

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

**Will be held at THE PLACE, LIMES WALK, OAKENGATES, TELFORD,
TF2 6EP
on THURSDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 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 5 - 14)
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 15 - 20)
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.

- 7.1 **The following question has been submitted by Kate Barnes**
“In a mailshot from the council on 13th September, £2 million was pledged to parks. On behalf of the residents of Aqueduct Ward, can we ask how this funding will be allocated across the borough for play-parks and can the cabinet member ensure that the right allocation is rewarded to the Dawley Hamlets' play parks so they reach the standard of others across the borough?”

8. **Cabinet Decisions Made Since the Last Meeting of the Council** (Pages 21 - 24)
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 - 4 NOVEMBER 2021

- 9.1 **2021/22 Financial Monitoring** (Pages 25 - 28)
10. **Recommendations from Boards and Committees**

AUDIT COMMITTEE - 28 SEPTEMBER 2021

- 10.1 **Appointment of External Auditors for April 2023 Onwards** (Pages 29 - 34)
At its meeting held on 28 September 2021, the Audit Committee made the following recommendation to Council:
- a) the information and options available as set out in section 4 of the report be noted;
 - b) that the Council use option 3, the national Sector Led Body (SLB) appointed by the Government – Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd to undertake the procurement;
 - c) full Council the approve the proposal to opt into the PSAA for the purpose of appointing External Auditors for the audit of the financial years 2023/24 onwards;
 - d) delegated authority should be granted to the Chief Finance

Officer (or their delegated officer) to take all appropriate actions to opt into the PSAA procurement process and engages with the PSAA to inform their specifications and proposed supplier; and

e) delegated authority should be granted to the Associate Director: Policy & Governance (or their delegated officer) to take all actions needed to enter into all necessary legal documentation required to give effect to this decision.

LICENSING COMMITTEE - 12 OCTOBER 2021

10.2 **Gambling Act 2005 – Statement of Licensing Principles**

(Pages 35 - 50)

At its meeting held on 12 October 2021, the Licensing Committee made the following recommendation to Council:

the Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy for the Gambling Act 2005 be presented to Full Council for approval on 18th November 2021.

11. **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.

12. **Notices of Motion**

12.1 **Councillor S Davies will propose the following Motion :-**

“This Council notes, with grave concern, the intense pressure that our local hospital is under and this will be compounded by a difficult winter ahead for the NHS. The recent stories of ambulances queuing outside our A&E at PRH for hours with patients desperate to be treated or waiting for ambulances to arrive is unacceptable. Our NHS staff are working flat out, feeling demoralised and exhausted. Shropshire Future Fit hospital shakeup remains not fit for purpose, with escalating costs now pitched at £533million from its original budget of £312m. Never has it been more apparent that Telford needs to keep a 24/7 A&E Service and a fully functioning Women’s and Children’s Centre.

“It is clear that our NHS is in crisis both locally and nationally. It cannot go on and this Council therefore requests an urgent meeting with the new Secretary of State for Health & Social Care, Savid Javid and calls on him to intervene urgently to ensure our PRH retains its much needed 24/7 A&E and Women’s & Children’s Centre.”

The Motion will be seconded by Councillor R A Overton.

- 12.2 **Councillor N A Dugmore will propose the following motion :-**
“This Council strongly advises all residents to listen to the advice of medical experts and take the opportunity of a COVID 19 and flu vaccination both for the protection of themselves, friends and families and also to reduce the risk of transmission of the viruses.

We also urge our NHS leaders to work with this Authority to provide more walk-in vaccination centres in order to reduce waiting times to administer more vaccinations which we consider to be essential in protecting frontline medical provision.”

The Motion will be seconded by Councillor S Bentley.

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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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