

FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council held on Thursday, 17 October 2019 at 6.00 pm in The Place, Limes Walk, Oakengates, Telford, TF2 6EP

Present: Councillors S Bentley, K T Blundell, M Boylan, A J Burford, S P Burrell, E M Callear, E J Carter, C Cassar, E A Clare, G H Cook, S Davies, N A Dugmore, A J Eade, A R H England, N A M England, R C Evans, V A Fletcher, I T W Fletcher, E J Greenaway, V J Holt, M B Hosken, T L B Janke, A S Jhawar, R T Kiernan, J E Lavery, A D McClements, R Mehta, K Middleton, L A Murray, T J Nelson, G L Offland, R A Overton, S J Reynolds, G C W Reynolds, S A W Reynolds, H Rhodes, K S Sahota, P J Scott, J M Seymour, C F Smith, M J Smith, B J Thompson, W L Tomlinson, K T Tomlinson, C R Turley, P Watling, D R W White and D Wright

In Attendance: J Eatough (Assistant Director: Governance, Procurement & Commissioning) and J Rowe (Chief Operating Officer (Interim))

Apologies: L D Carter, C Healy, J Jones, J Loveridge and J Pinter

46 Declarations of Interest

Councillors S P Burrell, K Middleton and D R W White declared an interest in minute number 48 Notice of Motion due to their Membership of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and indicated that they would not take part in the debate or vote.

47 Notice of Motion

(a) Councillor S Davies moved, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 7, the following Motion:

“This Council condemns the Health Secretary decision to allow Future Fit to progress. This will have a detrimental impact on residents of Telford and Wrekin and put lives at risk. The decision flies in the face of the evidence and common sense. The decision made by the Secretary of State is simply wrong. At this late stage we call on the government to halt Future Fit.

Such moves will mean that Telford will be one of the biggest Towns in the country without a full A&E. The closure of the Consultant led Women and Children Unit flies in the face of clinical evidence.

Telford and Wrekin Council has fought this process every step of the way and will continue to fight for the best interests of our residents. This should not be about politics: This Council expects our MPs to support the Council and use every parliamentary means to ensure our Consultant led Women and Children Unit is retained and our A&E is not downgraded.”

Councillor A J Burford seconded the Motion.

Following a robust debate which considered the demographic and clinical need to retain a fully functioning 24/7 Accident and Emergency Department in Telford alongside a Women's and Children's Unit and paid tribute to NHS staff, the Motion was unanimously approved.

In accordance with Committee Procedure Rule 9.5, a recorded vote on the motion was taken, the voting being as follows:

For 45

Councillors S Bentley, K T Blundell, M Boylan, A J Burford, E M Callear, E J Carter, C Cassar, E A Clare, G H Cook, S Davies, N A Dugmore, A J Eade, A R H England, N A M England, R C Evans, I T W Fletcher, V A Fletcher, E J Greenaway, V J Holt, M B Hosken, T L B Janke, A S Jhawar, R T Kiernan, J E Lavery, A D McClements, R Mehta, , L A Murray, T J Nelson, G L Offland, R A Overton, G C W Reynolds, S A W Reynolds, S J Reynolds, H Rhodes, K S Sahota, P J Scott, J M Seymour, C F Smith, M J Smith, B J Thompson, K T Tomlinson, W L Tomlinson, C R Turley, P Watling, and D Wright

Abstentions 0

Against 0

Having declared a prior interest Councillor S P Burrell, K Middleton and D R W White did not take part in the vote.

RESOLVED - that the motion be approved

48 Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor Jane Pinter

The Speaker noted that due to illness, Councillor Pinter had requested a leave of absence. It was moved and seconded that a six month leave of absence be granted to allow Councillor Pinter to recover and Members voted unanimously in favour of the request.

RESOLVED –that in accordance with section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972, Councillor J Pinter be granted leave of absence from her Council duties for a period of six months effective from 17 October 2019.

The meeting ended at 6.58 pm

Chairman:

Date: Thursday, 23 January 2020