

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

**Will be held at THE HAYBRIDGE RESTAURANT,  
TELFORD COLLEGE OF ARTS & TECHNOLOGY,  
HAYBRIDGE ROAD, WELLINGTON, TELFORD  
on THURSDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2016 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 14 July 2016.
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.

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6. **Mayor's Announcements**

To note the Mayoral Engagements undertaken since the Annual Council meeting held on 26 May 2016.

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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 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.

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9. **Recommendations from Cabinet**

**Cabinet – 21 July 2016**

- (i) 2016/17 Financial Management Report

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**Recommended that –**

- (a) that the new allocations, virements and slippage detailed in the report be approved;**  
**(b) that the draft Efficiency Strategy be approved and that delegated authority be granted to make final changes to reflect guidance and best practise as it continues to develop to the Managing Director after consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Member for Council Finance & Service Delivery**

10. **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 A J Eade will move, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 7, the following Motion:

“This Council notes with extreme concern the recent reports concerning vulnerable children in Telford & Wrekin and calls on the current Administration to:-

Present a comprehensive plan at the November Full Council Meeting demonstrating a clear commitment to the improvement of Children’s Services and detail exactly how the Administration intends to raise all Children’s Services in the Borough to a minimum standard of ‘Good’.

Also to present to the same meeting, details of measures the current Administration will now introduce to ensure that vulnerable children in the Borough are fully protected in future and precisely how it will tackle the serious problems currently facing the Borough.”

Councillor T J Nelson will second the Motion.

- (ii) Councillor R A Overton will move, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 7, the following Motion:

“Council reaffirms its belief that it is important that a constituency based on the majority of Telford is essential for the Regional and National Profile of the Town

In the last review the Council opposed the proposals to create a Bridgnorth and Telford South constituency and a Telford North and The Wrekin constituency.

The Council’s proposals which were accepted (before the review was suspended) were for two constituencies as follows:-

- A Telford Constituency
- A Wrekin and Bridgnorth Constituency

Council agrees that this still represents the two constituencies that the voters of the Borough could identify with.”

Councillor A J Burford 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

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## **BOROUGH OF TELFORD & WREKIN**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough of Telford & Wrekin held on Thursday 14 July 2016 at 6.00pm at 'The Place', Oakengates, Telford**

#### **Present:**

Councillors J C Ashford, S L Barnes, S Bentley, M Boylan, A J Burford, S P Burrell, E J Carter, L D Carter, E A Clare, G K Cook, S Davies, N A Dugmore, A R H England, N A M England, R C Evans, I T W Fletcher, V A Fletcher, J A Francis, C A Furnival, K R Guy, M B Hosken, J Jones, R T Kiernan, J Loveridge, N C Lowery, C N Mason, A D McClements, A A Meredith, C P R Mollett, L A Murray (Mayor), 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, C F Smith (Speaker) , M J Smith, B D Tillotson, W L Tomlinson, C R Turley, P R Watling and D G Wright

#### **18. The Late Jo Cox MP**

Council observed one minute's silence in tribute to Jo Cox MP who was tragically killed after being stabbed and shot in the street outside the library in Birstall, West Yorkshire, where she held her regular constituency surgery. She had been campaigning to remain in the EU before her life was taken.

The Mayor noted that there had been reports across the country of a rise in racist and hate crimes against minority communities. She expressed her pride in the diverse and dynamic population in Telford and gave assurance that she and all political group leaders of the Council considered any hate crime to be unacceptable and that the Council would work with partners to identify, tackle and prosecute such behaviour.

A number of councillors also paid tribute to Jo Cox MP, expressing their horror at the events which had unfolded and sent condolences to the family.

#### **19. Prayers**

The Reverend Keith Osmund-Smith said prayers.

#### **20. Apologies for Absence**

Councillors K T Blundell, A Lawrence, J C Minor and R J Sloan

#### **21. Declarations of Interest**

None.

#### **22. Minutes of the Council**

**RESOLVED** – that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 26 May 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

### **23. Leader's Report & Announcements**

The Leader noted the recent outcome of the EU Referendum, reported on the borough's plans for the future and continued ability to attract new investment, with the high profile recent investment from Magna being one of the biggest investment deals in the UK this year. He noted recently launched plans to improve the footbridge linking the Town Centre with Telford Central Rail Station and significant investment in repairing and rebuilding roads in Newport. Councillor Davies commended South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Trust, which provides mental health and learning disability services in Telford and Wrekin, for being rated "Good" by the Care Quality Commission and noted increasing support for the PRH4Me campaign. Councillor Davies noted the range of events planned in the borough over the summer including the Carnival of Giants and the survey on the design concept for Southwater Square. He welcomed continuing work with Town and Parish Councils which had played a key part in securing continued library services for local residents and enabled the success of the Parish Environmental Teams. Despite this, the financial outlook remained bleak, with continued cuts to be made on top of the £80m savings already secured. The Council would continue to seek ways to generate income and he vowed to campaign to secure a fair funding deal for Telford & Wrekin.

### **24. Mayor's Announcements**

The Mayor reported on a number of engagements that she had attended since the last meeting of the Council, particularly the Lives in Your Hands event and the formal award to the Council of White Ribbon Status. Looking forward, she invited Councillors to join her at her Charity Launch on 30 July 2016.

### **25. Public Questions**

The following questions from the public had been received.

- (i) The following question to Cllr A R H England, Cabinet Member: Adult Social Care & Older People was submitted by Carol Scott MBE:

"680 women within the borough have signed the WASPI petition calling on the Government to reconsider transitional arrangements for women born on or after 6th April 1951. Will this Council pledge support to the campaign and write to the Prime Minister on behalf of local women affected by the changes?"

Cllr A R H England, Cabinet Member: Adult Social Care & Older People responded that whilst he did not dispute that women and men should have equal retirement ages, many women had expected the financial security to retire at 60 and the transitional arrangements were being introduced too rapidly and had not afforded them sufficient notice of the later retirement age. In the Ercall and the Gorge wards, over 8% of the population of women were affected by the changes.

However, the Cabinet Member did not have authority to make the pledge on behalf of the Council but he would give his personal support, and that of the

Leader, and take the issue to a formal meeting of the Cabinet at an early stage.

- (ii) The following question to Cllr S Davies, Leader had been submitted by Neil Phillips:

“I am concerned that Telford is suffering because Lucy Allan MP and the Council do not appear to be working together for the benefit of Telford residents. Can the Leader please tell us if there are any signs of an improvement in the relationship between the Council and Lucy Allan?”

Cllr S Davies, Leader responded that he had invited Mrs Allan to a budget briefing to explain the impact of cuts on the Council’s finances which she had cancelled on the day and not re-arranged, quarterly meetings with the Managing Director in March and June had been cancelled, a meeting with the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Communities had similarly been cancelled and not rescheduled, a response to other requests to meet with Mrs Allan had not been forthcoming and she had refused to meet with the Leader. The Leader made his position clear: he wanted to work with both MPs for Telford and The Wrekin, particularly regarding the NHS Future Fit programme.

## **26. Cabinet Decisions Made Since the Last Meeting of the Council**

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

In response to a question from Councillor V A Fletcher regarding the Integration of Health & Social Care – Better Together report, Councillor A R H England, Cabinet Member: Adult Social Care & Older People told the meeting the report informed on the joint narrative that the Council had been working on with CCG colleagues and partners. This linked into work being undertaken for Community Fit.

Responding to a question regarding the Housing Assistance Policy, Councillor R A Overton responded that the changes were introduced to support individuals not as a cut to services.

In response to questions regarding the Green Guarantee report, Councillor R A Overton advised that the process of bring an additional 50 areas forward for protection via public consultation would take place at the start of December at the end of a lengthy process. Additionally, the Homes and Communities (HCA) Land Deal would see land brought back into use. In response to a further question, regarding the protection of sites brought forward under the Green Guarantee he noted that the aim of the Green Guarantee was to protect small local sites in accordance with the Administration’s manifesto commitments.

In response to a question regarding the Community Pride Fund, Councillor S Davies advised that an extension to organisations to complete their projects beyond the original deadline of 31 March 2016 had been granted. In response to a further question regarding any money left over in the Fund, Councillor Davies indicated such funds would be rolled over.

Responding to a question regarding the Housing Investment Programme Update, Councillor S Davies stated that the Council was committed to delivering a portfolio of properties available for both market and affordable rent and that residents had been welcoming of the Council as a landlord they could trust.

In response to question regarding the impact of the perceived slow progress of implementing the Local Plan on Neighbourhood Plans such as the Waters Upton Neighbourhood Plan, Councillor R A Overton reported that the Council was supportive of parishes in bring forward Neighbourhood Plans to complement the Local Plan process and, until the Local Plan was approved, speculative development would be considered by the Planning Committee. In response to a second question, Councillor Overton thanked Waters Upton Parish Council for their work towards the Neighbourhood Plan.

In response to a question regarding the Planning – Duty to Co-operate report, which sought clarification of cross-boundary discussions with Shropshire Council to protect the Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Site, Councillor R A Overton noted that the Council was legally obliged to sign an agreement with Shropshire Council on the making of the Local Plan. The Ironbridge Power Station fell within Shropshire's boundary and consultation would be undertaken with them at the time that their Local Plan came forward for renewal to ensure a positive outcome for the World Heritage Site.

## **27. Recommendations from Cabinet**

### Service & Financial Planning Report – 2015/16 Outturn and 2016/17 Update

Councillor L J Carter, Cabinet Member: Council Finance, Partnerships & Commercial Services, presented the report of the Assistant Director: Finance & HR (Chief Financial Officer).

#### **RESOLVED – that**

- (a) the Revenue outturn position for 2015/16 and related virements shown in Appendix 3 of the report (and subject to audit by the Council's external auditors), and the transfers to reserves and associated approval to spend the reserves as detailed in paragraph 5.3 of the report be approved;**
- (b) the Capital outturn position and related supplementary estimates and re-phasing shown in Appendix 4 of the report be approved;**
- (c) the performance against income targets be noted; and**
- (d) the key issues identified for 2016/17 and the Insurance update provided in paragraph 9.2 of the report be noted.**

## **28. Changes to the Constitution**

Councillor M J Smith, Chair of the Council Constitution Committee presented the report of the Assistant Director: Governance, Procurement & Commissioning which sought approval for changes to the Constitution to come into affect at the end of the

meeting and extension of voting rights for co-optees appointed by this Council to the Telford & Wrekin and Shropshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**RESOLVED** that –

- (a) the revised Constitution as set out at Appendix 1 to the report be approved to come into effect from the end of this Council meeting; and
- (b) the Voting scheme in Appendix 2 of the report to extend the voting rights for the co-optees appointed by Telford and Wrekin Council on the Joint Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Council Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee be approved.

**29. Annual Scrutiny Report**

Councillor S A W Reynolds, Chair of the Scrutiny Management Board, presented the Annual Scrutiny Report for noting.

The report sets out in detail the range of issues which had been considered by Scrutiny over the year and the outcomes of the work. In particular, Councillor Reynolds highlighted the report of the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee on Multi-Agency Working Against Child Sexual Exploitation. The report made 38 recommendations to a range of local and national organisations and would be presented to Cabinet on 21 July when the Cabinet and Local Safeguarding Children Board would present their response to the recommendations.

Councillor Reynolds also reported on key aspects of the work of the Finance & Enterprise Scrutiny Committee in relation to the budget proposals, the Customer, Community & Partnership Scrutiny Committee in relation to part-time traffic signals and the Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee and the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee in relation to adult social care and NHS services locally and across the county.

She noted that scrutiny members also played a role in regional scrutiny on the West Mercia Police & Crime Panel for West Mercia Police and on the West Midlands Combined Authority Scrutiny Committee.

A review of co-optee arrangements had taken place and suggestions for the 2016/17 scrutiny work programme had recently been sought.

Finally, Councillor Reynolds thanked everyone who had helped and supported Scrutiny in its work over the course of the 2015/16 municipal year.

**30. Recommendations from Boards and Committees**

Audit Committee - Corporate Anti Fraud & Corruption Policy

**RESOLVED** – that the updated Corporate Anti Fraud & Corruption Policy be adopted.

### **31. Minutes of Boards and Committees**

Council noted the resolved and draft minutes of the following Boards and Committees:

Boundary Review Committee – 13 April 2016

Council Constitution Committee – 25 April 2016

Customer, Community & Partnership Scrutiny Committee – 26 April 2016

Health & Wellbeing Board – 9 March 2016

Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 2 March 2016

Licensing Committee – 23 March 2016

Planning Committee – 24 February, 16 March, 6 April, 27 April, 18 May 2016 and 8 June 2016

Scrutiny Management Board – 17 March and 4 May 2016

### **32. Questions**

The following questions were asked under Council Procedure Rule 7:-

1. Councillor P J Scott asked the following question of Councillor A D McClements, Cabinet Member: Transport, Customer & Neighbourhood Services:

"There has been an upturn in fly tipping in the Newport area and across the borough. Will the council consider helping us to combat this anti social behaviour by looking at the hot spots and introducing extra anti fly tipping measures such as bollards, signage and discreet CCTV to help us catch the culprits?"

Councillor McClements responded that figures for reports of fly tipping in Newport and the borough had reduced year on year except in Church Aston and Newport which had seen a marked increase this year to date. She stated that the Council had high performance indicators in relation to fly tipping and enforcement through the issue of warning letters. She encouraged anyone witnessing fly tips to come forward to enable prosecution.

Councillor Scott responded that there were two outstanding collections in Church Aston and Lilleshall and Councillor McClements gave assurances this would be investigated with Officers.

2. Councillor Andrew Eade asked the following question of Councillor Richard Overton, Cabinet Member: Housing, Leisure & Health

"The Council has received substantial funds from New Homes Bonus and Council Tax from properties and residents from new housing developments across the Borough.

As landscape and management of these developments is often provided by separate companies for a time limited period can Cllr. Overton provide an answer to the following questions: -

- (i) What is the total value of Council tax and New Homes Bonus received from developments which have management companies in charge of infrastructure maintenance?
- (ii) What sums of money have been put aside to adopt roads, footpaths, landscape, car parks and lighting etc. when the term of private maintenance agreements expire?
- (iii) What assessments have been undertaken to ascertain likely expenditure on infrastructure items to bring them to a standard where the council can adopt them?
- (iv) Where Management Plans are specified as a condition of planning approval, what work is undertaken to ensure that Management Plans are approved and in place before any development takes place?
- (v) Has the council exercise due diligence by looking at alternative means of maintaining new estates?
- (vi) Telford and Wrekin Council have been aware of potential and future problems with the above issues for over two years. What have they done in that time to protect and give advice to vulnerable first time buyers on future implications of adoption, or non-adoption of infrastructure and maintenance?
- (vii) Will the Cabinet Member tell us what measures will be taken in future to warn or protect residents in the Borough from the implications of such schemes.

Does the Cabinet member agree with me that such schemes are no more than a two tiered Council tax system and that the Council is providing a limited service for residents in return for full Council tax payments by residents?"

Councillor Richard Overton advised that given the detail of the question, he would provide a written response.

Councillor Eade asked a supplementary question regarding the moral duty to consider these issues and Councillor Overton replied that these were legal issues which should be raised with home owners by solicitors and mortgage advisers.

### **33. Notices of Motion**

- (i) Councillor E J Carter moved, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 8, the following Motion:

"I call upon Telford & Wrekin Council to make a commitment to actively work towards producing a parking strategy and a business case, that can lead directly to submitting an application for a Civil Parking Enforcement Order."

Councillor N C Lowery seconded the Motion.

In accordance with Council procedure rules, the Speaker referred the motion without discussion to the relevant Scrutiny Committee for discussion and report.

**RESOLVED - that the motion be referred to the relevant Scrutiny Committee.**

(ii) Councillor S Davies moved, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 8, the following Motion:

“The Land Registry has been state owned since its formation in 1862.

The Land Registry registers all land ownership in the UK, it provides a quality fully accountable impartial gold standard service in Land Registration and its system is copied across the World.

The Land Registry is no drain on the public purse, it is a trading fund, and has made a profit / surplus for the 19 years out of the last 20, in the last two years returned £246 million to the treasury.

It reduces its fees regularly and has a 96% customer satisfaction; being rated from good to excellent

The Land Registry employs around 300 people in Telford and Wrekin, these are well paid and highly skilled jobs.

This Council believes the Government plans to sell of the Registry will lead to a worse service for residents, which will cost more and diminish trust in the Registration of Land in this country. There is a real risk that these 300 jobs, which will be lost to the Borough of Telford and Wrekin, will have a detrimental impact on the workforce & their families and the negative economic impact to the Borough will be significant.

This Councils urgently calls on the Government to abort the sale of the Land Registry and re-affirm that Land Registry jobs will be kept in the Borough of Telford and Wrekin which have been based in the Town for over 30 years.”

Councillor A D McClements seconded the Motion.

Following a robust debate, the motion was unanimously approved.

**RESOLVED - that the motion be approved**

(iii) Councillor H Rhodes moved, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 8, the following Motion:

“This Council calls upon the Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner to take all necessary steps to ensure there is a dedicated Police Commander for Telford and Wrekin Council area responsible for community and investigative policing. That Police Commander must be based in Telford and Wrekin within the Divisional Headquarters for the area in order to continue that vital connection between local communities and local partners. We feel that a ‘top down’ & centralist approach will have a negative impact on the strategic delivery of policing across Telford & Wrekin, with less accountability.

Telford and Wrekin is a growing Borough with a variety of challenges and opportunities and losing a dedicated Police Commander that is currently delivering policing that meets local priorities and local needs would be a backward step and have a detrimental impact on Borough residents and businesses.”

Councillor W L Tomlinson seconded the Motion.

Following a lengthy debate, the motion was unanimously approved.

**RESOLVED - that the motion be approved**

**Mayor:** .....

**Date:** .....

**MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS**  
**1 July 2016 – 11 September 2016**

**July**

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| <b>1</b>  | <b>M</b>  | White Ribbon Campaign Event at Southwater One, Southwater Sqaure, Telford Town Centre                              |
|           | <b>M</b>  | Battle of the Somme 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Service at Hartshill Park Memorial, Oakengates     |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>M</b>  | Wrekin College Speech Day at Wrekin College, Sutherland Road, Wellington   |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>DM</b> | Mayor of Newport Civic Service at St Nicholas' Church, High Street, Newport  |
|           | <b>M</b>  | Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council Fun Day at Hollinswood Pavilion Field   |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>DM</b> | Shropshire Homes School Sports Festival at Shrewsbury Sports Village, Sundorne Road, Shrewsbury                    |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>DM</b> | Grange Park Primary School Art Exhibition at Grange Park Primary School, Calcott, Stirchley                        |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>DM</b> | Randlay Colts Junior Football Club Annual Tournament at Stirchley Recreation Centre, Grange Avenue, Stirchley      |
|           | <b>M</b>  | Rotary Club of The Wrekin Sports Day at Wrekin College, Sutherland Road, Wellington                                |
|           | <b>M</b>  | Ironbridge Brass Band Charity Concert at the Museum of Iron, Coah Road, Coalbrookdale                              |
| <b>10</b> | <b>M</b>  | Dawley & District RBL Annual Summer Parade at Dawley Christian Centre Methodist Church, Dawley                     |
| <b>11</b> | <b>DM</b> | Safe Places Shropshire 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Celebration at the University Centre, The Guildhall, Shrewsbury |

- 13 DM** Senior Citizens Forum at Newport Cricket Club, Audley Avenue, Newport
- 14 M** Heritage Schools Battle of the Somme Commemoration Event at Southwater One, Southwater Square, Telford Town Centre
- 15 M** Borgers 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fun Day at Borgers Ltd, Hortonwood 30, Telford
- 16 M** Hoo Farm Animal Kingdom 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Hoo Farm Animal Kingdom, Preston on the Weald Moors, Telford
- 17 M** Sutton Hill Church 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Service at Sutton Hill Church, Southgate, Sutton Hill
- 18 M** Severn Teaching School End of Year Celebration at The Bridge School, Waterloo Road, Hadley
- 20 M** Citizenship Ceremony at the Register Office, Wellington Civic & Leisure Centre
- 21 DM** TACT Remembrance Service at the House of Prayer, Market Approach, Wellington
- DM** 11<sup>th</sup> Signal & West Midlands Brigade Reception & Beating the Retreat at Venning Barracks, Donnington
- 22 M** Adams' Grammar School Speech Day & Prizegiving at Adams' Grammar School, High Street, Newport
- 23 M** Arleston Community Day at Watling Community Centre, Arleston
- 28 M** Hoshizaki Grant of Appointment Ceremony at Hoshizaki Europe Ltd, Telford 70, Stafford Park 7, Telford
- 30 M** Opening of the Telford Festival at the QE11 Arena, Telford Town Park
- M** Mayor's Charity Launch at Southwater One, Southwater Square, Telford Town Centre

- August**
- 3 M** Telford Quakers Refugee Picnic at Meeting Point House, Southwater Square, Telford Town Centre
- 14 M** Madeley Victorian Fete at the Anstice Memorial Hall & Square, Madeley
- DM** Mayor of Shrewsbury Summer Lunch at The Quarry, Shrewsbury
- 17 DM** Telford & Wrekin Parkinson's Support Group 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Afternoon Tea at Hadley Park House Hotel, Hadley Park East, Telford
- 20 M** Telford Fire Station Open Day at Telford Fire Station, Stafford Park 1, Telford
- 21 M** Telford Archers Heritage Competition at Allscott Cricket Club, Telford
- 26 M** Official Unveiling of Major CAL Yate Commemoration Paving Stone at Madeley War Memorial, Telford
- 29 M** Gower Heritage & Enterprise Group Summer Fest at St George's Cricket Club, Church Street, St Georges
- September**
- 8 M** David Wilson Homes Eastfield Development Opening at Lawley Drive, Telford
- M** RAF Shawbury Autumn Reception at Officers' Mess, RAF Shawbury
- 10 M** High Sheriff of Shropshire Volunteer Celebration at RAF Cosford Museum, Cosford, Shifnal
- DM** Official Reopening of Coalbrookdale Community Centre at Wellington Road, Coalbrookdale
- M** Association for Industrial Archaeology Conference Gala Dinner at the University of Wolverhampton Telford Campus, Priorslee

**TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL – 22 SEPTEMBER 2016**

**MATTERS DETERMINED BY THE CABINET**

**REPORT OF CABINET – FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

This report sets out those matters determined by the Cabinet at its meeting on 21 July 2016.

**2.0 CABINET BUSINESS**

Matters that have been determined by Cabinet are listed below:

	2.1	<u>21 July 2016</u>
K	2.1.1	Scrutiny Review of Multi-Agency Working Against Child Sexual Exploitation
K PC	2.1.2	2016/17 Financial Management Report
K	2.1.3	2015/16 End of Year Performance Report
K	2.1.4	Superfast Telford – Marches Business Broadband Grant Scheme
K	2.1.5	Declaration of three new Local Nature Reserves: Apley Woods LNR, Ketley Paddock Mound LNR and The Beeches LNR
K	2.1.6	Article 4 Direction to Remove Permitted Development Rights for Conversion of Light Industrial Units to Residential
NK	2.1.7	West Midlands Rail Collaboration Agreement
	2.1.8	Urgency Resolution – Section 100B(4) Local Government Act 1972
NK	2.1.9	Referral from Council
K	2.1.10	£20m Growth Fund – Investing in Telford's Growth

**Key**

K	= Key Decisions
NK	= Non-Key Decisions
E	= Exempt Items
PE	= Part Exempt Item
C	= Council
PC	= Part Recommendation to Council

### 3.0 DELEGATION OF POWERS GRANTED BY THE CABINET

REPORT HEADING	DELEGATION GRANTED TO	DETAIL OF DELEGATION GRANTED
Superfast Telford – Marches Business Broadband Grant Scheme	Assistant Director; Business, Development & Employment	In discussion with the Lead Cabinet Member to take all actions necessary to complete the Partnership Agreement.
Declaration of three new Local Nature Reserves: Apley Woods LNR, Ketley Paddock Mound LNR and The Beeches LNR	Assistant Director: Business, Development & Employment (and any officer authorised in writing by that Assistant Director)	Following consultation with the Lead Cabinet Member for Housing, Leisure & Health to complete the declaration process.
Article 4 Direction to Remove Permitted Development Rights for Conversion of Light Industrial Units to Residential	Assistant Director Business, Development and Employment	<p>(a) To make a Direction without immediate effect under Article 4 (1) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development Order) 2015 relating to the employment areas of Central Park / Town Centre, Halesfield, Hortonwood, Stafford Park and Tweedale as identified on the attached plan to remove permitted development rights under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Schedule 2 Part 3 Class (O) changes of use from offices to dwelling houses and</li> <li>(ii) Schedule 2 Part 3 Class (P) changes of use from storage or distribution centre to dwelling houses and</li> </ul> <p>Schedule 2 Part 3 Class (PA) changes of use from light industrial uses to dwelling houses and;</p>

	<p>Assistant Director Business Development and Employment (or any other officer authorised in writing by the Assistant Director Business Development and Employment)</p>	<p>any other such Class of permitted development specified in Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development Order) 2015 as amended as is deemed appropriate to preserve the integrity of the said employment areas (“the Employment area Article 4 Direction”)</p> <p>(b) In consultation with the Lead Cabinet Member to exercise all powers under Article 4 and Schedule 3 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development Order) 2015 as amended to make or cancel Article 4 Directions with and without immediate effect for the removal of permitted development rights as deemed expedient.</p>
<p>£20m Growth Fund – Investing in Telford’s Growth</p>	<p>Assistant Director: Development, Business &amp; Employment in consultation with the Assistant Director: Finance, Audit &amp; Information, and the Cabinet Member: Council Finance &amp; Service Delivery</p>	<p>To consider the business case and determine the acquisition and disposal of PIP assets and/or investment in strategic infrastructure.</p>

	<p>Assistant Director: Development, Business &amp; Employment</p> <p>Assistant Director: Governance, Procurement &amp; Commissioning</p>	<p>To undertake the acquisition and disposal of PIP assets and/or investment in strategic infrastructure following approval to the business case as set out in 2.1 and to enter into arrangements, agreements, deeds and transfers as required to secure any such acquisition, disposal and/or investment</p> <p>To seal or sign any documents required to give effect to the recommendations contained in this report.</p>
<p><b>LEGAL COMMENT</b> <b>FINANCIAL COMMENT</b> <b>LINKS WITH CORPORATE</b> <b>PRIORITIES</b> <b>RISKS AND</b> <b>OPPORTUNITIES</b> <b>ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT</b> <b>EQUALITY &amp; DIVERSITY</b> <b>WARD IMPLICATIONS</b></p>	<p>As described in each report considered by Cabinet. Copies of all reports have been previously circulated to all Members of the Council</p>	

**TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL****COUNCIL – 22 SEPTEMBER 2016****2016/17 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT****REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: FINANCE & HR (CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER)****LEAD CABINET MEMBER: CLLR LEE CARTER****PART A) – SUMMARY REPORT****1.0 SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES**

**1.1** The Financial Management report to Cabinet on 21 July provided an update on progress relating to the capital programme. The report also highlighted some new capital allocations, virements, slippage which require formal approval by Full Council.

**1.2** The Investing in Telford Growth report also approved at Cabinet on 21 July outlined an amendment to the original delegation for the Telford Growth Fund to allow it to be used to fund strategic infrastructure, including electricity and utility supplies, where through a business case this is shown to support and enable inward investment, business growth and revenue generation. This would not increase total prudential borrowing commitments but will allow a wider range of opportunities and potential benefits from the funding already allocated to the Telford Growth Fund.

**1.3 SUMMARY**

The Detailed approvals required by Council are:

	2016/17 £	2017/18 £	2018/19 £	Later Years £	Funding
<b>Virements</b>					
<b>Education &amp; Corporate Parenting</b>					
Building Schools for the Future	300,000				Grant
<b>Development, Business &amp; Employment</b>					
All Other School Schemes	(300,000)				Grant
<b>Neighbourhood &amp; Customer Services</b>					
Telford Growth Package	98,000				Grant
Integrated Transport	(98,000)				Grant
Highways & Bridges Capital Mtce	84,300				Grant
Ironbridge Gorge Stability	(84,300)				Grant
<b>Commercial Services</b>					
AMP- General Works and Surveys	(35,000)				Prudential
Housing	35,000				Prudential
AMP- General Works and Surveys	(100,000)				Prudential
Wellington Fitness	100,000				Prudential
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>				

<b>Slippage</b>					
<b>Development, Business &amp; Employment</b>					
Housing company – Housing	(916,000)	916,000			External
Housing company – Housing	(11,884,000)	4,860,000	7,024,000		Prudential
Commercial Investment Project	(1,835,755)	1,229,755	606,000		Prudential
Property Investment Programme	(4,208,969)	4,208,969			Prudential
Housing	(475,000)	475,000			Prudential
HCA Land Deals	(112,140)	112,140			External
HCA Land Deals		(623,720)	623,720		External
Land Deal Board Schemes	(518,148)	518,148			External
<b>Commercial Services</b>					
St Georges Regeneration	(300,000)	300,000			Prudential
Wellington Fitness	(300,000)	300,000			Prudential
Housing			110,000	(110,000)	Receipts
<b>Education &amp; Corporate Parenting</b>					
All Other School Schemes			700,000	(700,000)	Receipts
<b>Total</b>	<b>(20,550,012)</b>	<b>12,296,292</b>	<b>9,063,720</b>	<b>(810,000)</b>	
<b>New Allocations</b>					
<b>Education &amp; Corporate Parenting</b>					
All Other School Schemes	283,135				External
<b>Commercial Services</b>					
ICT/eGov	165,000				Revenue
<b>Total</b>	<b>448,135</b>				

In relation to the Growth Fund, the capital programme will be updated to reflect the changes outlined in 1.2 above.

<b>2.0</b>	<b><u>RECOMMENDATION</u></b>
<b>2.1</b>	Members are asked to approve the changes to the capital programme in section 1 above.

### **3.0** **SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

<b>COMMUNITY IMPACT</b>	Do these proposals contribute to specific Priority Plan objective(s)?	
	Yes	Delivery of all priority objectives depend on the effective use of available resources.
	Will the proposals impact on specific groups of people?	
	No	
<b>TARGET COMPLETION/DELIVERY DATE</b>	The capital programme will be immediately updated to reflect the new approvals.	
<b>FINANCIAL/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPACT</b>	Yes	Financial impacts arising from this report will be reflected in future financial management reports and built into the service and financial planning strategy for 2017/18 and beyond
<b>LEGAL ISSUES</b>	No	None directly arising from this report.

		The S151 Officer has a statutory duty to monitor income and expenditure and take action if overspends /shortfalls emerge.
<b>OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS &amp; OPPORTUNITIES</b>	No	
<b>IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS</b>	No	Borough Wide

#### **4.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Council 03/03/2016 – Service & Financial Planning 2016/17 to 2017/18  
 Cabinet 21/07/16 – 2016/17 Financial Management Report  
 Cabinet 21/7/2016 - £20m Growth Fund – Investing in Telford’s Growth

#### **PART B) – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

There is no additional information.

#### **5.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

2016/17 Budget Strategy / Financial Ledger reports

Report Prepared by:

Ken Clarke, Assistant Director: Finance & HR (C.F.O.) – 01952 383100; Pauline Harris, Finance Manager – 01952 383701

- 1.1. This strategy has been developed to ensure that the Council can qualify for a 4-year funding settlement from Government. A 4-year settlement is essential to the medium-term financial stability of the Council. It will help us to plan our future budget strategy and what services will be delivered; this is essential for both the community and for Council employees too. It will help the Council to take a medium-term view of service transformation and delivery and avoid year-on-year ad hoc responses to an ever changing financial landscape.
- 1.2. This efficiency strategy is built on the relevant sections of the Council's Service & Financial Plan for 2016-2018 which identifies how efficiencies and savings will be delivered. The full report can be found at [www.telford.gov.uk/budget](http://www.telford.gov.uk/budget).
- 1.3. Since, the adoption of this strategy by the Council in March 2016, the Council has continued to develop its projections of the organisation's financial position to 2019/20. In addition to the savings targets this strategy has identified, the Council is forecasting the need to find an additional £20m savings in 2018/19 and 2019/20.
- 1.4. This strategy includes three themes:
  1. Our approach to delivering efficiencies to make £30m of savings.
  2. How new flexibilities in the use of capital receipts will be used
  3. Prudential Indicators for 2016/18 to ensure borrowing by the Council is affordable in the medium to long term.
- 1.5. This strategy will be reviewed annually and updated with the progress made delivering each of these themes.

## **2. Delivering Efficiencies**

- 2.1. Telford & Wrekin Council has a proven track record of delivering savings and efficiencies. In the past 5 years the Council has delivered £80m savings including:
  - Reduced the number of jobs by over 1,270 since April 2010, saving around £22.5m pa following a major redesign and restructuring of the organisation. Reduced the size of the senior management team by 60%.
  - Cut back-office costs by around 45% since 2009, saving £9.1m a year.
  - Delivered £11.3m procurement savings over the past 7 years by renegotiating and re-tendering contracts for the provision of services.
  - As part of our business winning approach, forecast to generate an extra £7.1m income by 2018, through growth in business rates and council tax since April 2013.
  - Receive £6.4m in 2016/17 from the New Homes Bonus paid by the Government to reward councils for increasing housing supply.

- Increased income from more commercial approaches across our services over the past two years, including increasing income from schools outside of Telford & Wrekin.
- Worked in partnership with other local authorities and statutory agencies. Including the West Mercia Youth Offending Service (WMYOS) established in partnership with Worcestershire, Hereford, Shropshire, health, police and probation.
- Reduced the office space we use by a third, saving the Council £2m pa.

2.2. Moving forward the Council has to deliver a further £30+m of savings. Our themes and projected savings for each one for the next 2 financial years are:

Theme	Projected savings		
	2016/17 £	2017/18 £	Total £
<b>A. Focusing on solving problems and promoting social responsibility and action to manage and reduce demand for services:</b>	688,180	1,390,380	2,078,560
<b>B. Challenging &amp; changing, reviewing and reimagining the way we do things.</b>	15,000,300	8,078,500	23,078,800
<b>C. Reducing our dependency on Government grants.</b>	2,460,960	2,702,750	5,163,710
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,149,440</b>	<b>12,171,630</b>	<b>30,321,070</b>

These 3 themes are underpinned by a fourth theme “Being a modern organisation with modern practices where we always get the basics right”.

These 4 themes will continue into 2018/19 and 2019/20 when an estimated £20m of additional savings will be required.

### 3. Capital Receipt Flexibility

3.1. As part of the local government settlement for 2016/17, Government announced greater flexibility for Council’s in how they make use of capital receipts- the money which acquired when an asset such as a building is sold. Council’s currently are only allowed to spend such money on further capital programmes, however the Government has announced that Council’s are to have greater flexibility as to how they spend this money. In 2016/17 we propose to use this flexibility for £5.5m of capital receipts. This will be used to fund:

- £0.5m service transformation costs
- £4.5M into our severance fund as the Council may lose a further 500 staff over the next 3 years
- £0.5M invest to save fund to develop community capacity to deliver services which the Council will no longer provide.

#### **4. Prudential Indicators**

- 4.1. Council's Service & Financial Plan for 2016-2018 sets out the Council's prudential indicators for 2016/17. These indicators are designed to ensure that the Council's capital borrowing is affordable and does not place undue burden on the Council's revenue budget or Council tax payers (i.e. the cost of servicing the interest paid on capital borrowing).