

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

**Will be held at THE PLACE, LIMES WALK, OAKENGATES, TELFORD,
TF2 6EP
on THURSDAY, 22 JULY 2021
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 - 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 - 12)

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 13 - 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. **Recommendations from Cabinet**

CABINET - 10 JUNE 2021

10.1 **2020/21 Financial Outturn Report** (Pages 17 - 54)

Recommended that:

(i) - the Revenue outturn position for 2020/21, which remains subject to audit by the Council's external auditors, and related virements in Appendix 3 of the report be approved

- the transfers and changes to reserves and associated approval to the relevant members of the Senior Management Team (as determined by the Chief Executive) and after consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member to spend the reserves detailed in section 5 and Appendix 5 of the report be

approved.

(ii) To approve the Capital outturn position and related supplementary estimates, re-phasing and virements shown in Appendix 4 and as summarised in the report

(iii) To grant delegated authority to the Director: Finance & HR to make any changes required as the outturn is finalised, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Council Finance & Governance

(iv) To note the performance against income targets

(v) To approve the 2021/22 Public Health Grant and update the 2021/22 budget strategy accordingly

CABINET - 8 JULY 2021

- 10.2 **2021/22 Financial Monitoring** (Pages 55 - 58)
Recommended that the changes to the capital programme detailed in Appendix 1 of the report be approved.

11. **Recommendations from Boards and Committees**

Scrutiny Management Board - 23 June 2021

At its meeting held on 23 June 2021, the Scrutiny Management Board recommended the attached report to Full Council.

- 11.1 **Annual Scrutiny Update** (To Follow)
BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE - 8 JULY 2021

- 11.2 **Response to review of Parliamentary Boundaries** (Pages 59 - 68)
Recommended that:

- a) Considers the comments made by the Boundary Review Committee in respect of a proposed response to the Boundary Commission for England regarding the proposals arising out of the Parliamentary Boundary Review; and
- b) Delegated authority be granted to the Associate Director: Policy & Governance, in consultation with the Chair of the Boundary Review Committee, to finalise the wording of the draft response.

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT STEERING GROUP - 12 JULY 2021

- 11.3 **Adoption of Member Development and Support Strategy** (Pages 69 - 82)
Recommended that Council approves the Member Development and Support Strategy as attached at Appendix A to the report, to be adopted with immediate effect.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE - 13 JULY 2021

11.4 **Code of Conduct**

(Pages 83 - 106)

Recommended that Council approves the Code of Conduct as attached at Appendix A of the report to be adopted with immediate effect.

DEBATE

12. **Notices of Motion**

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

“Council resolves to:

- Ask the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Transport requesting that the Government’s response to the ‘Pavement Parking: Options for Change’ consultation now be published as promised over 3 months ago.
- Ask the relevant officer to conduct a survey amongst the elected members of this Council asking members to identify streets within their ward where nuisance pavement parking occurs.
- Ask the relevant Cabinet Member to bring to a future meeting of this Council a report with the findings of this survey and details of the enforcement action that this Council proposes to take, taking account of any new powers the Government promises to make available to local authorities in their published response to the consultation.”

The Motion will be seconded by Councillor W L Tomlinson.

12.2 **Councillor A McClements will propose the following Motion:-**

“This Council joins the growing opposition against phasing out of the £20 uplift in Universal Credit in September and calls on the Government for the uplift to remain in place permanently. This funding has been a life saver for many families during the pandemic, many of whom are in work or want to be in work. The Government’s plans to cut Universal Credit will hit the lowest paid hardest and hurt our economic recovery. Over six million families, which include 6,205 families in Telford & Wrekin, are set to lose £1,000 a year, with 16 of our 29 wards in Telford and Wrekin seeing an over 100% increase in claimants from March 2020, whilst out of work support has been left at its lowest level in decades.”

The Motion will be seconded by Councillor K Middleton.

12.3 **Councillor D Wright will propose the following Motion:-**

“This Council believes that local democracy should be at the heart of the planning system which includes the rights of communities to

object to individual planning applications.

The Government already exercise major control over local planning matters, often overturning locally made decisions on appeal. We are therefore concerned that these new proposals announced by the Government in the Queen's Speech aim to change both the current and strategic approach to the planning system.

This Council believes that the Government reforms will lead to a further loss of local control and will give local residents less opportunity to actively participate in and directly influence the planning process. The planning reforms will lead to remote, standardised and formula based decision making led from Whitehall and in that context this Council calls on the government to abandon its existing proposals and ensure that the principle of local decision making is restored to the whole planning process".

The Motion will be seconded by Councillor C F Smith.

12.4 Councillor E Callear will propose the following Motion:-

"This Council wishes to again put on record our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all of our frontline key workers from doctors, nurses, the armed services, carers, teachers, police, council staff, including all our volunteers across Telford and Wrekin and so many, many more local heroes who have worked tirelessly on the frontline to care for all our residents during the pandemic. They have and continue to be truly inspirational and we have been humbled by the selflessness and dedication during these unprecedented and challenging times for our borough – thank you to each and every one of them! This Council also recognises the incredible achievement of our England Football team. Their leadership, determination, generosity and performance has brought our community together after one of the most difficult years our country has faced in peacetime."

The Motion will be seconded by Councillor G Offland.

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

"This Council supports retaining the name 'The Wrekin' following any review of the current Parliamentary constituency."

The Motion will be seconded by Councillor S Bentley.

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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