

BOROUGH OF TELFORD & WREKIN

Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough of Telford & Wrekin held on Thursday, 23 November 2017 at 6.00pm at The Place, Oakengates, Telford

Present:

Councillors J C Ashford, S L Barnes, S Bentley, K T Blundell, M Boylan, S P Burrell, E J Carter, E A Clare, G K 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, M B Hosken, J Jones, A Lawrence, J Loveridge, N C Lowery, C N Mason, A D McClements, R Mehta, A A Meredith, J C Minor, L A Murray, T J Nelson, R A Overton, J Pinter, G C W Reynolds, S A W Reynolds, S J Reynolds (Mayor), H Rhodes, P J Scott, J M Seymour, R J Sloan, C F Smith (Speaker), M J Smith, B D Tillotson, C R Turley, P R Watling and D G Wright

45. Prayers

The Reverend Chris Densham said prayers.

46. Apologies for Absence

Councillors A J Burford, L D Carter, J A Francis, C A Furnival, K R Guy, R T Kiernan, K S Sahota, K T Tomlinson, and W L Tomlinson.

47. Declarations of Interest

Councillor S Davies declared an interest in minute number 53(i) (Youth Justice Plan 2017/18) due to appearing as a Solicitor in the youth court. He indicated that he would not take part in the debate.

Councillor A R H England declared an interest in minute number 53(i) (Youth Justice Plan 2018/18) due to his position as a local magistrate and indicated that he would not take part in the debate.

48. Minutes of the Council

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2017, with tabled amendments to pages 12 and 13, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

49. Leader's Report & Announcements

The Leader spoke of the continuing flaws in the Future Fit process, noting that it had been missing from a list of priority schemes for funding for NHS groups and organisations which had been published as part of the government's budget announcements the previous day. He called for fresh local leadership in the NHS.

He commented on plans for the development of an Innovation Park in Newport, welcomed the inclusion of two sites in Telford on the shortlist for potential major hubs

to support the building of a third runway at Heathrow Airport, and the development of a new plastics factory in Hortonwood by Craemer.

The Leader commented on the success of the Pride in the Community programme, noting funding had recently been provided for new toilets in The Gorge and improvement of greenspace in Woodside. Linked to the Pride Programme was the success of local Parish Environmental Teams (PETs) supported by Town and Parish Councils and the Council's Engagement Team and he celebrated all their efforts.

Due to the success of the new Leader & Cabinet Members' Young Person Bursary, funded by money saved from voluntary reductions to Cabinet allowances, the Leader was delighted to report that the Scheme would continue in 2018.

In closing, he welcomed the return of the European Christmas Market and the Pantomime, and took the opportunity to extend the sentiments of the season.

50. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor reflected on the wide variety of engagements he had attended since the last meeting and expressed thanks to all the volunteers in the community. He reminded the meeting that tickets were still available for the evening of Psychic Mediumship being held in aid of his Charity Appeal on the evening of Thursday, 30 November 2017 at The Wakes.

The Mayor expressed deep disappointment at the closure of the Aga Rangemaster plant at Coalbrookdale and described its loss as a "big blow" to the borough of Telford and Wrekin. The Council would offer every possible support to those who had lost their jobs so close to Christmas.

Borough Council Certificate of Fairtrade Status

The Mayor accepted the Certificate of Fairtrade Status which had been recently awarded. David Nuttall from the Telford Fairtrade Alliance thanked the Council for its continued support and reported on the hard work and commitment by the Alliance.

51. Public Questions

The following question from a member of the public had been received.

- (i) The following question to Cllr A D McClements, White Ribbon Champion and Cabinet Member: Transport, Infrastructure & Broadband had been submitted by Carol Scott MBE JP:

"What provision is there in Telford & Wrekin for the early intervention of specialist services for victims of Domestic Abuse and how does this compare to what is offered in Shropshire, is there a specific training safeguarding officer or equivalent?"

Cllr McClements responded that addressing domestic abuse was a top priority for the Administration and was a commitment which had been made in the 2015 manifesto. In the previous year, this had been further supported by the

Mayor's Charity, West Mercia Women's Aid, which supported victims of domestic abuse.

Telford had now been a White Ribbon Town for four years, which meant that the Council supported people who campaigned to step up and positively make a stand towards ending domestic abuse. Every year the Council held a White Ribbon Event asking people to pledge their support towards ending domestic abuse. The 2017 event was taking place on 24 November 2017 and was specifically raising awareness of the support available to victims of domestic abuse in the Borough. The Cabinet Member extended an invitation to all present to attend and stand up to ending domestic abuse in the Borough.

In order to deliver early intervention support for domestic abuse victims the Council worked with health, police, fire and rescue, probation services, voluntary services and charities. Whilst acknowledging that a multi-agency response to domestic abuse occurred in every authority area, including Shropshire, the Cabinet Member noted that support for victims and those involved needed to reflect local need. As a result, this Council had a tailored offer of early intervention services for domestic abuse, including one to one support from Early Help Practitioners for victims and their families; and support programmes for victims - including the "Freedom Programme" - a nationally recognised programme that supported victims to gain more confidence, recognise what domestic abuse was and get support from others.

Other programmes explored the impact domestic abuse had on children including the "Me, My Child and Domestic Abuse" scheme which explored the impact domestic abuse had on children both in the immediate and long term.

Responding specifically to the question about support for victims through court proceedings, the Cabinet Member advised that this was provided by Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (IDVA). This was a service commissioned by the Police and Crime Commissioner and delivered by West Mercia Women's Aid. Anyone could contact this service through a 24 hour helpline and further information on the service could be found on West Mercia Women's Aid website.

Information about domestic abuse, what is available for victims, and how to access it, was widely promoted and available on the Council's Family Connect website and through contact with the Family Connect team.

This Council and its partners offered an ongoing safeguarding training programme for practitioners which included domestic abuse. These were developed and delivered by safeguarding specialists. The Safeguarding Boards were currently reviewing this specialist training provision which would result in a new specialist domestic abuse training course for both adult and children practitioners.

52. Cabinet Decisions Made Since the Last Meeting of the Council

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

2017/18 Financial Management Report

Councillor A J Eade asked for an update on the Business Rates Pilot.

Councillor S Davies responded that the Cabinet had agreed to the Pilot only if it would not result in financial detriment but that nothing further had been heard from the Department for Communities and Local Government at this time, although it was noted that the Chancellor's Budget statement revealed changes to business rates.

Councillor N A Dugmore asked about the new allocation attributed to "Solar Farm".

Councillor S Davies responded.

53. Recommendations from Cabinet

Cabinet – 14 September 2017

(i) West Mercia Youth Justice Plan 2017/18

Councillor P R Watling, Cabinet Member: Children's & Adult's Early Help & Support, presented the report of the Director of Children's and Adult Services.

RESOLVED – that the Youth Justice Plan 2017/18 be approved and endorsed and that the West Mercia Youth Offending Service responsibilities be noted.

Cabinet – 19 October 2017

(ii) 2017/18 Financial Management Report

Councillor S Davies, Leader, presented the report of the Assistant Director: Finance & HR (Chief Financial Officer).

RESOLVED – that the changes to the capital programme in section 1 of the report be approved.

54. Recommendations from Boards and Committee

Audit Committee – 19 September 2017 - Audit Committee Annual Report 2016/17

RESOLVED – that the contents of the annual report 2016/17 be noted.

Boundary Review Committee - 2 November 2017 - Review of Parliamentary Constituencies: Council Response

RESOLVED – that an alternative name of 'The Wrekin and Bridgnorth' be proposed to the Boundary Commission for England.

55. Appointments of Committees & Boards – Health & Wellbeing Board

Councillor M J Smith, Chair of Council Constitution Committee, presented the report of the Assistant Director: Governance, Procurement & Commissioning which set out proposed minor revisions to the structure and terms of reference of Health & Wellbeing Board.

RESOLVED – that

- (a) the revised Membership of the Health & Wellbeing Board as set out at Appendix 1 to these minutes be approved;**
- (b) the Monitoring Officer be authorised to give effect to nominations notified to him in writing by Group Leaders and member organisations of the Health & Wellbeing Board; and**
- (c) the associated revisions to the Terms of Reference of the Health & Wellbeing Board set out at Appendix 2 to these minutes be approved.**

56. Questions

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

- (a) Councillor R J Sloan asked the following question of Councillor R A Overton, Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Housing & Enforcement**

"Given that the inspector has now finished his final examination of the Telford and Wrekin Local Plan would the Deputy Leader tell Council the next stage in the process?"

Councillor Overton responded that it was excellent news that the Council had received the Inspector's final report and could now adopt the Local Plan. The Plan provided a robust framework to manage development across the Borough ensuring that this supported our existing communities and allowed us to continue to deliver affordable homes while protecting our valuable greenspaces. The plan would help secure investment in infrastructure such as schools and roads which would support the economy of the Borough and the retention and creation of jobs.

The next stage was the formal adoption of the Local Plan. Cabinet would consider this on 7 December 2017 and recommend that the Plan was adopted at Full Council on 11 January 2018. From that point, the Telford & Wrekin Local Plan would be adopted and in force helping to protect the borough from unwanted speculative development.

There would be a period of six weeks following adoption where parties could make a judicial challenge, however given the robust nature of the examination process and the fact that all the Inspector's concerns had been addressed, it was considered that the likelihood of such challenge was low.

Councillor R J Sloan noted the Chancellor's Budget pledge to build 300,000 new homes per year and he asked the Cabinet Member to comment on the Local Plan's

part in meeting those targets and upon the commitment at all levels of the Conservative party to the attainment of house building targets.

Councillor Overton responded that when the Local Plan was adopted in January 2018, the Council would be one of only one-third of Councils which had an up to date Local Plan. He considered that the Chancellor's Budget plans ripped up the National Planning Policy Framework in order to deliver new homes. On a local level, the Conservative Administration had set a target of £26,000 homes to be built under the Regional Spatial Strategy and consistently sought a review of the Local Plan in every budget settlement.

Councillor A J Eade was permitted by the Speaker to respond to the claims and he noted that the Local Plan was an important document but that the position of his Group was clear in that building on Greenfield sites was unacceptable.

(b) Councillor N A M England asked the following question of Councillor S Davies, Leader

“Can the Leader update the Council on the ongoing relationship with the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) and the benefits of membership to date?”

Councillor Davies responded that there had been a mixed response to proposals to join the WMCA, including claims that the Council would be run by Birmingham and there would be no benefit to the Council. Shropshire and Herefordshire Councils and the Marches LEP had subsequently also joined. The Leader believed that when you were in a room, you could lead it whereas if you were not present you would be forgotten. This belief had led to a £3.7m grant from the WMCA to kickstart house building on brownfield land. This grant would not have been made if the Council had not joined the Authority and it was hoped it was only the beginning of benefits.

Councillor England asked whether the funding could be used to support development at Randlay Centre.

Councillor Davies indicated that this could be a possibility to unlock the site for development but other opportunities also needed to be explored. He was clear that the Council needed to seek out further funding at every opportunity.

57. Notices of Motion

(a) Councillor A J Eade withdrew the Motion with the consent of Councillor N A Dugmore in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 8.11.

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

“This Council congratulates the Telford & Wrekin Fairtrade Alliance in obtaining the re-certification of Telford & Wrekin as a Fairtrade Borough on 20TH March 2017.

Working with the Telford & Wrekin Fairtrade Alliance this Council resolves to:

Ensure where ever possible, the Council will provide Fairtrade products for staff and visitors;

Promote and encourage Fairtrade principles and raise awareness of Fairtrade goods in Council publications;

Encourage local employers to utilise Fairtrade products in their businesses;

Ensure that where appropriate, we will ‘welcome’ Fairtrade as an option in our tenders;

Work with Telford & Wrekin Fairtrade Alliance to maintain Fairtrade status for the Borough of Telford & Wrekin.”

Councillor I T W Fletcher seconded the Motion, which was unanimously supported.

RESOLVED - that the Motion be approved

The meeting ended at 6.57pm

Mayor:

Date:

Health & Wellbeing Board – 16 Seats	
Cllr A R H England (Chairman)	Cabinet Member – Communities, Health & Wellbeing
Cllr J C Minor	Cabinet Member – Leisure, Green Spaces & Parks, TWC
Cllr S A W Reynolds	Cabinet Member – Education & Skills
Cllr P R Watling	Cabinet Member – Children’s & Adult’s Early Help & Support, TWC
Cllr K L Tomlinson	Lib Dem / Independent Group
Cllr J M Seymour	Conservative Group, TWC
Dr J Leahy	Chair, Telford & Wrekin CCG
B Parnaby	Healthwatch
D Evans	Chief Operating Officer, Telford & Wrekin CCG
C Jones	Director: Children’s & Adult Services, TWC
L Noakes	Director of Public Health, TWC
Sarah Dillon	Assistant Director: Early Help & Support, TWC
T Harding	Community Safety Partnership
R Woods	NHS England (North Midlands – Shropshire & Staffordshire)
Phil Evans	Sustainable Transformation Plan
Wendy Condlyffe	CVS Chief Officers Group

Telford & Wrekin Health and Wellbeing Board Terms of Reference

The Committee has the responsibility for public health and health and wellbeing responsibilities within the Borough.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. The Health and Wellbeing Board is responsible for
 - 1.1. the development of a joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy for Telford & Wrekin based upon the needs identified in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)
 - 1.2. the ongoing development of the JSNA and the development, review and oversight of the delivery of actions identified in the joint health and wellbeing strategy and other key plans and strategies that may be developed from time to time
 - 1.3. the encouragement of joint and co-commissioning between health and care sectors, including Telford and Wrekin CCG, Telford and Wrekin Council, and NHS England and ensuring that commissioning activity of the relevant organisations are aligned with the priorities set out in the Health & Wellbeing Strategy
 - 1.4. the general oversight of the Council's Public Health responsibilities and receiving the annual report of the Council's Director of Public Health
 - 1.5. the receiving of reports from and making recommendations to Full Council, NHS England, and the Clinical Commissioning Group Board and Boards and sub-committees that it may establish (and delegate functions to) and from other Boards and organisations involved in the provision of that influence of health and well-being outcomes for the whole population within the Borough.
2. The Health and Wellbeing Board will link to the Local Strategic Partnership and local Adults and Children's Safe-guarding Boards
- 3. General**
 - 3.1. At the first meeting after the Annual Council Meeting and in response to any further guidance consider its terms of reference, structure, membership and activities.

PROCEDURE

4. General

Unless specifically provided for in these Terms of Reference the Council Procedure Rules govern the way that committees operate but these may be varied or suspended¹ at the discretion of the Chairman of the Committee in the interests of efficient and effective management of the committee

5. Membership

- 5.1. Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board will comprise representatives from the Telford & Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Group, Telford & Wrekin

Council, HealthWatch and NHS England Local Area Team. The core members are:

- 5.2. Cabinet Member for Communities, Health & Wellbeing
- 5.3. Cabinet Member for Children & Adults Early Help & Support
- 5.4. Cabinet Member for Leisure, Green Spaces & Parks
- 5.5. Cabinet Member for Education and Skills
- 5.6. Director responsible for Adult Social Care
- 5.7. Director responsible for Children's Services
- 5.8. Director of Public Health
- 5.9. NHS England Local Area Team representative
- 5.10. Chair of Telford and Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) (Vice Chair Health and Wellbeing Board)
- 5.11. Non-Executive Director from Clinical Commissioning Group
- 5.12. Chief Officer from Clinical Commissioning Group
- 5.13. A representative from the Sustainability and Transformation Plan
- 5.14. Representative of local HealthWatch
- 5.15. A representative from the CVS Chief Officers Group
- 5.16. Chair of the Community Safety Partnership
- 5.17. Each opposition Group with 4 or more elected members shall have one place on the Health and Wellbeing Board with voting rights.
- 5.18. Such other persons, or representatives of such other persons, as the Local Authority thinks appropriate
- 5.19. The members of the Board will be advised and supported by officers from the local authority and CCG.
- 5.20. Members agree to share all relevant information and data, to allow performance, and other joint working arrangements, to be properly monitored and managed.

6. Quorum

- 6.1. Quorum of one quarter is required, with a minimum of one Councillor Board member from Telford & Wrekin Council and one Board member from the CCG required in attendance.

7. Disqualification for Membership

- 7.1. Any person who would be disqualified from being able to stand for election as a councillor will be disqualified from being a member of a committee or sub-committee of a local authority. The regulations state that these disqualifications will be retained for Health and Wellbeing Board, but the regulations will ensure the disqualifications do not apply to Health and Wellbeing Board in so far as they cover disqualifications in respect of members of the board holding any paid employment or office in the local authority – this allows the Directors of Adult Social Services, Children's Services and Public Health to be formal members of the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 7.2. The following disqualifications will be retained for members of the Health and Wellbeing Board:
- 7.3. Being the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order

- 7.4. Having been convicted in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man of any offence and has had passed a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than three months without the option of a fine.

8. Voting Rights

- 8.1. All Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board will be able to vote alongside the elected representatives. This applies to any additional board members appointed in addition to the statutory membership set out in the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

9. Meetings

- 9.1. The Health and Wellbeing Board will meet quarterly and in public. Dates and times of meetings will be agreed and published in advance. Note - the press and public may be excluded during consideration of any matter which would involve the disclosure of confidential or exempt information.
- 9.2. Agendas and supporting papers will be issued at least five clear days before each meeting and action notes will be produced, confirmed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair. Note - documents that may disclose confidential or exempt information will be made available for public inspection five days before the meeting.
- 9.3. Members of the public and press will have access to the meetings and there will be provision for public speaking section at each Health and Wellbeing Board meeting. A procedure for public speaking at the Health and Wellbeing Board is in place and is available on the Council's website or by contacting Democratic Services.

10. Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interest

- 10.1. The Health and Wellbeing Board will adopt the Council's code of conduct. Any interests in item(s) on the agenda should be declared at the start of the meeting.

11. Reporting Mechanisms/Accountability

- 11.1. The actions of the Health and Wellbeing Board will be subject to independent scrutiny by the relevant Scrutiny Committee of the Council.