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A MEETING OF THE BOROUGH OF TELFORD & WREKIN

**Will be held at REMOTE MEETING
on THURSDAY, 16 JULY 2020
at 5.00 pm**

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



Associate Director: Policy & Governance

AGENDA

1. **Prayers and Reflections**
2. **Apologies for Absence**
3. **Declarations of Interest**
4. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** (Pages 7 - 10)
To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 11 - 14)
To note the Mayoral Engagements undertaken since the previous Council meeting.

QUESTIONS

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 Carolyn Healy, Cabinet Member for Visitor Economy, Historic and Natural Environment, and Climate Change has been submitted by Dave Ashdown:

SCPF invests in fossil fuel companies, BP, Shell & Black Rock asset management. I am very worried about climate future and carbon levels. T&WC shares this fund so will T&WC call on SCPF to divest?

- (b) The following question to Cllr Carolyn Healy, Cabinet Member for Visitor Economy, Historic and Natural Environment, and Climate Change has been submitted by Kevin Bundy:

According to SCPF Annual Review, I am a stakeholder in the fund. This means my council tax is financing companies that drive climate crisis. Is TWC comfortable with council tax funding climate crisis after declaring a climate emergency? Is this a financially & ethically sound position?

8. **Cabinet Decisions Made Since the Last Meeting of the Council** (Pages 15 - 16)

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. **Councillor Questions On Notice**

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.

DECISION-MAKING

10. Stronger Communities

(Pages 17 - 20)

11. Recommendations from Cabinet

CABINET - 18 JUNE 2020

11.1 Service & Financial Planning Report 2019/20 Outturn

(To Follow)

Recommended that

- (a) the Revenue outturn position for 2019/20 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 Director: Finance & HR to make any changes required as the outturn is finalised (including the calculation of section 31 grants), in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Council Finance and Governance;**
- (e) the performance against income targets be noted; and**
- (f) the 2020/21 Public Health Grant be approved and the 2020/21 budget strategy be updated accordingly**

CABINET - 9 JULY 2020

11.2 2020/21 Financial Monitoring Report
Recommended that:

(To Follow)

- a) Delegated authority be granted to the Director: Finance & HR, after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Council Finance & Governance, to make changes to the Service & Financial Planning Strategy to reflect Covid-19 grants received and any associated spend**
- b) the changes to the capital programme in Appendix 3 of the report be approved.**

12. Recommendations from Boards and Committees

Audit Committee - 14 July 2020

At its meeting held on 14 July 2020, the Audit Committee made the following recommendations to Council.

12.1 Review of the Audit Committee Terms of Reference (To Follow)

Recommended that the amended Terms of Reference be adopted.

12.2 Corporate Anti-Fraud & Corruption Policy - 2017/18 Annual Report and Policy Update (To Follow)

Recommended that the updated Corporate Anti-Fraud & Corruption policy be adopted.

DEBATE

13. Notices of Motion

13.1 Councillor Stephen Bentley will propose the following Motion:-

“This Council recognises the dedication and commitment of local NHS and Council staff during the current Covid Pandemic and also wishes to acknowledge and thank the many and varied selfless volunteers who have also given their time and support to our community in Telford & Wrekin”

The Motion will be seconded by Councillor Nigel Dugmore.

13.2 Councillor Tim Nelson will propose the following Motion:-

“This Council resolves for all political groups to join together to develop a community “*Think Green Think Local*” strategy for the Borough.”

The Motion will be seconded by Councillor Andrew Eade.

13.3 Councillor Nigel Dugmore will propose the following Motion:-

“This Council recognises the proposed overdevelopment and questionable site selection of the Labour Administration’s Local Development Plan and resolves to set up an all-party working group to ensure cross-party input and oversight during the current plan review.”

The Motion will be seconded by Councillor Andrew Eade.

FILMING, RECORDING & PHOTOGRAPHY

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social networking websites (such as Twitter and Facebook) and micro-blogging to communicate with people about what is happening, as it happens.

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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:

http://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20243/council_meetings/364/public_questions_at_council_meetings

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FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council held on Thursday, 21 May 2020 at 5.30 pm in Remote Meeting

Present: Councillors S Davies, N A Dugmore, A J Eade, A R H England, N A M England, R C Evans, I T W Fletcher, M B Hosken, T L B Janke, A S Jhavar, J E Lavery, A D McClements, R Mehta, K Middleton, T J Nelson, R A Overton, S J Reynolds, G C W Reynolds, H Rhodes, W L Tomlinson and D R W White

In Attendance: A Lowe (Associate Director: Policy & Governance) and D Sidaway (Chief Executive)

75 Declarations of Interest

None.

76 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2020 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

77 Announcements

Due to a technical issue, Councillor A Jhavar left the meeting during consideration of this item. His connection was not restored before the meeting closed.

The Leader expressed gratitude to the NHS, keyworkers and Council staff for their response to the Coronavirus pandemic and expressed sympathy to the families of local residents who had died. The Leader reflected on the cross-party work that had taken place to support the community and looked ahead to the lessons that needed to be learnt for the future.

Councillor A J Eade also reflected on the unprecedented situation and paid tribute to all those working to support the community. He reflected on the financial cost of the crisis and the need for the Council to do everything in its power to secure the future prosperity of the borough.

Similarly, Councillor W L Tomlinson expressed his thanks to keyworkers and Council staff and extended condolences to those bereaved during the pandemic.

In response, the Leader reflected on the scale of challenge that lay ahead as the Council sought to reform and reset.

78 Election of Mayor

It was moved by Councillor H Rhodes, seconded by Councillor K Middleton, that Councillor A Jhavar be elected as Mayor of the Council. Following a vote it was:

RESOLVED – that Councillor A Jhavar be elected as Mayor of the Council for the municipal year 2020/21.

79 Election of Speaker

It was moved by Councillor G C W Reynolds, seconded by Councillor J Lavery, that Councillor A R H England be elected as Speaker of the Council. A vote was taken and it was:

RESOLVED – that Councillor A R H England be elected as Speaker of the Council for the municipal year 2020/21.

80 Election of Deputy Speaker

It was moved by Councillor D R W White, seconded by Councillor A D McClements, that Councillor H Rhodes be elected as Deputy Speaker of the Council. A vote was taken and it was:

RESOLVED – that Councillor H Rhodes be elected as Deputy Speaker of the Council for the municipal year 2020/21.

81 Election of Deputy Mayor

It was moved by Councillor N A M England, seconded by Councillor R C Evans, that Councillor R Mehta be appointed as Deputy Mayor. A vote was taken and it was:

RESOLVED – that Councillor R Mehta be elected as Deputy Mayor of the Council for the municipal year 2020/21.

82 Confirmation of Designation of the Council's Monitoring Officer

The Associate Director: Policy & Governance left the meeting during consideration of this item. Mr I Ross, Deputy Monitoring Officer, attended as Legal Advisor.

The Leader presented the report of the Chief Executive which set out proposals to designate the Associate Director: Policy & Governance as the Council's Monitoring Officer with effect from 4 July 2020 following the restructure of the Senior Management Team and subsequent departure of the current Monitoring Officer.

Councillor S Davies proposed the recommendations contained in the report, seconded by Councillor R A Overton. On being put to the vote, it was:

RESOLVED – that the statutory role of Monitoring Officer is assigned to the post of Associate Director: Policy & Governance and that the current

post-holder, Ms A Lowe, is designated as the Council's Monitoring Officer with effect from 4 July 2020.

At the conclusion of this item, the Associate Director: Policy & Governance rejoined the meeting and the Deputy Monitoring Officer left.

83 Appointment of Cabinet

Councillor S Davies notified the meeting of Cabinet appointments.

RESOLVED – that the Membership of the Cabinet, as notified by Councillor S Davies, be appointed for the municipal year 2020/21 as set out in the Leader's report.

84 Delegation Scheme

Councillor R C Evans, Cabinet Member for Council Finance and Governance, proposed that Council approve the Council's delegation scheme as detailed in the Constitution.

RESOLVED – that the discharge of Council functions by Committees as set out in the Council's Constitution dated 5 March 2020 be approved under the provisions of Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972

85 Attendance at Meetings of the Authority

Councillor R C Evans presented the report of the Deputy Monitoring Officer which noted that due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, it was likely that there would be fewer meetings of the Council, limiting opportunities for Councillors to fulfil their duties under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Councillor Evans proposed and Councillor A D McClements seconded the recommendations set out in the report and it was

RESOLVED – that:

- (a) the reason for non-attendance as set out in paragraph 4.3 of the report be approved;
- (b) it be required that all Members who find themselves having to rely upon the reasons set out in the report, inform the Monitoring Officer when this occurs.
- (c) review of this matter take place by no later than the next Annual Council meeting.

86 Appointment of Committees and Boards for 2020/21

Proposals for the appointment of Committees, Commissions and Boards, etc in accordance with the political balance of the Council had been submitted.

RESOLVED – that the internal bodies for the municipal year 2020/21 (including the appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen) be appointed as set out in the report.

87 Programme of Ordinary Meetings of the Council

The programme of dates for ordinary meetings of the Council for 2020/21 would be as set out in the report.

The meeting ended at 6.08 pm

Chairman:

Date: Date Not Specified

MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS **24 February – 5 July 2020**

February	24	M	Learning Disability Stakeholder Engagement Launch at Addenbrooke House, Ironmasters Way, Telford
	25	M	St George's C.E Primary School Reading Challenge at St George's C.E Primary School, London Road, Telford
	27	M	Re-Opening of The Woolpack at Acorn Way, Shawbirch, Telford
	28	M	Opening of The Firefly at 5 Market Street Buildings, Oakengates, Telford
	29	M	Young Enterprise Shropshire Trade Fairs at Telford Shopping Centre
		M	The Knife Angel VIP Opening at Southwater Library, 3 rd Floor, Southwater One, Telford
March	04	M	High Sheriff of Shropshire Outstanding Young Citizen Awards Evening at Telford College, Haybridge Road, Wellington, Telford
	05	M	Annual Apprenticeship, Employment & Skills Show at The International Centre, St Quentin Gate, Telford
	06	M	Rifles Networking Breakfast at The Army Reserve Centre, Copthorne Road, Shrewsbury
		M	Telford & Wrekin Children's Services Ofsted Thank You Event at The International Centre, St Quentin Gate, Telford
	07	DM	Young Enterprise Shropshire Trade Fairs at Telford Shopping Centre
	08	M	Mayor of Whitchurch Civic Service at St Alkmund's Parish Church, Church Street, Whitchurch

- M** Hindu Cultural Resource Centre Telford Festival of Colours 'Holi Celebration' at Ketley Community Centre, Holyhead Road, Ketley, Telford
- 09 M** Fly a Flag for Commonwealth at Addenbrooke House, Ironmasters Way, Telford
- 10 M** Shropshire Schools' Sports & Athletics Association John Beswick International Awards Presentation at Shropshire Council, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury
- 11 M** Ercall Wood Academy Visit at Ercall Wood Academy, Golf Links Lane, Wellington, Telford
- 14 M** Mayor of Bridgnorth Civic Charity Ball at Ye Olde Punchbowl, Ludlow Road, Bridgnorth
- 16 DM** Knife Crime Campaign Lecture at University Centre, 3rd Floor, Southwater One, Telford
- 18 M** Citizenship Ceremony at Register Office, Wellington Civic & Leisure Centre, Telford
- M** Telford & Wrekin CVS Retirement Party at Liz Yates Conference Room, The Glebe Centre, Wellington, Telford

ENGAGEMENTS POSTPONED FROM 19 MARCH – 01 JUNE 2020

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| June | 04 | M | Virtual Introductory Meeting with High Sheriff of Shropshire via Microsoft Teams |
| | 12 | M | Virtual Meeting with Mercure Telford Centre Hotel via Microsoft Teams |
| | 15 | M | Virtual Introductory Meeting with Telford Mind via Microsoft Teams |
| | 19 | M | Armed Forces Day Flag Raising Photocall at Addenbrooke House, Ironmasters Way, Telford |

July	25	M	West Midlands Your Army Virtual Broadcast & Presentation via Zoom Conferencing
	01	DM	Kanshi TV Live Show Covid19 & BAME Community Interview via Telephone Conference
	03	M	Telford NHS Bake Off Photocall at Princess Royal Hospital, Apley, Telford
	05	M	Telford NHS Bake Off Cake Handover at Princess Royal Hospital, Apley, Telford

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TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

COUNCIL – 16 July 2020

MATTERS DETERMINED BY THE CABINET

REPORT OF CABINET – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report sets out those matters determined by the Cabinet at its meeting on 18 June 2020.

2.0 CABINET BUSINESS

Matters that have been determined by Cabinet are listed below:

	2.1	<u>18 June 2020</u>
K C	2.1.1	Service & Financial Planning Report – 2019/20 Outturn
K	2.1.2	Telford & Wrekin's Specialist & Supported Accommodation Strategy 2020-2025
K	2.1.3	Telford & Wrekin Consultation Draft Housing Strategy 2020-2025
NK	2.1.4	The Annual Governance Statement 2019/20
NK	2.1.5	Representation on Outside Bodies 2020-21
K	2.1.6	Local Growth Fund – Stronger Communities

Key

K	= Key Decisions
NK	= Non-Key Decisions
E	= Exempt Items
PE	= Part Exempt Item
C	= Council
PC	= Part Recommendation to Council

3.0 DELEGATION OF POWERS GRANTED BY THE CABINET

REPORT HEADING	DELEGATION GRANTED TO	DETAIL OF DELEGATION GRANTED
Telford & Wrekin's Specialist & Supported Accommodation Strategy 2020-2025	The Director for Housing, Employment & Infrastructure	To develop Supplementary Planning Guidance to support the implementation of the Strategy
LEGAL COMMENT FINANCIAL COMMENT LINKS WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES	As described in each report considered by Cabinet. Copies of all reports have been previously circulated to all Members of the Council.	

RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT EQUALITY & DIVERSITY WARD IMPLICATIONS	
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TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**COUNCIL - 16 JULY 2020****LOCAL GROWTH FUND - STRONGER COMMUNITIES****REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROSPERITY & INVESTMENT****LEAD CABINET MEMBER – CLLR DAVID WRIGHT, CABINET MEMBER FOR
ECONOMY, HOUSING, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE****PART A – SUMMARY REPORT****1.0 SUMMARY OF MAIN PROPSALS**

- 1.1 In November 2019, the Council were made aware of an anticipated underspend against the Local Growth Fund, administered by the Marches Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP).
- 1.2 In response to this the LEP launched an urgent call for eligible projects, involving a rigorous selection process including the submission of expressions of interest and full business cases within challenging timescales.
- 1.3 Timescales were driven by a requirement to spend the grant by end of March 2021 to avoid clawback by central government, with the identified projects needing to be delivered in their entirety, with associated outputs realised, by the end of March 2025.
- 1.4 The Council's Stronger Communities proposal, was approved for funding, subject to finalising the formal Funding Agreement, by the LEP Board on 24 March 2020.
- 1.5 On 18 June 2020, Cabinet endorsed a Strong Leader decision made on 30th April 2020. This included the use of £11.85m from the Regeneration and Investment Fund, approved by full Council on 5 March 2020, to deliver the programme and provide the match funding required for project delivery.
- 1.6 Alongside this, a draft Funding Agreement has been received from the LEP. Comments have been submitted and a final copy of the Funding agreement is now awaited. In preparation for this, the report seeks approval from full Council for the LEP funding, identified within the report, to be included within the Budget Strategy.

2.0	RECOMMENDATION
2.1	That Council approves the inclusion of the LEP funding as identified in this report within the Budget Strategy

3.0 SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

COMMUNITY IMPACT	Do these proposals contribute to specific Priority Plan objective(s)?	
	Yes	Regenerate those neighbourhoods in need and work to ensure that local people have access to suitable housing
	Will the proposals impact on specific groups of people?	
	Yes	In addition to meeting general housing need, the delivery of accessible and adaptable properties will increase the availability of high quality housing within the Borough for people with mobility issues.
TARGET COMPLETION/ DELIVERY DATE	Local Growth Fund grant needs to be expended by end March 2021 with projects delivered in their entirety by end March 2025.	
FINANCIAL / VALUE FOR MONEY IMPACT	Yes	<p>The total cost of the Stronger Communities Project is £19.45m.</p> <p>The Stronger Communities Grant bid totals £7m. This funding, allocated from Local Growth Funding, must be spent and defrayed by 31 March 2021.</p> <p>On 18 June 2020, Cabinet endorsed a Strong Leader decision made on 30th April 2020. This included the use of £11.85m from the Regeneration and Investment Fund, approved by full Council on 5 March 2020, and £0.6m from within approved budgets to deliver the programme and provide the match funding required for project delivery.</p> <p>This report seeks approval from full Council for the acceptance of the LEP Stronger Communities Grant and inclusion of this within the budget strategy.</p> <p>DR 30/6/20</p>
LEGAL ISSUES	Yes	<p>The Council has the necessary powers to undertake the activities identified in this report. Legal advice was provided in relation to the grant application. Ongoing legal advice will be provided in relation to all projects undertaken as part of the Stronger Communities programme.</p> <p>Legal representation is available to the Place Board and governance advice is provided, as appropriate.</p> <p>In the disposal of any land the Council has a statutory duty to obtain best consideration and must also follow any applicable procurement requirements when awarding any contracts.</p> <p>7/7/2020 AL</p>
OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES	Yes	<p>A comprehensive risk assessment has been undertaken as part of the preparation of the Full Business Case submission to the LEP. A risk register will be maintained and updated as the programme progresses and risks managed accordingly.</p> <p>The most significant risk relates to the Council's ability to progress each of the projects within a timeframe to allow the grant funding to be spent by end March 2021. However, robust programmes are in place to secure delivery and</p>

		<p>these will be monitored by the Place Board, which will provide governance in relation to the programme. The impact of the coronavirus shutdown may impact across the delivery of the LEP's whole programme and is anticipated to be subject to review with BEIS.</p> <p>The impact of the current coronavirus pandemic is significant across all our communities and businesses. The Stronger Communities Programme will provide a market stimulus supporting the continued delivery of new housing in key communities and the diversification of the Town Centre with the introduction of town centre living and rail connected employment opportunities.</p>
IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS	No	Investment is intended to have borough wide economic and regeneration benefits

PART B – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

4.0 INFORMATION

- 4.1 The Local Growth Fund (LGF) is government funding awarded to LEPs for projects that benefit the local area and economy. In November 2019 the Council were alerted by the Marches LEP to the fact that circa £27m of unspent LGF grant was available for redistribution to eligible projects that could commit to expenditure by end March 2021.
- 4.2 A Marches wide project call was announced with expressions of interest submitted to the LEP by 6th December 2019. Expressions of interest were required to outline the grant funding requirement, match funding element and outputs delivered as well as demonstrate a strategic fit with the Marches LEPs Strategic Economic Plan along with deliverability within the programme constraints.
- 4.3 Telford & Wrekin submitted three expressions of interest by the deadline. Following initial feedback from the LEP the three expressions of interest were refined into a single 'Stronger Communities' package, with an updated expression of interest submitted in mid-January 2020 seeking £7m of grant funding.
- 4.4 The package, as well as being closely aligned to objectives of the Marches SEP; to be an inclusive place that enables residents from all communities to thrive and develop, also directly reflect objectives set out in the Council's vision of 'Protect, Care and Invest to create a better borough'.
- The package is focused on bringing back key brownfield sites to use benefitting some of our most deprived wards, as well as providing a stimulus to the delivery of Station Quarter the next phase of the transformation of the Town Centre delivering circa 500 new homes across a range of tenures,
 - Circa 60 new jobs within the town centre, bringing good quality employment opportunities to the Borough.
 - The regeneration of 20.6 ha of brownfield land, bringing redundant land back into use.
- 4.6 In addition to the above, the proposals seek to support the delivery of the Council's carbon reduction targets, with developments looking to accommodate low carbon technology, including PVs and electric car charging points, whilst at the same time ensuring that opportunities for biodiversity enhancement are adopted wherever possible.
- 4.7 In order to realise these outcomes, grant funding will be used to:

- Purchase land currently in third party ownership, which will allow the Council to retain control over development and masterplan appropriately. A key site acquisition relates to the purchase of a 2.1 ha (5.02) acre site within the town centre, currently owned by a third party. The site lies at the heart of redevelopment plans for the ambitious Station Quarter. A purchase price has been negotiated for the site which reflects the strategic gateway location and site clearance works already carried out.
 - Deliver key infrastructure to development sites including highway access, infrastructure and utility upgrades.
 - Address abnormal development costs associated with the brownfield nature of the sites including demolition, site clearance, service disconnections, remediation and treatment of mineshafts.
 - Support viability associated with low land values
- 4.8 The programme approach incorporating a number of projects will ensure the delivery of positive outcomes to communities across the Borough and at the same time enable management of the grant and match funding flexibly, to ensure that the challenging delivery timescales are adhered to.
- 4.9 The Stronger Communities package was presented to the LEP Board on the 27 January 2020, alongside 17 other EOIs from the other Local Authorities within the LEP, as well as the private sector. The package was categorised as “low risk” meaning that based on an initial analysis of the EOI the package had the potential to spend Growth Deal funding within the stated timescales (31 March 2021) and deliver against Marches LEP priorities.
- 4.10 Of the 18 EOIs submitted, 11 projects with a grant requirement totalling £43m, were asked to proceed to Full Business Case Stage, with submissions required by 28 February 2020.
- 4.11 A Full Business Case for the Stronger Communities package was approved by the LEP Board on 24 March 2020 subject to finalising a Funding Agreement between TWC and Shropshire Council, as the Accountable Body for the LEP.
- 4.12 On 18 June 2020, Cabinet endorsed a Strong Leader decision made on 30th April 2020. This included the use of £11.85m from the Regeneration and Investment Fund, approved by full Council on 5 March 2020, to deliver the programme and provide the match funding required for project delivery.
- 4.13 Alongside this a draft Funding Agreement has been received from the LEP. Comments have been submitted and a final copy of the Funding agreement is now awaited. In preparation for this, the report seeks approval from full Council for the LEP funding, identified within the report, to be included within the Budget Strategy.

5.0 FINANCE

- 5.1 Delivery of the Stronger Communities programme will be in accordance with the project costs and expenditure profile detailed in the Strong Leader Decision.

Report prepared by:
Kate Callis, Housing Investment Programme Manager
Dawn Toy, Service Delivery Manager, Regeneration & Investment