

**A MEETING OF THE  
BOROUGH OF TELFORD & WREKIN**

**Will be held at The Place, Oakengates, Telford TF2 6ET**

**on THURSDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2015 at 6.30 pm**

**All Members are summoned to attend for the transaction  
of the under mentioned business**



**Assistant Director: Law, Democracy & People Services**

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**A G E N D A**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members are reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest and should leave the room prior to commencement of that item

**3. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL**

To confirm the minutes of the Ordinary and Extraordinary Meetings of the Council held on 1 October 2015

**Appendix A  
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Pages 7-15**

#### **4. 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.

##### Announcement

Members of the Telford & Wrekin Fairtrade Alliance will present to the Council the Certificate of Fairtrade Status from the Fairtrade Foundation.

#### **5. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To note the Mayoral Engagements undertaken since the Council meeting held on 1 October 2015.

**Appendix B  
White  
Pages 16-19**

#### **6. 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.

None received.

#### **7. CABINET DECISIONS MADE SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

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 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.

**Appendix C  
White  
Pages 20-22**

#### **8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CABINET**

##### Cabinet – 15 October 2015

(i) Financial Management 2015/16

**Recommended - that the changes to the Capital Programme shown in Section 1 of the report be approved.**

**Appendix D  
Yellow  
Pages 23-25**

(ii) West Midlands Rail Governance

Appendix E  
Yellow  
Pages 26-31

**Recommended - that Councillor Kuldip Sahota be appointed as a Director of WMR Ltd and that Councillor Angela McClements will attend as his substitute if he is unable to attend any Board meetings, and note that in this role they will be authorised to make decisions in this capacity relating to the strategic direction for the new West Midlands Rail Franchise**

**Cabinet – 12 November 2015**

Appendix F  
Yellow  
Pages 32-35

(iii) Property Investment Portfolio – Investing in Telford’s Growth

**Recommended – that the approval of necessary changes to the in-year (2015/16) budget framework to enable the strategy detailed in the report to be used in this financial year to facilitate the ongoing rationalisation and expansion of the PIP, as outlined in the report, be approved**

**Recommended - that the necessary changes to the capital programme and revenue budget from 2015/16 to facilitate the ongoing rationalisation and expansion of the PIP as outlined in the report be approved**

**9. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

**Audit Committee**

At its meeting held on 15 September 2015, the Audit Committee made the following recommendation to Council.

Audit Committee Annual Report 2014/15

Appendix G  
Green  
Pages 36-40

**Recommended – that Members note the contents of the annual report 2014/15.**

**Licensing Committee**

At its meeting held on 14 October 2015, the Licensing Committee made the following recommendations to Council.

Review of the Council’s Statement of Licencing Policy

Appendix H  
Green  
Pages 41-89

**Recommended – that the revised Statement of Licensing Policy be approved.**

Review of the Gambling Act 2005 - Statement of Licencing Principles

Appendix I  
Green  
Pages 90-135

**Recommended – that the amendments made to the Statement of Licensing Principles, following a consultation exercise which ended on 14 September 2015, be approved.**

10. **ANNUAL SCRUTINY REPORT** **Appendix J  
White  
Pages 136-155**
- Cllr S A W Reynolds, Chair of Scrutiny Management Board, will present the Annual Scrutiny Report
11. **MINUTES OF BOARDS & COMMITTEES** **Salmon Paper**
- To note the following resolved and draft Minutes:
- Audit Committee – 15 September 2015 **Appendix K  
Pages 156-167**
- Customer, Community & Partnership Scrutiny Committee – 30 June 2015 **Appendix L  
Pages 168-176**
- Health & Adult Care Scrutiny Committee – 2 July 2015 **Appendix M  
Pages 177-188**
- Health & Wellbeing Board – 9 September 2015 **Appendix N  
Pages 189-198**
- Planning Committee – 16 September, 7 and 28 October 2015 **Appendix 01-3  
Pages 199-223**
- Scrutiny Management Board – 10 July 2015 **Appendix P  
Pages 224-233**
12. **QUESTIONS**
- To answer questions received under Council Procedure Rule 7.
- N.B. *In accordance with the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 7.4 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.***
13. **NOTICES OF MOTION**
- (i) Councillor P J Scott will move, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 8, the following Motion.
- "Over the next few years Telford & Wrekin Council has to make further cuts of around £30 million. The residents of the borough will be looking to all members to get the best value for their area whilst bearing in mind that reductions in some services are inevitable. This is a time for party politics to be set aside as we should all be working as closely as possible together. It is time to forget about cheap points scoring and concentrate on what is best for the whole borough therefore we call upon all members from all parties to form closer working links through what will be financially a difficult time.
- Therefore, the Liberal Democrat and Independent Party call on all members of TWC regardless of political persuasion to resolve to put

aside all political differences over the coming weeks and months to show the residents of Telford & Wrekin that we can work as one when circumstances demand unity.”

Councillor W L Tomlinson will second the motion.

- (ii) Councillor L D Carter will move, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 8, the following Motion:

“Since 2010 this Council has seen a cut of 50% to the grant it receives from Government, meaning that £80 million less is now being spent on local services in Telford and Wrekin year on year than it was in 2010. As a result, enormous pressure has been heaped on already stretched local services with the Government’s failure to fully assess and understand the impact of their cuts to grants when making spending decisions to local authorities.

We have reduced our senior management posts by 50%, with a real terms pay cut of 25%; a 35% reduction in middle management; a £7million per annum reduction in back office costs and £2million per annum savings in reduced accommodation costs. Over 1200 posts have been cut saving over £20million per annum.

In addition, through our ‘Business Winning, Business Supporting’ Agenda, we now enjoy record levels of income from Business Rates, Council Tax and Sales Ledger activity. Despite this, forecasts indicate that the Government will reduce the level of its grant given to this Council by a further £11 million per annum, meaning that by 2018 there will £113 million less spent on local services year on year than there was in 2010.

The abject failure of this Government to support local authorities runs the risk of causing an existential crisis in many services currently used and funded by the local taxpayers. This Council therefore demands that the Government urgently reviews its current policy on funding for Local Government and provides fairer funding for Telford & Wrekin. **Cuts do have consequences** and we call on both our MPs for Telford and The Wrekin to wholeheartedly support us in lobbying Government so that we can continue to protect frontline services.”

Councillor A R H England will second the motion.

## KEY

Yellow paper	Recommendations from Cabinet to Full Council
White Paper	Reports submitted direct to Full Council
Green Paper	Recommendations from Committees, Boards and Commissions requiring approval by Full Council
Salmon Paper	Resolved minutes for noting only

## **FILMING, RECORDING & PHOTOGRAPHY**

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There is no requirement to notify the Council in advance, but it should be noted that the Chairman of the meeting will have absolute discretion to terminate or suspend any of these activities if, in their opinion, continuing to do so would prejudice proceedings at the meeting. Full details of the Council's protocol on audio/visual recording and photography at meetings can be accessed via the following link:

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## **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

At each Ordinary meeting of the Council a period of **15 minutes** will be allocated for public questions. Questions can be asked of The Leader and Cabinet Members. Details of the protocol for public questions can be accessed via the following link:

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