



Borough of Telford and Wrekin

Full Council

Thursday 2 March 2023

6.00 pm

Telford Theatre, Limes Walk, Oakengates, Telford, TF2 6EP

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1.0	Prayers and Reflections	
2.0	Apologies for Absence	
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To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on 19

January 2023 and the Special Meeting of the Council held on 19 January 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

5.0 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.

6.0 Mayor's Announcements

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To note the Mayoral Engagements undertaken since the previous Council meeting.

QUESTIONS

7.0 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.

The following question to Councillor Carolyn Healy, Cabinet Member: Climate Change, Green Spaces, Natural and Historic Environment & Cultural Services:

In September last year you announced Central Hall in Donnington would be receiving Local Nature Reserve status. However what was once a much loved amenity and walking route is now overgrown with blocked paths and fallen trees.

Can you advise when it will be tidied and properly maintained?

8.0 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.

9.0 Cabinet Decisions Made Since the Last Meeting of the Council

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DECISION-MAKING

10.0 Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023/24 – 2026/27

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11.0 Council Tax Resolutions 2023/24

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DEBATE

13.0 Notices of Motion

13.1 Councillor S A W Reynolds will propose the following Motion:-

“All too often, care experienced people can suffer discrimination, stigma and prejudice in their everyday lives. As corporate parents, councillors have a collective responsibility for providing the best possible care and safeguarding for the children who are looked after by us as an authority. Our children and young people in care and care leavers have the right to expect everything from a Corporate Parent that would be expected from any good parent.

This Council will continue to put the needs of care experienced people at the heart of decision-making through co-production and collaboration and resolves that ‘looked after children and young people and care leavers’ be added as an additional characteristic in the Council’s Equality Impact assessments to determine the impact on care experienced people, alongside those who formally share a Protected Characteristic.

This Council formally calls upon all other bodies to treat care experience as a protected characteristic until such time as it may be introduced by legislation.”

The Motion will be seconded by Councillor P R Watling.

13.2 Councillor A J Burford will propose the following Motion :-

“This Council agrees to formally ask the government under Schedule 10A of the NHS Act 2006 to reconsider its plans to close Telford's Princess Royal Hospital A&E and move the Consultant led women and children unit to Shrewsbury.

A plan agreed by the then Secretary of State for Health Matthew Hancock MP in his letter to the Council dated 2 October 2019.

The Council is on the side of our community and it makes no sense to make Telford the largest town in England without a full 24 hour A&E and close the consultant led Women and Children unit which was placed in Telford on compelling clinical need.

We ask the government to reconsider these plans based on affordability, clinical evidence, growing population, post covid practices and that what the public was consulted on in the summer of 2018 (where the overwhelming majority of Telford and Wrekin residents opposed the plans) has materially changed.”

The motion will be seconded by Councillor A D McClements.