



## Borough of Telford and Wrekin

### Full Council

Thursday 23 May 2024

6.00 pm

Council Chamber, Third Floor, Southwater One, Telford TF3 4JG

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### Agenda

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#### 1.0 Declaration

The following declaration will be read:

“Colleagues, aware of our responsibilities to promote democracy and the wellbeing of all local people, on behalf of the Council, I make this commitment to our office as elected representatives. Elected to serve the public good, we recognise that public office is a privilege granted by the people and not a right.

We, elected representatives of the people of Telford & Wrekin, declare that we will, to the best of our ability, uphold the Council's constitution and serve the community above any private or personal interest."

All Members will affirm the Declaration.

**2.0 Prayers and Reflections**

**3.0 Election of Mayor**

To elect a Mayor for 2024/25.

**4.0 Election of Speaker**

To elect a Speaker for 2024/25.

**5.0 Election of Deputy Speaker**

To elect a Deputy Speaker for 2024/25.

**6.0 Election of Deputy Mayor**

To elect a Deputy Mayor for 2024/25.

**7.0 Vote of Thanks to Retiring Mayor**

**8.0 Reply to Vote of Thanks**

**9.0 Apologies for Absence**

**10.0 Declarations of Interest**

**11.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

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To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Council.

**12.0 Announcements**

**13.0 Appointment of Cabinet**

**21 - 22**

To note the appointment, by the Leader of the Council, of Members to serve on the Cabinet for 2024/25.

**14.0 Delegation Scheme**

To re-assert the Council's delegation scheme in accordance with the Constitution.

**15.0 Governance Update**

**To Follow**

To receive an update on governance arrangements for the 2024/25 municipal year.

**16.0 Programme of Ordinary Meetings of the Council**

**To Follow**

To confirm the programme of dates for ordinary meetings of the Council for 2024/25 and 2025/26.

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## **FULL COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council held on Thursday 29 February 2024 at 6.00 pm in Council Chamber, Third Floor, Southwater One, Telford, TF3 4JG**

**Present:** Councillors E Aston, S Bentley, M Boylan, A J Burford, S P Burrell, E M Callear, L D Carter, G H Cook, E Davies, S Davies, P Davis, F Doran, N A Dugmore, A J Eade, A R H England, N A M England, S Handley, Z Hannington, C Healy, L Lewis, G Luter, A D McClements, R Mehta, K Middleton, H Morgan, T J Nelson, R A Overton, I Preece, H Rhodes, R Sahota, P J Scott, S Syrda, G Thomas, J Thompson, W L Tomlinson, K Tonks, C R Turley, R Tyrrell, J Urey, O Vickers, P Watling and D R W White

**Apologies:** Councillors K T Blundell, T L B Janke, A S Jhawar, J Jones, G C W Latham-Reynolds, G L Offland, L Parker, L Powers, S A W Reynolds, P Thomas and K T Tomlinson

#### **56 Declarations of Interest**

Councillors E Aston, M Boylan, E Davies, S Davies, N Dugmore, A McClements, H Morgan, T Nelson, S J Reynolds, S Syrda, J Thompson, S Burrell, K Tonks, J Urey and P Watling declared an interest in the motion at 13a on the Agenda and indicated that they would take no part in the discussion.

#### **57 Prayers and Reflections**

Sukhwinder Singh and Gurpyar Singh of the Guru Nanak Darbar Gurdwara, Oakengates said prayers.

#### **58 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**RESOLVED** – that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2024 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

#### **59 Leader's Report & Announcements**

The Leader announced that the budget would be brought before Members for final approval. A lot of time had been spent looking at not just pounds and pence but getting the numbers right in order to protect, care and invest in the borough. Some of the work taking place included protecting and improving air quality in the borough, the installation of 150 electric car charging points, investment into the Silkin Way improving sustainable travel, reducing carbon



emissions and connecting communities. Volunteers, together with the Council's Environmental Team, had planted 2,500 bulbs in local green spaces. There were currently 14 active friends' groups involved in activities within local parks and green spaces. The Council now had 1,441 street champions and 501 snow wardens who played their part in improving the local community.

The Leader reported that Trading Standards had recently secured a custodial sentence for a rogue trader. He expressed his delight with regard to the Station Quarter and the new opportunities for students each year. Nuplace had released a further 36 homes for rent bringing the total to 485 across the borough and the Council continued to maintain roads and empty wheelie bins.

The Leader commented that there were 429 children in care and that there were one million hours of home care in place for older friends and neighbours with additional needs.

The Leader expressed that it was an honour to serve local residents and asked that all 54 Members make a difference to the community and that they should be proud of the borough where they live, work, enjoy and call home.

## **60 Mayor's Announcements**

The Mayor noted engagements he had undertaken since the last Council meeting. In particular, he highlighted his attendance at the Youth Parliament election and congratulated the newly elected Members of Youth Parliament Austin Jijo and Esther Essel who will now stand in position for two years. He wished them his very best on their new role.

The Mayor expressed his delight in hosting his Mayor's Black Tie Charity Ball on 8 March at The Valley Hotel in Ironbridge, as this was a highlight of a Mayor's year in office and helped to raise much needed funds for the Telford & Wrekin CVS.

The Mayor thanked fellow Members and our local community who had given their support during his term in office and he looked forward to attending his remaining engagements.

## **61 Public Questions**

No questions were received.

## **62 Councillor Questions On Notice**

The following questions were asked under Council Procedure Rule 6.2.2:-



- (a) Councillor Peter Scott asked the following question of Councillor Lee Carter, Cabinet Member: Place (The Economy & Neighbourhood Services)

"In Newport and other areas within the borough we are seeing more cars needing to find spaces in our car parks particularly shoppers and those who work in our towns. We are not getting any extra car parks or spaces to cope with them so is it not now time for Telford and Wrekin Council to seriously consider parking charges on all council car parks? If not, what are your proposed solutions going forward?"

Councillor Lee Carter responded that work was currently being undertaken with Newport Town Council to manage plans for long and short stay parking within the thriving centres across the borough. He gave a cast iron pledge that free parking would remain and that sustainable options to visit town centres were being explored. The Council had invested in new bus routes for residents to travel to employment, leisure facilities and high streets and cycling and walking routes were available. A parking plan containing potential improvements to stay restrictions and real time information on spaces was being investigated but this did require funding. Once funding had been identified, local stakeholders would be consulted.

Councillor Peter Scott asked a supplementary question:

"Would the Council consider using parking permits for residents in areas ie around schools?"

Councillor Lee Carter responded that he was willing to consider any proposals put forward and would continue to engage with all stakeholders.

- (b) Councillor Peter Scott asked the following question of Councillor Richard Overton, Cabinet Member: Homes & Enforcement

"In Newport and across the borough there is an increase in irresponsible dog owners who let their dogs defecate on public roads and parks and do not pick it up. I appreciate that there is an Enforcement Team that can deal with reported cases and that free dog poo bags are available but what else can the council do to crack down on this increase in this anti-social behaviour?"

Councillor Richard Overton responded that the Council were on the side of residents that that there was a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in place across the borough and penalties were imposed on dog fouling or dogs allowed to enter gated children's play areas with offenders being held to account. Community Action Teams (CATs) operated in partnership across



the borough and would be delivering targeted campaigns with a data and intelligence led approach. Dog fouling would not be tolerated.

Councillor Peter Scott asked a supplementary question:

"In relation to the Public Spaces Protection Order could missing signage be installed as residents may not be aware of the order being in place.

Councillor Richard Overton responded that Councillors could use their Pride Fund as a partnership approach for additional signage and asked Councillor Scott to provide details of locations where he felt signage was required.

(c) Councillor Andrew Eade asked the following question of Councillor Nathan England, Cabinet Member: Finance, Customer Services & Governance

"What is the total and full cost of providing, purchasing and installing all equipment and furniture for the new council chamber at Southwater One (SW1) to include officer time and training etc?"

Councillor Nathan England responded that during the reconfiguration of the property estate some 29 buildings had been disposed of including the former Wellington Civic Centre and Addenbrooke House which provided savings of £1m. The cost of the one-off investment was £250,290 which would be repaid from the savings benefit and income generation from renting the facility to organisations for events. Feedback from partners and visitors was favourable and the Theatre was no longer impacted with a £5,000 loss per meeting booking.

(d) Councillor Andrew Eade asked the following question of Councillor Paul Watling, Cabinet Member: Adult Social Care & Health Systems

"Whilst welcoming the speedy and commendable apology by the Director of Social Care following a recent investigation by the local Government Ombudsman into failings surrounding the care provision for a member of our community, will the Cabinet Member tell me what steps have been taken to ensure that such an instance will not occur again and advise Full Council of the number of any other similar cases in our community currently in progress?"

Councillor Paul Watling responded with appreciation of the hard work of the START Team and the Director of Adult Social Care who answered the complaint with speed. It was difficult to comment on individual cases in the public arena but when member enquiries were received, they would be





responded to. In relation to Ombudsman Cases, there were currently no new adult social care investigations with one in the final stages of completion. A Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (LGSCO) complaint provided a full and complete response and any concerns raised were investigated. The Council received very few LGSCO complaints compared to other Local Authorities and of those received there were minimal investigations.

Councillor Andrew Eade asked a supplementary question:

“Would Councillor Watling extend his personal apology on behalf of the Council and look at the compensation offered?”

Councillor Paul Watling responded that the LGSCO had made its decision and the Director of Social Care had made an apology and the Council would learn from the investigation and any areas they could.

- (e) Councillor Andrew Eade asked the following question of Councillor Lee Carter, Cabinet Member: Place (The Economy & Neighbourhood Services)

"Will the council leader please inform all opposition members as to why, despite following my motion to Full Council four weeks ago and becoming council policy, a full briefing has still not been made available on the progress or otherwise of Child Sexual Exploitation recommendations made by T&W Council, The Police, or NHS?"

Councillor Lee Carter responded on behalf of the Leader that a briefing would take place on 22 March 2024.

Councillor Andrew Eade asked a supplementary question:

“Would Councillor Carter confirm that a private briefing for opposition members and the Liberal Democrats and Independent Members without members of the controlling group take place?”

Councillor Lee Carter responded that a briefing would take place on 22 March 2024 and that it had taken a little while to get all four key agencies together. This was the second briefing as a briefing had taken place prior to Christmas.

- (f) Councillor Andrew Eade asked the following question of Councillor Lee Carter, Cabinet Member: Place (The Economy & Neighbourhood Services)



"Can the Cabinet Member for Highways explain to me why after nearly 12 months since the TRO was obtained and eight months after the scheme was designed, 'costed,' and approved, that young children attending Church Aston Infants School and other pedestrians are still having to run the gauntlet of traffic on a narrow unlit carriageway during dark mornings and evenings?"

Councillor Lee Carter responded that the works were programmed for March 2024 and further details would be issued by the relevant team shortly.

Councillor Andrew Eade asked a supplementary question:

"Why has it taken so long to put a safety scheme for young children in place?"

Councillor Lee Carter responded that the scheme was a priority and would be delivered in March. It had taken a while to process, review and develop a workable option and further delay had been added following objections and changes.

(g) Councillor Andrew Eade asked the following question of Councillor Lee Carter, Cabinet Member: Place (The Economy & Neighbourhood Services)

"Following a serious flooding event emanating from a field behind The Dale at Church Aston three years ago, which has continued to flood properties at The Close and along Wallshead Way on several occasions since, can the Cabinet Member advise me when and what steps are being taken to solve the problem?"

Councillor Lee Carter responded that there had been significant wet weather since September with 10 storms. This had caused a borough wide impact on residential and business properties. The Council was doing everything it could to support people affected by the flooding, but this had been made more difficult with the changes in eligibility. This specific matter was a private land drain issue and the landowner was aware of the responsibility and the Council would continue to liaise to ensure the appropriate steps were taken.

Councillor Andrew Eade asked a supplementary question:

"Would Councillor Carter be willing to meet local residents to look at the video and photo evidence and assure residents what measures were in place to solve the problem and look at the issues first hand.

Councillor Lee Carter responded that the issue had been established but he was willing to look at other evidence put forward. The Team would be writing



to residents in relation to the action that would be undertaken to resolve the issues going forward.

- (h) Councillor Andrew Eade asked the following question of Councillor Lee Carter, Cabinet Member: Place (The Economy & Neighbourhood Services)

"Due to the serious risk of flooding at Millwood Mere on the border of Church Aston, will the Cabinet Member update me on the current position with Bloor Homes, the Environment Agency, Drainage officers, and Planning Enforcement to resolve this issue and allay the genuine fears of my Ward Members?"

Councillor Lee Carter responded that Bloor Homes had accepted responsibility for the issues and had agreed a number of actions and changes and would look to decide if any revisions were required. He would hold the developer to account and ensure that the appropriate measures were in place to manage the site. He welcomed any evidence to the contrary and would keep the local community updated along with the Ward Member.

Councillor Andrew Eade asked a supplementary question:

"Would Councillor Carter commit to asking his officers to attend a public meeting with residents to explain what the Council was doing and make them aware of any problems and set out the way forward?"

Councillor Lee Carter responded that he would liaise with the Ward Member, but that a far quicker way of raising issues was to use the member enquiry process or to email Cabinet members in order to get the answers as quickly as possible.

- (i) Councillor Nigel Dugmore asked the following question of Councillor Lee Carter, Cabinet Member: Place (The Economy & Neighbourhood Services) the following question:

"How many Pride in your High Street grants have been issued to high Street businesses since the scheme started and what percentage are/were still in business 12 months after receiving the grant?"

Councillor Lee Carter responded that the scheme had been responsible for the local high streets bucking the trend being 4.4% below the national average of 13.8% bringing new life into the premises, expanding, setting up or diversifying. Out of the 330 grants awarded, specifically 62 were start up grants with 61 still trading. Other grants varied with 249 of the 268 grants awarded still continuing to trade.



Councillor Nigel Dugmore asked a supplementary question:

“What criteria allowed businesses to have more than one grant?”

Councillor Lee Carter responded that there were various criteria which allowed businesses to access a range of grants from start-up, renovation of shop fronts, diversification of business and becoming eco-friendly. This continued to be a successful scheme which had generated 365 jobs and £2.3m in private sector income. Qualification for grants followed a rigorous process and not everyone had been successful with over 100 grant applications rejected.

**63**      **Cabinet Decisions Made Since the Last Meeting of the Council**

Members received the report on the Cabinet decisions made since the last meeting of the Council.

**Building Safer, Stronger & Healthier Communities through better Air Quality**

Councillor T Nelson asked Councillor R Overton, Cabinet Member: Homes & Enforcement

“In relation to the Action Plan for managing air quality could you clarify whether the management action includes the contract with Idverde where key parts of the cycle network are rendered impassible by unswept leaves?”

Councillor R Overton responded that it was in line with Idverde contract and that additional works would be undertaken where necessary in line with the Air Quality Strategy.

**64**      **Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024/25 – 2027/28**

Councillor N England, Cabinet Member: Finance, Customer Services & Governance presented the report of the Interim Director Finance & Human Resources which set out how the Council would deliver the Strategy and its five key priorities. It sought approval of the Council’s Medium Term Financial Strategy together with the budget framework for 2024/25.

It was noted that there had been a significant increase in demand for services, together with higher costs in relation to the provision of Adult Social Care and energy costs. There were high levels of financial pressure and complexity of need in relation to both Adult Social Care and Children’s Services which had led to a Council Tax increase of 4.99% all of which would go to vulnerable children and adults.



In accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, a recorded vote was taken on the recommendations as follows: -

For (33)

Councillors E Aston, M Boylan, A J Burford, E Callear, L D Cater, G H Cook, E Davies, S Davies, P Davis, F Doran, A England, N England, S Handley, Z Hannington, C Healy, L Lewis, G Luter, A D McClements, R Mehta, K Middleton, H Morgan, R A Overton, I Preece, S J Reynolds, H Rhodes, R Sahota, P J Scott, B J Thompson, C R Turley, J Urey, O Vickers, P R Watling and D R W White.

Against (0)

Abstain (10 )

Councillors S Bentley, S P Burrell, N Dugmore, A J Eade, T J Nelson, S Sydra, G Thomas, W L Tomlinson, K Tonks and R Tyrrell.

**RESOLVED** – that

- a) **the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for 2024/25 – 2027/28 and the budget framework for 2024/25 be approved;**
- b) **a council tax increase of 4.99% for 2024/25 including the Government's 2% Adult Social Care precept, which will be fully invested in the provision of social care services for the most vulnerable members of our community be approved;**
- c) **the net investment of £5.9m into Adult Social Care in 2024/25 be approved;**
- d) **the net investment of £7.6m into Children's Safeguarding in 2024/25 be approved;**
- e) **the budget savings totalling £17.567m in 2024/25 be approved;**
- f) **the continuation of work with partner organisations, including Town & Parish Councils and Voluntary Sector and Community Groups to seek to identify ways to mitigate the impact of some of the cuts to services that could no longer be delivered be approved and the availability of the Invest to Save/Capacity Fund which is available to support partnership working be noted;**
- g) **the base budget, the policy framework for Reserves and Balances and their planned use be approved;**



- h) the Risk Register be approved;**
- i) the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for implementation on 1 April 2024 be endorsed;**
- j) the continuation of the Council Tax Reduction Hardship Assistance Policy be approved;**
- k) the revenue implications of the medium-term capital programme for the period 2023/24 – 2027/28 set out in the Capital Strategy and Programme reports be approved;**
- l) delegated authority be granted to the Interim Director: Finance & Human Resources, after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Governance and Customer Service to action any virements required following the final allocation of the Dedicated Schools Grant and other Grants and following completion of NNDR1 and final estimates of Business Rates Income;**
- m) delegated authority be granted to the Director: Adult Social Care after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health Integration and Transformation, to enter into appropriate Section 256 and Section 75 Agreements under the NHS Act 2006 (as amended);**
- n) the Director: Policy & Governance to execute all necessary contract documentation including affixing of the common seal of the council as appropriate to enable the council to enter into appropriate Section 256 and Section 75 Agreements under the NHS Act 2006 (as amended) be approved;**
- o) delegated authority be granted to the Interim Director: Finance & Human Resources, in consultation with the Leader or relevant Cabinet Member to allocate funding from the £20m Capital investment fund;**
- p) this suite of MTFs reports as the Council's Efficiency Strategy for 2024/25, to enable new capital receipts to be used to fund the revenue costs of transformation and efficiency projects as assumed throughout these reports be approved;**
- q) delegated authority to the Interim Director: Finance & Human Resources after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Customer Services & Governance to amend the use of the contingency in 2024/25 and to make any other associated**



- adjustments to accommodate any difference in funding between that currently assumed and final grant allocations when received be approved;
- r) **delegated authority to the Interim Director: Finance & Human Resources after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Customer Services & Governance to make changes to the Medium-Term Financial strategy with immediate effect to reflect all grants received from Government with authority to incur associated spend be approved;**
  - s) **the Pay Policy for 2024/25 be approved;**
  - t) **the application of a 100% council tax premium to second homes from 1 April 2025 (or when the legislation comes into force, if later than 1 April 2025) be approved with delegated authority to the Interim Director: Finance & Human Resources to finalise the detailed policies required after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Customer Services & Governance; and**
  - u) **the additional recommendations contained in other reports included in this suite of Medium-Term Financial Strategy reports be approved.**

## **65 Council Tax Formal Resolutions 2024/25**

Councillor N England, Cabinet Member: Finance, Customer Services & Governance presented the report of the Interim Director: Finance & Human Resources, which sought to determine the levels of Council Tax for Telford & Wrekin in 2024-25 and took account of the requirements of Telford & Wrekin Council, the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner, Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority, together with the Town and Parish Councils.

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, a recorded vote was taken on the recommendations as follows:-

For (33)

Councillors E Aston, M Boylan, A J Burford, E Callear, L D Cater, G H Cook, E Davies, S Davies, P Davis, F Doran, A England, N England, S Handley, Z Hannington, C Healy, L Lewis, G Luter, A D McClements, R Mehta, K Middleton, H Morgan, R A Overton, I Preece, S J Reynolds, H Rhodes, R Sahota, P J Scott, B J Thompson, C R Turley, J Urey, O Vickers, P R Watling and D R W White.

Against (0)





Abstain (10 )

Councillors S Bentley, S P Burrell, N Dugmore, A J Eade, T J Nelson, S Sydra, G Thomas, W L Tomlinson, K Tonks and R Tyrrell.

**RESOLVED** – that the levels of Council Tax for 2024/25 as set out in the report be approved.

## **66            Councillor Leave of Absences**

The Cabinet Member: Policy and Governance presented the report for a request for a Councillor Leave of Absence which sought approval for a period of absence for the purpose of undertaking caring responsibilities for Councillor L Powers and a period of absence for maternity leave for Councillor L Parker.

**RESOLVED** – that:

- a) a leave of absence for Councillor Leanne Powers from 13 June 2024 until 14 November 2024 be approved; and
- b) a leave of absence for Councillor Lyndsey Parker from 29 May 2024 until 24 January 2025 be approved.

## **67            Motions on Notice**

- (a) Councillor Eileen Callear will propose the following Motion:-

Councillor E Callear moved, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 7, the following Motion:

“This Council believes that Telford and Wrekin children deserve the very best start in life, they deserve great education in great schools from great teachers. This Council notes that 95% of primary schools are good or outstanding and that some of our secondary schools are amongst the best performing in the country and reaffirms our thanks and praise to our school heads, teachers, school staff and governors. However, schools are being let down by this government.

This Council notes with concern:

That this year, schools in Telford & Wrekin, and schools nationally, are facing real-terms cuts to their funding. With a national increase of 1.9% per pupil in the 2024/25 School Funding Formula allocations to Local Authorities, inflationary price increases in areas such as energy and pay awards – which are substantially higher than this, are placing significant pressure upon our





schools, resulting in less resources in the classrooms of children across Telford and Wrekin.

This Council believes that investment in education is investment in the future of our borough, and that it is essential to provide ALL young people in Telford & Wrekin with a chance to succeed. Furthermore, we believe that pupils of similar characteristics should attract similar levels of funding regardless of which area in the country they live in.

The Government should ensure that it makes the funds available for Government policy initiatives in our schools, so the basic level of funding allocated to all schools is adequate for the school to cover BOTH operational costs and the sufficient provision of staffing.

SEND provision is teetering on the brink of a national crisis. This Council believes that High Needs Funding should be addressed urgently to meet the increasing needs of children with SEND, in Telford alone we have seen a 70% rise in EHC assessment requests over the last year and we know there is a similar pattern happening nationally. High Needs Funding has to be adequate to ensure that we can meet our statutory duties within the context of growing pressures in this area whilst delivering a balanced and equitable funding formula for pupils with SEN.

The Council resolves to write to the Secretary of State for Education asking them to ensure that school funding is kept in line with real inflation, and to ensure that wage and pension increases are fully funded by national Government – basing the School Funding formula on the above and calculating school budgets on the costs of running a school.”

Following advice from the Deputy Monitoring Officer, the following Members declared an interest and left the room:

Councillors M Boylan, S Burrell, N Dugmore, T Nelson, J Urey and P Watling.

Councillor R Overton seconded the motion.

Following a robust debate on the Motion it was:.

**RESOLVED – that the motion be approved.**



(b) Councillor Carolyn Healy will propose the following Motion:-

Councillor C Healy moved, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 7, the following Motion:

“With increased frequency of flooding around the borough support for affected businesses and residents is needed now more than ever. Until recently, following widespread flooding incidents, government has provided flood recovery funding to help cover clean-up costs and replace damaged items in recognition that insurance is either unaffordable or simply refused.

This Council notes that the Government has, without warning, added a new requirement of written evidence of insurance being refused or unaffordable leaving those businesses who only sought verbal advice without access to recovery funding following internal flooding from Storm Babet, once again demonstrating that the Conservatives are no longer the party of business.

This Council resolves to write to the Secretary of State for the Environment to express its concern and consternation that the Government has changed the criteria without due notice and requests that the refusal of grant support for Storm Babet be reconsidered.”

Councillor S Bentley raised a point of order in respect of 9.10.2 of the Council’s constitution that the final paragraph was the motion and the vote be taken at the point on 9.15.2.

Following advice from the Deputy Monitoring Officer, the motion had not been proposed and seconded and the Speaker requested that debate on this motion was heard.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Lee Carter.

Following a robust debate the Motion was unanimously approved.

Members requested a recorded vote be taken on the motion.

For (33)

Councillors E Aston, S Bentley, M Boylan, A J Burford, S P Burrell, E Callear, L D Cater, G H Cook, E Davies, S Davies, A J Eade, P Davis, F Doran, A England, N England, S Handley, Z Hannington, C Healy, L Lewis, G Luter, A D McClements, N Dugmore, R Mehta, K Middleton, H Morgan, T J Nelson, R A Overton, I Preece, S J Reynolds, H Rhodes, R Sahota, P J Scott, S Sydra, G Thomas, B J Thompson, W L Tomlinson, K Tonks, R Tyrrell, C R Turley, J Urey, O Vickers, P R Watling and D R White.

Against (0)



Abstain (0)

**RESOLVED – that the motion be approved.**

(c) Councillor Tim Nelson will propose the following Motion:-

Councillor T Nelson moved, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 7, the following Motion:

“This council recognises the vital role that scrutiny plays within the ‘Strong Leader’ governance model adopted by this Council and agrees to undertake an independent review of current support and practices.”

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Andrew Eade.

Following the motion being seconded, the speaker noted that this may fall under purview of Scrutiny Management Board and asked the Deputy Monitoring for advice.

The Deputy Monitoring Officer stated that in accordance with Rule 9.2 of the rules of debate which set out that a motion that related to the responsibility of the Leader/Cabinet Executive or any other Committee shall, upon being moved and seconded, stand referred without discussion to the leader/Cabinet Executive or any other Committee as may be determined for discussion or report.

The Speaker proposed that this matter fell within the remit of Scrutiny Management Board and in line with rule 9.2 it was referred for consideration without further discussion. It was seconded by Councillor Richard Overton.

Upon being put to the vote it was, by a majority:

**RESOLVED – that in relation to the following motion**

“This Council recognises the vital role that scrutiny plays within the ‘Strong Leader’ governance model adopted by this Council and agrees to undertake an independent review of current support and practices.”

**that this be referred for consideration to Scrutiny Management Board without further discussion.**

The meeting ended at 8.43 pm

**Chairman:** .....

**Date:** Thursday 23 May 2024

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## Borough of Telford and Wrekin

### Annual Council Meeting

Thursday 23 May 2024

### Appointment of Cabinet for 2024/25

Cabinet Member	Area of Responsibility
Cllr Shaun Davies	Leader
Cllr Richard Overton	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member: Homes, Enforcement and Customer Services
Cllr Lee Carter	Cabinet Member: The Economy, Jobs & Neighbourhood Services
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