

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

**Will be held at THE PLACE, OAKENGATES, TELFORD  
on THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2015 at 6.30 p.m.**

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



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

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**AGENDA**

**1. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL**

To confirm the minutes of the of the Meeting of the Council held on 22  
January 2015

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**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**3. 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

#### **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.

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

To note the Mayoral Engagements undertaken since the Council meeting held on 22nd January, 2015.

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#### **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.

- i) The following question to the Deputy Leader has been submitted by Cathy Salter:

“As an ex-nurse with a passionate interest in our NHS, I note from the ‘Future Fit’ shortlist that there is an only one in six chance of Telford retaining a full 24/7 A+E. Could the Council confirm it will continue to fight for a full 24hr A+E at Princess Royal Hospital?”

- ii) The following question to the Leader has been submitted by Simon Malpass:

“HMRC are closing offices throughout the country and splitting up their IT Contract in 2017 which poses a threat to HMRC, Fujitsu and CapGemini jobs. What can the Council do to prevent potential job losses in the Telford Town Centre currently provided by these major Telford based employers?”

- iii) The following question to the Leader has been submitted by Lee Carter:

“Could the Leader please give his reaction to comments by Daniel Kawczynski, MP for Shrewsbury & Atcham, that Telford & Wrekin Council should merge with Shropshire. Do you think it will have a detrimental impact on providing quality services in Telford & Wrekin and threaten 24/7 A&E Services at Princess Royal Hospital?”

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

To receive the report on the Cabinet decisions made since the last meeting of the Council on 22nd January, 2015. Cabinet Members may speak on these decisions and Members may ask questions of the relevant Cabinet Member for the purposes of clarification only.

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Members are asked to note the additional delegations to officers granted at those meetings.

**8. SERVICE & FINANCIAL PLANNING 2015/16-2017/18**

Appendices  
D1-D4  
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**To consider the reports listed below which are contained within the separate Budget document enclosed with the agenda. Reports D1 to D4 will be considered by Cabinet on 26 February 2015 for recommendation to Council for approval.**

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- a) Overview & Revenue Budget (D1)
- b) Capital Programme (D2)
- c) 2015/16 Treasury Strategy & Treasury Update (D3)
- d) Prudential Indicators (D4)
- e) Council Tax Formal Resolution for 2015/16 (D5)

(enclosed in  
separate  
Budget  
document)

Alternative budget proposals have been submitted to Council by the Conservative Group. A copy of the proposals, and the comments of the Budget & Finance Scrutiny Committee and the Chief Financial Officer, is enclosed separately to the agenda. At the meeting, the alternative budget proposals will be moved as an amendment to the Cabinet's proposals.

**9. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

**i) Standards Committee**

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To consider recommendations from the Standards Committee relating to the Councillors' Code of Conduct and Appointment of Independent Person

**10. MINUTES OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

Salmon

To note the following resolved Minutes (Salmon paper):

Audit Committee – 27 January 2015

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Personnel Committee – 22 January 2015

(NB: the recommendation at minute PEB-8 will be dealt with at agenda item 8 above)

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Planning Committee – 14 January and 4 February 2015

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Standards Committee – 20 January 2015

(NB: the recommendation at minute ST-08 will be dealt with at agenda item 9 above)

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## 11. 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.***

## 12. NOTICES OF MOTION

i) Councillor R.A. Overton will move, in accordance with Council procedure rule 11, the following motion:

“This Council recognises that, despite £70m of unprecedented and vicious cuts in Government funding, the Borough is now recognised as a regional and national centre for business and a great place to visit and live. With the opening of Southwater, the winning of the MOD Fulfilment Centre at Donnington, the continued regeneration of our centres, the opening of new schools and many other successes, we can be proud and confident of the future.

“This Council re-affirms its commitment to establishing the Borough of Telford & Wrekin as a growth point in the region and a place where people want to live.”

The motion will be seconded by Councillor S. Davies.

## 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

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## **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

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