

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

**Will be held at REMOTE MEETING
on THURSDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2020
at 6.00 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 - 14)
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 15 - 16)
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.

None received.

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. **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. **Recommendations from Cabinet**

CABINET - 24 SEPTEMBER 2020

10.1 **LGA Response & Recovery Panel** (Pages 21 - 32)

CABINET - 8 OCTOBER 2020

10.2 **Council Plan** (Pages 33 - 44)

CABINET - 5 NOVEMBER 2020

10.3 **Financial Management Report 2020/21** (Pages 45 - 50)

10.4 **Get Building Fund - Stronger Communities - New College, Wellington** (Pages 51 - 58)

10.5 **Housing Investment Programme - Business Case** (Pages 59 - 124)

11. **Recommendations from Boards and Committees**

Licensing Committee - 27 October 2020

At its meeting held on 27 October 2020, the Licensing Committee made the following recommendation to Council.

11.1 Statement of Licensing Policy

(Pages 125 -
146)

DEBATE

12. Notices of Motion

12.1 Councillor N A Dugmore will propose the following Motion:-

“This Council declares its support for the Government’s consideration of introducing Unitary Councils across the Country and notes the apparent potential for huge efficiency savings in doing so.”

“However, and in line with the past two Conservative Group Motions which received unanimous support across this Local Authority; this Council undertakes to oppose any move to merge Telford & Wrekin Council and Shropshire Council into one Unitary Authority”

The Motion will be seconded by Councillor A Lawrence.

12.2 Councillor P R Watling will propose the following Motion:-

‘Through this motion, as a Council we recognise the difficulties experienced by commonwealth veterans in receiving leave to remain in the UK when their service is complete, many are left with extortionate charges to remain here.

Through this motion we request the leader of the council to write on behalf of the Council to the Prime Minister, Kevin Forster the Minister of State for Immigration, and Johnny Mercer the Minister of State for Veterans Affairs outlining this councils support for

- All commonwealth veterans who have served a minimum of 4 years being granted automatic and free of charge right to remain in the UK and
- Any veteran who completes 12 years of service to be automatically be granted British Citizenship.

Further, we request the Leader of the Council to write to Lucy Allan MP and Mark Pritchard MP on behalf of this council, to ask that they press the government for a change in the legislation that affects those that have served diligently and honourably for this Country.’

The Motion will be seconded by Councillor C R Turley

12.3 Councillor T L B Janke will propose the following Motion:-

‘This Council notes:

- a) The ‘School Streets’ initiative aims to protect children from air pollution and road danger on the way to/from school, and a shift towards greener, more active forms of transport (which in turn

reduces carbon emissions).

b) This is achieved by closing streets next to schools to motor traffic at “school run” times. Children may get to school by walking, cycling, etc. Vehicles may park further away from school, and children and parents walk in. Exemptions exist for residents accessing properties.

c) School Streets are growing fast: London has gone from 81 to 383 School Streets since April.

d) In 2019, this council resolved to become carbon neutral by 2030.

e) This council has announced a £2.6m investment into sustainable travel measures.

f) Further information regarding School Streets can be found via this useful video of a successful scheme introduced in Hackney Council area. <https://youtu.be/dlyLZ3IT6jU>

This Council resolves to work collaboratively with councillors, schools, and local partners to:

a) Swiftly identify schools in the Borough that could benefit from a ‘School Streets’ scheme.

b) Following consultation, implement ‘School Streets’ at these schools as soon as possible, taking advantage of experimental traffic orders and statutory guidance over fast-tracked TROs.

c) Look to improve cycling and walking infrastructure where necessary, so such schemes are safely and practically accessible.

d) Introduce measures to promote walking and cycling in schools not suitable for ‘School Streets’.

The motion will be seconded by Councillor W L Tomlinson.

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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