

## **Motions – Full Council 22 January 2026**

### **Motion 13a**

"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."

**Proposed by:** Councillor Richard Overton

**Seconded by:** Councillor Ollie Vickers

### **Motion 13b**

"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."

**Proposed by:** Councillor Nigel Dugmore

**Seconded by:** Councillor Steve Bentley

### **Amendment**

"This Council **notes** ~~has serious concerns regarding~~ the current consultation regarding proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework which **includes changes to the way** ~~will severely restrict the ability of~~ local planning authorities ~~to~~ control and influence development in their areas. Such changes ~~will~~ **may** 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 **create a cross party working group to develop the response** ~~respond~~ to the Labour Government's current consultation **to show which aspects this council supports and which is it rejects** ~~and reject the disastrous proposed changes to the NPPF~~ in order to protect our Borough from unwanted and inappropriate building **and ensure plan led development that meets our borough's needs.**"

**Proposed by:** Councillor Carolyn Healy

**Seconded by:** Councillor Stephen Reynolds

### Motion 13c

"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."

**Proposed by:** Councillor Rachael Tyrrell

**Seconded by:** Councillor Tim Nelson

### Amendment

"This Council wishes to convey to the Government that the introduction of **mandatory** Digital IDs is an egregious waste of public money at a time when resources are scarce as **a result of the former Conservative government's mismanagement of the economy and cuts to public services**, ~~and should be directed to~~. **This Council supports the Labour Government investing more into** frontline services such as Defence and Education. **This Council has concerns that** a mandatory scheme would ~~be a dystopian and dangerous policy that~~ undermines privacy, civil liberties, and public trust.

**The Council recognises that an optional digital ID scheme can make accessing public services, jobs and housing easier and more inclusive for the 10 percent of people who do not hold photo ID. The Council notes that optional digital ID would be like passports and driving licences, and has been implemented successfully in other countries such as France, Estonia and Finland.**

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 **welcoming the decision to scrap the mandatory aspects of the scheme**.
3. Request Telford & Wrekin MPs to oppose any legislation introducing **mandatory** Digital ID."

**Proposed by:** Councillor Lee Carter

**Seconded by:** Councillor Richard Overton

### **Motion 13d**

““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.”

**Proposed by:** Councillor Stephen Burrell

**Seconded by:** Councillor Nigel Dugmore

### **Amendment**

“Following the reintroduction of inheritance tax for farms which removed an unfair taxation anomaly and encouraged wealthy investors to buy up small family farms, This Council endorses the ~~U-Turn~~ recent changes made by the Government on the family farm inheritance tax and confirms its support for the hardworking farms in our Borough including practical support on Fuel poverty and energy, business support and access to grants, transport and housing as well as significant investments into local Agri-Tech Industries.”

**Proposed by:** Councillor Lee Carter

**Seconded by:** Councillor Carolyn Healy