

Borough of Telford and Wrekin

Full Council

Thursday 22 January 2026

6.00 pm

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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	29 - 30
	To note the Mayoral Engagements undertaken since the previous Council meeting.	
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.	
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	Setting of the Council Tax Base 2026/27	31 - 38
	To approve the Council tax base calculated for Telford and Wrekin for the 2026/27 financial year.	
10.0	Cabinet Decisions Made Since the Last Meeting of the Council	39 - 44
	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.	

11.0 Recommendations from Cabinet

Cabinet - 6 January 2026

11a 2025/26 Financial Monitoring Report	45 - 50
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To receive an update on the Council's financial monitoring position for 2025/26 and to approve changes made to the capital programme.

12.0 Recommendations from Boards and Committees

Licensing Committee - 18 December 2025

12a Statement of Licensing Policy	51 - 90
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Recommended – that Full Council approves and adopts the revised Statement of Licensing Policy, at Appendix A, to be implemented on 26 January 2026.

Governance Committee - 14 January 2026

12b Constitution Update	To Follow
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Recommended – that Full Council adopt the revised and updated Constitution.

13.0 Motions on Notice

13a Councillor Richard Overton will propose the following Motion:-

"This Council celebrates the achievements of the Council's Building Safer and Stronger Communities Programme delivered with local partners, and the positive impact it has had across Telford and Wrekin. This has included many extracurricular activities for young people, funding to tackle anti-social behaviour across our borough, as well as enhanced CCTV coverage to keep our communities safe. This Council notes the Cabinet's determination to ensure a funding commitment to sustaining the programme as set out in the Medium Term Financial Strategy. This Council notes with concern the decision by the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to stop financial support for the initiative and calls upon him to reverse the decision."

The Motion will be seconded by Councillor Ollie Vickers.

13b Councillor Nigel Dugmore will propose the following motion:-

"This Council has serious concerns regarding the current consultation regarding proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework which will severely restrict the ability of local planning authorities to control and influence development in their areas.

Such changes will have significant impact especially in rural areas and on developer contributions which are vital in ensuring that local infrastructure is in place to mitigate the impact on local communities of significant new developments.

Consequently, this Council resolves to respond to the Labour Government's current consultation and reject the disastrous proposed changes to the NPPF in order to protect our Borough from unwanted and inappropriate building."

The Motion will be seconded by Councillor Stephen Bentley.

13c Councillor Rachael Tyrrell will propose the following motion:-

"This Council wishes to convey to the Government that the introduction of Digital IDs is an egregious waste of public money at a time when resources are scarce and should be directed to frontline services, such as Defence and Education. It is also a dystopian and dangerous policy that undermines privacy, civil liberties, and public trust.

Council resolves to:

1. Formally oppose the introduction of mandatory Digital IDs across Telford & Wrekin.
2. Write to the Home Secretary and Minister for Digital Government, expressing this Council's opposition and calling for the scheme to be scrapped.
3. Request Telford & Wrekin MPs to oppose any legislation introducing mandatory Digital ID."

The Motion will be seconded by Councillor Tim Nelson.

13d Councillor Stephen Burrell will proposed the following motion:-

"This Council endorses the U-Turn made by the Government on the family farm tax and confirms its support for the hardworking farms in our Borough."

The Motion will be seconded by Councillor Nigel Dugmore.

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