- (f) the key issues identified for 2019/20 be noted.

CABINET - 11 JULY 2019

- 9.2 **2019/20 Financial Management Report** (Pages 57 - 60)
Recommended that the changes to the capital programme in Appendix 1 of the report be approved.
- 9.3 **Telford & Wrekin Council 4 Year Strategy to Protect, Care and invest To Create a Better Borough** (Pages 61 - 100)
Recommended that the programme be approved.
- 10. **Recommendations from Boards and Committees**

BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE - 7 MARCH 2019

- 10.1 **Community Governance Review - Newport Town Council - Final Recommendations** (Pages 105 - 112)
Recommended that no change should be made to the Newport Town Council/Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote Parish Boundary.

AUDIT COMMITTEE - 30 MAY 2019

- 10.2 **2018/19 Anti-Fraud & Corruption Annual Report and updated policy 2019/20** (Pages 113 - 132)
Recommended that the updated Corporate Anti-Fraud & Corruption policy, attached as appendix 1 to the report, be agreed and adopted.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - 15 JULY 2019

- 10.3 **Senior & Statutory Functions & Allocations** (Pages 133 - 136)
Recommended –

- (a) That, with effect from 1 August 2019 the Director of Customer, Neighbourhood and Well-Being Services is designated Head of Paid Services and Council note that this arrangement will be reviewed by Council on 19 September 2019.
- (b) That with effect from 1 August 2019 the Monitoring Officer is appointed as the (Local) Returning Officer and Local Electoral Registration Officer and that Council note that this arrangement will be reviewed by Council on 19 September 2019.
- (c) That the Council's Constitution and Pay Policy be amended to reflect these interim arrangements.

11. **Review of Terms of Reference for Health and Wellbeing Board and Granting Delegated Authority to Chief Operating Officer**

(Pages 137 - 146)

Recommended –

- (a) That the Council approves the amendments to the Health and Wellbeing Board Terms of Reference as set out at Appendix 1.
- (b) That the Council authorises the Leader to grant delegation of those powers previously vested in the Managing Director and/or Head of Paid Service as set out in Appendix 2 to the Chief Operating Officer with immediate effect.

12. **Questions**

To answer questions received under Council Procedure Rule 6.2.

NB In accordance with the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 6.2.9 there will be a maximum of 30 minutes allowed for questions and answers. Any question not answered within the 30 minute time limit will receive a written reply within 5 working days.

13. **Notices of Motion**

- (a) Councillor Stephen Bentley will propose the following Motion:-

This Council notes with concern the recent Statement by the Member of Parliament for Shrewsbury and Atcham concerning a wish to see this Authority either merged with Shropshire or completely abolished.

This council completely opposes both of these scenarios and while recognising the benefits of joint working and

cooperation with Shropshire Council, we also recognise the importance of local accountability and democracy.

Consequently this Council collectively resolves to oppose any plans for abolition or merger by all and any means possible.

The Motion will be seconded by Councillor Eric Carter.

(b) Councillor Carolyn Healy will propose the following Motion:-

Part 1 - This Council resolves to declare a Climate Emergency and to:

- Make a commitment for the Council's operations and activities to be carbon neutral by 2030;
- Work with partners to identify and implement adaptation and mitigation measures to deal with the effects of the ongoing changes in climate;
- Collaborate and engage with residents, partners and businesses in Telford & Wrekin and at a regional and national level to achieve our aspiration for the borough to be carbon neutral by 2030 – making sure we take communities with us, protect employment and without impoverishing our most deprived communities;
- Measure our current carbon footprint as a baseline to enable us to report on progress;
- Set up a partnership to develop an action plan to move this declaration to delivery.

Part 2 - This Council resolves to support the Plastic Free Communities Campaign and to:

- Make a commitment to remove single-use plastics from the Council's operations and activities, replacing them with sustainable alternatives, by 2023;
- Continue to support national plastic-free campaigns such as Refill;
- Develop an action plan that sets out how the Council will reduce its own use of single-use plastic, and how the Council will encourage and promote plastic-free initiatives borough wide;
- Establish a Plastic Free Telford Community Group to help achieve our aspiration for the borough to become a certified Plastic Free Community.

This Council also resolves to:

- Call on this Government to provide the powers and resources to make both parts of this motion possible, and ask local MPs to do likewise;
- Ensure that the Council Plan and all Council reports consider their contribution to our commitments to becoming carbon neutral and plastic-free and identify the actions to be taken to address these issues;
- Report back to Council with a progress update on Plastic Free Telford in September 2019 and on Climate Change in January 2020.

The Motion will be seconded by Councillor Hilda Rhodes.

- (c) Councillor Stephen Bentley will propose the following Motion:-

The members of this Authority are united in their support of all residents aged 75 and above to have free TV Licenses irrespective of financial status.

The Motion will be seconded by Councillor Stephen Burrell.

FILMING, RECORDING & PHOTOGRAPHY

The Council supports the principle of transparency and encourages filming, recording and taking photographs at its meetings that are open to the public. It also welcomes the use of social networking websites (such as Twitter and Facebook) and micro-blogging to communicate with people about what is happening, as it happens.

There is no requirement to notify the Council in advance, but it should be noted that the Chairman of the meeting will have absolute discretion to terminate or suspend any of these activities if, in their opinion, continuing to do so would prejudice proceedings at the meeting. Full details of the Council's protocol on audio/visual recording and photography at meetings can be accessed via the following link:

http://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20243/council_meetings/365/filming_photography_recording_and_use_of_social_networking_at_meetings

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

At each Ordinary meeting of the Council a period of 15 minutes will be allocated for public questions. Questions can be asked of The Leader and Cabinet Members. Details of the protocol for public questions can be accessed via the following link:

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