

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

**Will be held at THE PLACE, LIMES WALK, OAKENGATES,  
TELFORD, TF2 6EP  
on THURSDAY, 23 JANUARY 2020  
at 6.00 pm**

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



**Assistant Director Governance, Procurement & Commissioning**

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**AGENDA**

1. **One Minute's Silence**  
The Mayor will call for a one minute silence in tribute to Councillor Liz Clare.
2. **Prayers**
3. **Apologies for Absence**
4. **Declarations of Interest**
5. **Minutes of the Previous Meetings**  
To confirm the minutes of the last meetings of the Council.

(Pages 7 - 14)

6. **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.
7. **Mayor's Announcements** (Pages 15 - 24)  
To note the Mayoral Engagements undertaken since the previous Council meeting.
8. **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.
- 8.1 **The following question has been submitted by Yvonne Hill**  
"I welcome the inclusion of taxi licensing in the terms of reference of the Independent Inquiry into CSE and also the Council's recent focus on cross border licensing. What help can local residents give to ensure that only drivers licensed by Telford & Wrekin Council operate within the borough?"
- 8.2 **The following question has been submitted by Carol Scott**  
"Can the council advise whether they are actively and constructively working to implement a concessionary travel scheme possibly linked to TLC card for 1950's women still affected by delayed state pension, therefore, no entitlement to bus pass or was the commitment to be a WASPI supporting council just empty words."
9. **Cabinet Decisions Made Since the Last Meeting of the Council** (Pages 25 - 26)  
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.
10. **Recommendations from Cabinet**

#### CABINET - 10 OCTOBER 2019

- 10.1 **2019/20 Financial Management Report** (Pages 27 - 30)  
Recommended that the changes to the capital programme detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.

The attached report is an amalgamated report covering items 10.1 and 10.2

## CABINET - 2 JANUARY 2020

- 10.2 **Financial Management 2019/20**  
Recommended that the changes to the capital programme detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.
- Please see item 10.1 for the amalgamated report covering items 10.1 and 10.2.
- 10.3 **Housing Investment Programme** (Pages 31 - 40)  
Recommended - that an extension to the Nuplace Loan Facilities Agreement of £5.0m be approved, the rate and terms to be delegated for approval to the Councils s151 officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Council Finance & Service Delivery
- 10.4 **Youth Justice Plan 2019/20** (Pages 41 - 72)  
Recommended - that the Youth Justice Plan 2019/20 be approved and endorsed and that the West Mercia Youth Justice Service responsibilities be noted.
- 10.5 **Council Tax Support Scheme 2020-2021** (Pages 73 - 108)  
Recommended that –
- (a) that the new Council Tax Reduction Scheme attached to the report at Appendix A be adopted for implementation from 1 April 2020; and
  - (b) the redesigned Council Tax Reduction Hardship Assistance Policy attached at Appendix B to the report be approved.
11. **Scrutiny Annual Report** (Pages 109 - 124)  
Councillor D R W White, Chair of the Scrutiny Management Board, will present the Annual Scrutiny Report.
12. **Setting of the Council Tax Base for 2020/21** (Pages 125 - 134)  
To receive the report of the Director: Finance & Human Resources (Statutory Chief Financial Officer).
13. **Recommendations from Boards and Committees**

## AUDIT COMMITTEE - 1 OCTOBER 2019

- 13.1 **Review of the Speak Up (Whistleblowing) Policy 2019** (Pages 135 - 142)  
Recommended - that members of the Audit Committee recommend that the Council adopts the updated Speak Up (Whistleblowing) Policy 2019.

**13.2 Scrutiny Structure**

At its meeting held on 12 November 2019, the Scrutiny Management Board Committee made the following recommendation to Council:-

That the revised scrutiny structure set out in this report and the Terms of Reference for the Scrutiny Committees attached at Appendix 1 be agreed.

**14. 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.**

**15. Notices of Motion**

**15.1 Councillor A J Eade will propose the following Motion:-**

“This Council supports the provision of a new hospital in between Telford and Shrewsbury and undertakes to send a fact finding Member/Officer delegation to Cramlington in Northumbria to review health service provision and best practice at that site.”

The Motion will be seconded by Councillor N A Dugmore.

**15.2 Councillor N A Dugmore will propose the following Motion:-**

“This council resolves to consider housing numbers currently planned for the Borough within the Local Plan review process.”

The Motion will be seconded by Councillor T J Nelson.

**15.3 Councillor A J Burford will propose the following Motion:-**

“Telford and Wrekin Council is firmly opposed to the decision of the Secretary of State to downgrade Accident & Emergency services at the Princess Royal Hospital and close the existing Women and Children’s Centre.

We note with concern that the cost of Future Fit has spiralled out of control to £498 million with every indication that this will go higher still. This astronomical increase in cost makes Future Fit uneconomical and unfair and flies in the face of the need for a balanced approach to investment across the whole system which can deliver a viable solution to the current crisis in our local NHS

This more balanced approach must include:

- a significant additional investment in accessible, local primary and secondary services across Telford and Wrekin and Shropshire which will reduce pressure on acute hospital services
- a rejection of the current plan to pour a large majority of the available capital into crumbling hospital infrastructure contrary to the spirit and intent of the NHS Long Term Plan
- a rapid feasibility study of the alternatives to the current proposal for acute reconfiguration to include both the option of a new site dedicated either to A&E alone or to all hospital services for Telford and Wrekin and Shropshire and the option of retaining full A&E provision at both sites including the retention of the Women and Children's Centre at PRH

In order to progress these alternatives, and in the absence of fresh thinking from local NHS leaders, we call upon Shropshire Council and all local MPs to meet with this Council administration to make an agreed case to the Secretary of State to instruct that the feasibility work outlined above is undertaken in partnership with the local authorities.”

The Motion will be seconded by Councillor S Davies.

### **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:

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### **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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