

BOROUGH OF TELFORD & WREKIN

Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough of Telford & Wrekin held on Monday, 18 February 2019 at 6.00pm at The Place, Oakengates, Telford

Present:

Councillors J C Ashford, S Bentley, K T Blundell, M Boylan, A J Burford, S P Burrell, E J Carter, L D Carter, 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, J A Francis, C A Furnival, E J Greenaway, M B Hosken, R T Kiernan, A Lawrence (from 6.22pm), J Loveridge, N C Lowery, C N Mason, A D McClements, R Mehta (Mayor), L A Murray, T J Nelson, R A Overton, J Pinter, G C W Reynolds, S A W Reynolds, S J Reynolds, H Rhodes, K S Sahota, P J Scott, J M Seymour, R J Sloan, C F Smith, M J Smith (Speaker), B D Tillotson, K T Tomlinson, W L Tomlinson, C R Turley, P R Watling and D G Wright

72. Apologies for Absence

Councillors S L Barnes, K R Guy, J Jones, A A Meredith, and J C Minor

73. Declarations of Interest

None.

74. Notice of Motion

Councillor A J Burford moved the following Motion:

“This Council is disappointed by the decision of the Joint Committee of Telford & Wrekin and Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Groups on 29 January 2019 to proceed with recommendations contained in the Decision-Making Business Plan. This is the wrong decision for the people of Telford & Wrekin. This Council is of the opinion that this decision has not been properly consulted upon and is not in the interests of the health services in Telford & Wrekin.

Accordingly this Council should formally report this decision to the Secretary of State and ask for him to review the decision of the Joint Committee in accordance with the powers contained in the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013.

Council is asked to agree to this referral and delegate the submission of the referral to the Managing Director in consultation with the Leader.”

The Motion was seconded by Councillor S Davies.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Burford particularly noted the two points of referral set out in the Motion ie the inadequacy of the consultation that had taken place in that it was not consistent with the Gunning Principles and that the decision was not in the interests of the health service in the area. With regard to this latter

point, Councillor Burford noted the position with regard to the Women's and Children's Unit and Accident and Emergency Department, reflected on the Programme Board's lack of focus on the community and primary care services that would be needed to make Future Fit work, considered conversations Scrutiny had held with local GPs, noted the introduction of Urgent Treatment Centres and detailed his fears over the potential for further downgrade of services in the future as a result of the decision.

Members were supportive of the sentiments of the Motion, focussing comments on the need for political parties to work together and work with MPs and prominent campaigners, the need for services in the local community, the inadequacy of the consultation and the public response to it and the impact on out of county services.

At the conclusion of the debate, a vote was taken and it was unanimously:

RESOLVED - that the motion be approved.

The meeting ended at 6.41pm

Mayor:

Date: