

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

**Will be held at THE PLACE, LIMES WALK, OAKENGATES, TELFORD,  
TF2 6EP  
on THURSDAY, 3 MARCH 2022  
at 6.00 pm**

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



**Associate Director: Policy & Governance**

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**AGENDA**

1. **Prayers and Reflections**
2. **Apologies for Absence**
3. **Declarations of Interest**
4. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** (Pages 5 - 12)  
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 13 - 14)  
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.
8. **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.**
9. **Cabinet Decisions Made Since the Last Meeting of the Council** (Pages 15 - 18)  
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. **Council Plan 2022/23 to 2025/26** (Pages 19 - 32)
11. **Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022/23 to 2025/26** (Pages 33 - 338)
12. **Formal Council Tax Resolutions 2022/23** (To Follow)
13. **Intermission**
14. **Recommendations from Boards and Committees**

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE - 25 JANUARY 2022

At its meeting held on 25 January 2022, the Audit Committee made the following recommendation to Council.

##### 14.1 **2021/22 Treasury Update Report and 2022/23 Treasury Management Strategy**

That full Council approve the Treasury Strategy, including the Annual Investment Strategy for 2022/23 together with the associated Treasury Prudential Indicators, sources of borrowing and the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement, which will apply from 2021/22 onwards.

***Please note the relevant report can be found at Page 269 in this agenda pack.***

## COUNCIL CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE - 17 FEBRUARY 2022

At its meeting held on 17 February 2022, the Council Constitution Committee made the following recommendation to Council.

### 14.2 **Revised Constitution**

(Pages 339 -  
498)

That the Committee approves the Draft Constitution at Appendix 1 [of the associated report]; and recommends that full Council adopts the new Draft Constitution.

### 15. **Notices of Motion**

#### 15.1 **Councillor R A Overton will propose the following Motion:-**

“This Council is deeply concerned about the cost of living crisis, which is having a devastating impact on household budgets across Telford and Wrekin – with every sign that things will only get worse.

This Council condemns the Conservative government’s lack of action to support families and households across our Borough, instead, being focused on defending the alleged law breaking in Downing Street.

This Council believes that this government have continued to fail our residents by:

- Scrapping the £20 uplift for those on universal credit
- Increasing National Insurance by 10%
- Freezing personal tax allowances – which will see more people pay more income tax than ever before
- Introducing a forced loan to every household energy bill rather than provide real support via an energy windfall tax

Whilst energy and tax bills will increase for the typical family to over £1,000 per annum, a £150 ‘rebate’ is simply just a ‘drop in the ocean’ whilst this government writes off £4bn of fraud.

We therefore call on the Government and our Telford and The Wrekin MPs to do more to help households rather than letting off fraudsters and defending rule breaking in Downing Street”

The Motion will be seconded by Councillor G C W Reynolds.

#### 15.2 **Councillor S Davies will propose the following Motion:-**

“Telford and Wrekin Council reaffirms its strong objection to any merger with Shropshire Council and opposes the Government’s proposal of an elected Mayor for Shropshire. There are no circumstances where a merger or an elected Mayor of Shropshire is in the best interests of our residents of Telford and Wrekin

On behalf of our residents we will not consent to such a move. A Telford and Wrekin Council, under a Labour administration, is on the side of our residents and there are no circumstances where such a merger or an elected Mayor of Shropshire is acceptable for our residents.

Telford and Wrekin Council will continue to put Telford and Wrekin first. "

The motion will be seconded by Councillor E M Callear.

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

"This Council notes with concern the inadequate policies within Telford and Wrekin Councils' local Plan to control the construction of solar farms in the Borough and resolves to correct this deficiency within the current local plan review."

The motion will be seconded by Councillor J M Seymour.

### **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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