

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

**Will be held at THE PLACE,  
OAKENGATES, TELFORD TF2 6ET  
on THURSDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2019  
at 6.00pm**

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

**Assistant Director Governance, Procurement & Commissioning**

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**AGENDA**

1. **Prayers**
2. **Apologies for Absence**
3. **Declarations of Interest**
4. **Minutes of the Council**  
To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on  
17 January 2019 (A1) and the extraordinary meeting of the  
Council on 18 February 2019 (A2).

Appendix **A1**  
To Follow  
Appendix **A2**  
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5. **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.

6. **Mayor's Announcements**

To note the Mayoral Engagements undertaken since the Council meeting held on 17 January 2019.

Appendix B

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7. **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.

8. **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 about key decisions 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

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9. **Recommendations from Cabinet**

**Cabinet – 14 February 2019**

(i) **2018/19 Financial Management Report**

**Recommended that the transfers to reserves set out in section 5.1 of the report be approved and authority be delegated to the Managing Director after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Commercial Services and Economic Development to allocate this funding to specific projects.**

Appendix D

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10. **Service and Financial Planning 2019/20 to 2021/22**

To consider the reports listed below which are contained within the separate Budget document enclosed with the agenda. Reports E1 to E4 were considered by Cabinet on 14 February 2019 for recommendation to Council for approval.

Appendix E1-4

Yellow Pages

- a) Overview & Revenue Budget (E1)
- b) Capital Strategy and Programme (E2)
- c) 2019/20 Investment and Treasury Management Strategies & 2018/19 Treasury Management Update (E3)

Appendix E5

White Pages

- d) Prudential Indicators (E4)
- e) Council Tax Formal Resolutions for 2019/20 (E5)

## 11. Questions

To answer questions received under Council Procedure Rule 6.2.

**NB** *In accordance with the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 6.2.9 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 propose the following Motion:-

“Telford and Wrekin Council notes with concern West Mercia Police has been subjected to ruthless government cuts since 2010

- £70m reduction in funding from government since 2010.
- A 13% reduction in workforce
- 20% reduction in community Support officers
- 16% reduction in front line police officers losing over 300 officers in 7 years
- police calls are no longer answered from a local call centre based in Shropshire
- reduction in police station opening hours

Since 2010 in Telford and Wrekin

- crime has increased by 35% (3,973 offences). This was almost twice the rate of increase in the number of recorded offences for England and Wales as a whole (18%).
- violence against a person increased by 216%
- robbery up by 10%
- possession of a weapon up by 146%
- public order offences up by 147%

This Council notes with concern that, despite local police officers and leaders working hard, cuts to policing budgets by this government is letting down Telford and Wrekin residents.

This Council also recognises that despite increases in council tax by the PCC for new police officers, there will be no new police officers on our streets in Telford & Wrekin.

This Council is deeply alarmed that government cuts are putting our community at risk. We therefore call on Government to provide fair funding to West Mercia Police.”

The Motion will be seconded by Councillor G C W Reynolds.

(ii) Councillor W L Tomlinson will propose the following Motion:-

“To help protect the most vulnerable in our society this Council calls for an end to any further reductions in Government grants to this Authority. Furthermore this Council requests our MPs to support this call, lobby the Government and vote against any further cuts.”

The Motion will be seconded by Councillor P J Scott

#### **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

#### **FILMING, RECORDING & PHOTOGRAPHY**

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#### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

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