

**AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE
BOROUGH OF TELFORD & WREKIN**

**Will be held at THE PLACE,
OAKENGATES, TELFORD, TF2 6ET
on MONDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2018
at 6.00pm**

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



Assistant Director Governance, Procurement & Commissioning

AGENDA

- 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.

In accordance with the Constitution, five members of the Council submitted a request to the Speaker to arrange an urgent extraordinary public meeting of the Council with the following items of business

3. **Notice of Motion**

Councillor Shaun Davies will move the following Motion:

“This Council is gravely concerned by the planned overnight closure of PRH’s A&E due to start in November. This Council has seen this coming for the past two years, and from October 2016, the Leader has contacted the Secretary of State numerous times to warn about the situation at SaTH.

Now at the 11th hour, this Council again calls on the Secretary of State to intervene to support the key priority agreed with SaTH and all necessary actions to prevent the overnight closure of Telford’s PRH’s A&E, namely:

- To allocate extra middle grade A&E doctors and nurses to SaTH as a matter of urgency as current staffing levels make keeping two A&Es open impossible for the Trust to maintain
- Work with the Home Office to expedite stalled visa applications from doctors and fast track successful applicants to work in A&E at SaTH
- To provide central funding to help SaTH acquire a new radiology scanner at PRH to ensure its A&E can remain open overnight.”

The Motion will be seconded by Councillor Richard Overton.

4. **Political Balance**

To consider the report of the Assistant Director: Governance, Procurement & Commissioning.

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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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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:

http://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20243/council_meetings/365/filming_photography_recording_and_use_of_social_networking_at_meetings

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:
http://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20243/council_meetings/364/public_questions_at_council_meetings

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

COUNCIL – 29 OCTOBER 2018

POLITICAL BALANCE

REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: GOVERNANCE, PROCUREMENT AND COMMISSIONING

LEAD CABINET MEMBERS - CLLR SHAUN DAVIES & CLLR RAE EVANS

1. SUMMARY OF MAIN PROPOSALS

- 1.1 To inform Members of a change in the Council’s political balance and to agree resulting changes to the allocation of seats on Committees and Boards.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the change to the Council’s political balance be noted;
 2.2 That the corresponding changes in the number and allocation of seats on the Council’s Committees/Boards be endorsed; and
 2.3 That Council appoints the Committees/Boards, Chairs, Vice Chairs and membership thereof, as shown at Appendix 1 of this report, for the remainder of the 2018/19 Municipal Year.

3. SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

COMMUNITY IMPACT	Do these proposals contribute to specific Co-Operative Council priority objective(s)?	
	Yes	
	Will the proposals impact on specific groups of people?	
	No	
TARGET COMPLETION/DELIVERY DATE	The change will become effective upon the end of the Council meeting.	
FINANCIAL/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPACT	No	There are no financial implications foreseen from adopting the recommendations of this report. RP- 04.10.18
LEGAL ISSUES	Yes	Approval of the allocation of seats on Committees/Boards is a function exercisable by the Council. SD
OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES	Yes	The opportunities and risks associated with these proposals have been identified and assessed. Arrangements will be put in place to manage the risks

		and maximise the opportunities that have been identified.
IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS	No	Borough-wide impact

4. INFORMATION

4.1 Councillor Mark Boylan has resigned from the Conservative Group and joined the Labour Group. The Council's political balance has, therefore, been recalculated as follows:

Labour	28 seats	(51.85%)
Conservative	20 seats	(37.04%)
Lib Dem/Independent	5 seats	(9.26%)
Non-Aligned	1 seat	(1.85%)

4.2 The Regulations require main Committees/Boards to be balanced overall, subject to the majority of seats being allocated to the political group with the majority of the Council's membership.

4.3 Non-aligned Members do not have an entitlement to seats on Committees/Boards.

4.4 The main Committees/Boards currently have an even number of seats and it is, therefore, proposed to amend the number of seats on each Committee to an odd number in order to allow for a fairer representation of the political balance. Given the current structure of the Council, the revised allocation of seats is proposed as follows:

	Total Seats	Labour	%	Conservative	%	Lib Dem/Ind	%
GOVERNANCE							
Standards	7	4	57.14	3	42.86	0	0.00
Audit	7	4	57.14	2	28.57	1	14.29
Constitution Committee	7	4	57.14	2	28.57	1	14.29
Boundary Review Committee	7	4	57.14	2	28.57	1	14.29
Appeals	7	4	57.14	3	42.86	0	0.00
Personnel Committee	7	4	57.14	2	28.57	1	14.29
REGULATORY							
Planning	9	5	55.56	3	33.33	1	11.11
Licensing	11	6	54.55	5	45.45	0	0.00
SCRUTINY							
Finance & Enterprise	7	4	57.14	3	28.57	0	14.29
Children & Young People	9	5	55.56	3	33.33	1	11.11
Customer Community & Partnership	7	4	57.14	2	42.86	1	0.00
Health & Adult Social Care	9	5	55.56	4	44.44	0	0.00
Scrutiny Management Board	7	4	57.14	2	28.57	1	14.29
Total	101	57	56.44%	36	35.64%	8	7.92%

- 4.5 The application of the recalculation of the political balance will, also result in a change in the Council's membership of the Combined Fire Authority:-

	Total Seats	Labour		Conservative		LibDem/Ind	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Fire Authority	6	4	66.66	2	33.34	0	0.00

- 4.6 Political Balance regulations do not apply to bodies not listed in legislation or where legislation specifically states that the requirement does not apply. It is proposed that the membership of the following Boards and Committees will, therefore, remain unchanged:

	Total Seats	Labour	Cons	LibDem/Ind
		No.	No.	No.
Health & Wellbeing Board	6	4	1	1
Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee	3	2	1	0
West Mercia Energy Joint Committee	2	2	0	0
WMCA Board	1	1	0	0
WMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee	1	1	0	0
WMCA Audit Committee	1	1	0	0

- 4.7 The various Committees and Boards, to be appointed for the remainder of 2018/19 are shown at **Appendix 1**.

5. IMPACT ASSESSMENT – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

No further information required.

6. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Annual Council – 26 May 2016
Full Council – 19 January 2017
Full Council – 20 September 2018

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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