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6pm
Wednesday, 20 July 2022
Council Chamber
Wyre Forest House,
Finepoint Way,
Kidderminster



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COUNCIL MEETING

12 July 2022

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND HONORARY ALDERMEN

PRESS AND PUBLIC

Dear Member

YOU ARE INVITED to attend a meeting of the Wyre Forest District Council to be held **at 6.00p.m. on Wednesday 20 July 2022**, in the Council Chamber, Wyre Forest House, Finepoint Way, Kidderminster.

The Agenda for the meeting is enclosed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "I R Miller".

Ian Miller
Chief Executive

Declaration of Interests by Members – interests of members in contracts and other matters

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(A) TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COUNCIL

The Council

1. Is the ultimate decision making Body.
2. Determines the Budget (but reserves powers to itself in relation to requirements).
3. Is responsible for appointing (and dismissing) the Leader of the Council.
4. Appoints at its Annual Meeting, the Regulatory Committees, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and any other Committees/Forums necessary to conduct the Council’s business.
5. Decides on matters where the Cabinet is not minded to determine a matter in accordance with Council policy.

(B) MATTERS RESERVED TO THE COUNCIL

1. Those reserved by Law e.g. levying a rate, borrowing money, promotion of or opposition to a Bill in Parliament.
2. Matters reserved to the Council by financial regulations.
3. The adoption and amendment of Standing Orders, including the powers and duties of Committees and other forums.
4. Power to make, amend, revoke or enact or enforce any byelaws.
5. The determination of the objectives of the Council.
6. Matters of new policy or variation of existing policy as contained within the budget and policy framework.
7. Local Development Framework adoption.
8. Any function where a decision would be contrary to a plan, policy, budget or strategy previously adopted by the Council, which would be contrary to the Council’s Standing Orders, Financial Regulations or Executive arrangements.
9. The Scheme of Delegations to Officers.

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Wyre Forest District Council

Council

Wednesday, 20 July 2022

Council Chamber, Wyre Forest House, Finepoint Way, Kidderminster

Part 1

Open to the press and public

Agenda item	Subject	Page Number
1.	Prayers To be read by Rev Megan Gibbins, Vicar, The Benefice of the Parish of Ribbesford with Bewdley & Dowles and Wribbenhall Parish.	
2.	Apologies for Absence	
3.	Declarations of Interests by Members In accordance with the Code of Conduct, to invite Members to declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI's) and / or Other Disclosable Interests (ODI's) in the following agenda items and indicate the action that they will be taking when the item is considered. Please see the Members' Code of Conduct as set out in Section 14 of the Council's Constitution for full details.	
4.	Minutes To approve as a correct record and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2022.	9
5.	Public Participation In accordance with the Council's Scheme for Public Speaking at Meetings of Full Council, to allow members of the public to present petitions, ask questions, or make statements, details of which have been received by 12 noon on Monday 11 July 2022 No requests for public participation were received by the deadline. <i>If you wish to speak on an urgent matter that has arisen since the deadline and you could not reasonably have known about it at the time, you should register your interest in speaking no later than 9am on the day of the meeting of Council. In the case of a request to speak on an urgent matter, the Solicitor to the Council will rule on whether or not the matter is urgent and that ruling will be final.</i>	
6.	Chairman's Communications To note the engagements of the Chairman of the Council since the Council's last meeting.	14

7.	<p>Leader of the Council Announcements</p> <p>To receive announcements from the Leader of the Council.</p>	
8.	<p>Political Balance Report</p> <p>To consider a report from the Solicitor to the Council to approve the revised table of political balance.</p>	15
<p>9.</p> <p>(a)</p> <p>(b)</p>	<p>Policy and Budget Framework</p> <p>Matters which require a Decision by Council.</p> <p>Recommendations from Licensing & Environmental Committee – 6 June 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendment to constitution <p>Recommendations from Cabinet – 30 June 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendment to the Capital Programme – Acquisition of Property in Kidderminster <p>Please note that the reports and associated documents, referred to above, have been circulated electronically to Members. Public inspection copies are available on request where applicable. Please refer to the front cover for contact details.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>21</p>
10.	<p>Questions</p> <p>To receive questions submitted by Members of the Council and the replies of the Leader of the Council, or relevant Cabinet Member, in accordance with Standing Order 1.9, details of which have been received by 12 noon on Monday 11 July 2022.</p> <p>Eleven questions have been received by the deadline.</p> <p><i>In the case of an urgent matter that has arisen since the deadline above, and could not have been reasonably known at that time, it must be delivered in writing to the Solicitor to the Council no later than 9am on the day of Council.</i></p>	22
11.	<p>Motions Submitted under Standing Orders</p> <p>To consider Motions in the order in which notice has been received.</p> <p>1. Notice of Motion from The Conservative Group to be proposed by Councillor M Hart and seconded by Councillor I Hardiman</p> <p>Whilst accepting the importance of ‘No Mow May and Too soon June’ to the insect life of the District and that the use of weed killers should be carefully controlled, this Council is appalled at the current state of the District. A core priority of this Council is to ‘Keep the District Safe, Clean and Looking Good’.</p> <p>This Council calls upon the Leadership of this Council and the Cabinet Member with responsibility to get a grip on this fundamental issue and that core statutory functions of this Council and other non-statutory functions which come under this corporate</p>	

	<p>theme are a key quality of life issue for our residents.</p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member assure this Council that roads will be swept, weeds will be sprayed, grass will be cut and litter bins emptied and this Council calls upon him to formally apologise for the woefully inadequate level of service that the Progressive Alliance is giving to the council tax payers of this District?</p>	
12.	<p>Emergency Motions submitted under Standing Orders</p> <p>To consider Emergency Motions submitted in accordance with Standing Order 4.1 (i).</p>	
13.	<p>To consider any other business, details of which have been communicated to the Solicitor to the Council before the commencement of the meeting, which the Chairman by reason of special circumstances considers to be of so urgent a nature that it cannot wait until the next meeting.</p>	
14.	<p>Exclusion of the Press and Public</p> <p>To consider passing the following resolution:</p> <p>“That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of “exempt information” as defined in the paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act”.</p>	

Part 2

Not open to the Press and Public

15.	<p>To consider any other business, details of which have been communicated to the Solicitor to the Council before the commencement of the meeting, which the Chairman by reason of special circumstances considers to be of so urgent a nature that it cannot wait until the next meeting.</p>	
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WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL

COUNCIL CHAMBER, WYRE FOREST HOUSE, FINEPOINT WAY,
KIDDERMINSTER

11TH MAY 2022 (6PM)

Present:

Councillors: J Aston (Chairman), P Dyke (Vice-Chairman), G W Ballinger, C J Barnett, J F Byng, V Caulfield, A Coleman, R H Coleman, B S Dawes, N J Desmond, H E Dyke, C Edginton-White , N Gale, I Hardiman, P Harrison, M J Hart, K Henderson, L J Jones, N Martin, S Miah, F M Oborski MBE, T L Onslow, M Rayner, C Rogers, S E N Rook, D R Sheppard, J W R Thomas, A Totty, L Whitehouse and P W M Young.

C.01 Prayers

Prayers were said by Revd Shaun Armstrong, Curate, Kidderminster Ismere Team in the Diocese of Worcester.

C.02 Election of Chairman

Councillor P Dyke was nominated as Chairman. This was moved by Councillor G Ballinger and seconded by Councillor C Edginton-White.

Decision: Councillor P Dyke be elected as Chairman of the Council for the Municipal Year 2022-2023.

C.03 Chairman – Investiture and Declaration of Acceptance of Office

After being invested with his Chain of Office, Councillor P Dyke made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman.

C.04 Chairman’s Response

The Chairman thanked members for supporting his appointment as Chairman. He said that he would represent the Council to the best of his ability and would take every opportunity to promote the district in a positive way. He announced that his chosen charities for the municipal year are Wyre Forest Talking Newspaper and the Kidderminster and District Youth Trust.

C.05 Retiring Chairman

The Leaders of the political groups; Independent Group, Councillor H Dyke; Conservative Group, Councillor M Hart; Liberal Democrat Group, Councillor F Oborski MBE; Health Concern Group, Councillor Ballinger; and the Labour Group, Councillor L Whitehouse, thanked the retiring

Chairman for his contribution to the role during his term of office.

C.06 Election of Vice-Chairman

Councillor G Ballinger nominated Councillor C Edginton-White as Vice-Chairman. This was seconded by Councillor H Dyke.

Decision: Councillor C Edginton-White be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Council for the Municipal Year 2022-2023.

C.07 Vice-Chairman – Investiture and Declaration of Acceptance of Office

After being invested with her Badge of Office, Councillor C Edginton-White made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

C.08 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: S Chambers and D Ross.

C.09 Declarations of Interests by Members

No declarations of interest were made.

C.10 Minutes

Decision: The minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2022, and the minutes of the special meeting of the Council held on 26 April 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C.11 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

C.12 Questions

No questions were received by the deadline.

C.13 Chairman's Communications

The Council received a list of functions attended by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman since the Council's last meeting.

C.14 Political and Constitutional Structures 2022-2023

Council considered a report from the Solicitor to the Council on the proposed political and constitutional structures for the municipal year 2022-2023.

The Leader of the Council presented the report and formally moved the full suite of recommendations as set out in the report for approval. Councillor

G Ballinger seconded the proposals.

Councillor M Hart thanked the Solicitor to the Council most sincerely for dealing with the proposed amendments to the Constitution in respect of the rules of debate at Council meetings.

Upon a vote, the recommendations were agreed.

Decision: Council;

- 1.1 Agreed the revisions to the Constitution as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.**
- 1.2 Approved the proposed Political Management Structure of committees for 2022/2023 as set out in Appendix 2.**
- 1.3 Agreed the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees as contained in Appendix 3.**
- 1.4 Adopted the Municipal Calendar as set out in Appendix 4.**
- 1.5 Agreed the revised table of political balance in Appendix 5.**
- 1.6 Agreed the updated appointments to outside bodies as set out in Appendix 6.**
- 1.7 Authorised the Solicitor to the Council to settle any outstanding details relating to the political structures and to make changes as necessary to the Council's Constitution to give effect to the Council's decisions and any other revisions necessary to reflect needs or circumstances.**

C.15 Constitution: code of conduct

Recommendations from the Ethics & Standards Committee – 4 May 2022

• Amended Member Code of Conduct

The Chairman of the Ethics & Standards Committee appointed for the meeting held on 4 May, Councillor G Ballinger, presented the recommendations for approval.

Councillor Ballinger stated that he had just been informed that Stourport Town Council had an issue with the recommendation 1.3 *All Town and Parish Councils within the District adopt the final amended code.*

The Solicitor to the Council advised that it would be considerably more straightforward for the Ethics & Standards Committee to hear breaches of the Code of Conduct if all councils were operating under the same code. However, if for whatever reason a Town or Parish Council chose not to adopt the code, it was a matter for them: it was purely a recommendation from the District Council.

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In response to questions from members regarding the adoption of the code by other councils across Worcestershire, the Solicitor to the Council advised that at a meeting of all of the Monitoring Officers in Worcestershire, it was agreed that they would take the amended code to their respective councils for adoption. She said it was a matter for Councillors to decide what code they adopted for Wyre Forest.

Councillor P Young seconded the proposal.

Councillor M Hart said that he had spoken to the Chairman of Worcestershire County Council's Ethics & Standards Committee and they had deferred the item for further discussion. He added that he was only aware of one other District Council in Worcestershire that had adopted the amended code.

Councillor Hart moved an amendment that the item be referred to the Ethics and Standards Committee to reconsider the matter. The Leader said that she would discuss the matter with other Leaders to investigate what is happening in councils across Worcestershire and was happy to second the proposal.

Upon a vote, the proposal was agreed.

Decision: The item be referred to the Ethics & Standards Committee to reconsider the matter. The Leader to discuss the matter with other Leaders to investigate what is happening in councils across Worcestershire.

C.16 Members' Annual Activity Reports and Attendance 2021-2022

Council received the schedule of Members' Annual Reports giving details of their activities in their role as District Councillors for the 2021-2022 municipal year and a record of Members' attendance for the 2021-2022 municipal year.

Decision: The reports and attendance be noted.

C.17 Annual Reports for the Municipal Year 2021-2022

- (a) Cabinet
- (b) Overview & Scrutiny Committee
- (c) Ethics & Standards Committee

Council received the annual reports from the Leader of the Council, the Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and the Chairman of the Ethics & Standards Committee appointed for the meeting held on 4 May 2022.

Decision: The Annual Reports for Cabinet, Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Ethics & Standards Committee be noted.

C.18 Leader of the Council Announcements

The Leader of the Council referred members to her tabled report.

C.19 Ethics Regime in Local Government

Recommendations from the Ethics & Standards Committee – 4 May 2022

Councillor G Ballinger presented the recommendations and formally moved them for approval. The proposal was seconded by Councillor P Young.

Upon a vote, the recommendations were agreed.

Decision: Council agreed that:

The Ethics Committee SUPPORTED and WELCOMED;

- i the Government’s expectation that Council resources are not wasted on councillor vs councillor, “tit for tat” complaints between political parties;**
- ii the Government’s expectation that, if an elected member is a member of a political group, they would also expect to be subject to party discipline, including being removed from that group or their party;**
- iii the Government’s recommendation that every political party establish their own code of conduct for party members, including elected representatives;**
- iv the Government’s confirmation that Councillors can be barred from Cabinet, Committees, or representative roles, and may be publicly criticised;**
- v that the Government will engage with sector representative bodies of councillors and officers of all tiers of local government to seek views on options to strengthen sanctions to address breaches of the code which fall below the bar of criminal activity and related sanctions but involve serious incidents of bullying and harassment or disruptive behaviour.**

C.20 Emergency Motions submitted under Standing Orders

There were no urgent motions.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 6.57pm

The full meeting is available for viewing on the Council’s website <https://www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/your-council/councillors-committees-and-meetings/council-meetings/>

Chairman's List of Functions – 2022/23

May – July 2022

6 th May	Chairman of Bromsgrove DC Charity Dinner Dance
30 th May	The Queen's Platinum Jubilee –Hartlebury Castle – Garden Party
1 st June	Pride Flag raising at Wyre Forest House
5 th June	The Mayor of Tenbury – Platinum Jubilee Celebration Parade and Church service
11 th June	Wyre Forest Beaver and Cub Scouts WFDC Jubilee Inflatable Fun Day
*18 th June	Kidderminster Choral Society and Wyre Forest Young Voices Platinum Jubilee Concert
19 th June	City of Worcester Civic Service – Mayors Sunday at Worcestershire Cathedral – (both Chairman and Vice Chairman attended)
20 th June	Kidderminster Town Hall – Flag Flying Ceremony honouring our Armed Forces
*26 th June	Chairman of Bromsgrove – D. C's Summer Fashion Show M&Co Bromsgrove
29 th June	Seetec Pluss Kidderminster Restart Scheme at Kidderminster Youth House
1 st July	The Museum of Carpet, Stour Vale Mill, Green Street, Kidderminster
*2 nd July	Concert of Wyre Forest Young Voices at The Holy Innocents Church
2 nd July	Wyre Forest Symphony Orchestra concert at the Town Hall, Kidderminster

* Denotes attendance by Vice Chairman

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL

20 JULY 2022

Political Balance

OPEN	
CABINET MEMBER:	The Leader of the Council
DIRECTOR:	Solicitor to the Council
CONTACT OFFICER:	Caroline Newlands, Ext. 2715 caroline.newlands@wyreforestdc.gov.uk
APPENDICES:	Appendix 1: revised table of political balance

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To approve the revised table of political balance.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Council is asked to approve the revised table of political balance in Appendix 1.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Council is responsible for establishing the political structures which are not the responsibility of the Leader and Cabinet.

3.2 Following the by-election in Franche & Habberley North on 16 June and changes to the structure of political groups, there have been changes in political balance, and it is necessary for the Council to approve a revised table of political balance.

4. KEY ISSUES

4.1 In line with the legislation, only political groups are entitled to an allocation of seats on committees. The revised table of political balance is set out in Appendix 1 for Council's approval.

4.2 Council approved the political balance at its meeting on 11 May 2022. Since that date there has been a change in the political balance as a result of the by-election in Franche & Habberley North on 16 June and as a result of the dissolution of two groups and the formation of a new Independent Group. Council is required to re-calculate political balance. Councillors have formed themselves into political groups of the following numbers.

Conservative	14
Independent	14
Liberal Democrats	3
Labour	2

4.3 Legislation requires that the aggregate allocation of committee seats must be in accordance with the principles of political balance and proportionality. Subject to this, individual committee membership should reflect the political balance of the Council as far as practicable. Council can depart from these principles provided no member votes against doing so. In May it was not possible to achieve precise political balance. In order to produce workable allocations of seats to groups, the size of the Audit Committee was reduced from eight to seven members but the intention to revert to a committee with a higher number of members at the July meeting was signalled. Accordingly, the Committee will return to having eight members. In order to produce a workable allocation, it is necessary to increase the size of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee from 11 to 12 members.

4.4 The Solicitor to the Council will liaise with groups as necessary to fill any appointments to committees in light of the change in political balance.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

6. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Overall, membership of committees will continue to comply with political balance in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

7. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 An equality impact assessment has not been undertaken as the report relates to appointments to be made by full Council.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

8.1 Appropriate arrangements will be made to provide training and support for the members appointed to the roles to ensure that they can perform effectively.

9. CONCLUSION

9.1 Council is invited to approve the revised table of political balance.

10. CONSULTEES

10.1 Corporate Leadership Team.

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 11.1 Local Government Act 2000, Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

		Conservative		Labour		Independent		Lib Dem		Total
No. of Cllrs.			14		2		14		3	33
Percentage			42.42%		6.06%		42.42%		9.09%	100.00%
Executive Cttees										
Membership										
Appts & Appeals	5	2	2.12	0	0.30	2	2.12	1	0.45	5
Audit cttee	8	3	3.39	1	0.48	3	3.39	1	0.73	8
Ethics & standards *	7	3	2.97	0	0.42	3	2.97	1	0.64	7
Scrutiny										
Scrutiny Committee	12	5	5.09	1	0.73	5	5.09	1	1.09	12
Regulatory										
Planning	12	5	5.09	1	0.73	5	5.09	1	1.09	12
Lic & Env	12	5	5.09	1	0.73	5	5.09	1	1.09	12
Total	56	23	23.76	4	3.39	23	23.76	6	5.09	56
Percentage			41.07%		7.14%		41.07%		10.71%	100.00%
Difference between % No. of Cllrs. And % Number of Seats			-1.35%		1.08%		-1.35%		1.62%	

* the table shows only district councillor members

1. Each member is required to notify the Proper Officer which political group, if any, he or she wishes to be identified with. A group comprises of two or more members.
2. Each Group Secretary is required to notify the Proper Officer which members of his or her groups he/she wishes to sit on each relevant committee or sub-committee.
3. The allocation of seats required the rounding up or down of calculated figures to give whole numbers.
4. Single party representatives and independent members (who do not form part of a political group) are not legally entitled to seats on committees to which the rules of proportionality apply.

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL
20 JULY 2022

POLICY AND BUDGET FRAMEWORK
MATTERS WHICH REQUIRE A DECISION BY COUNCIL

RECOMMENDATIONS
LICENSING & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
6 JUNE 2022

Purpose of Report

To consider recommendations from the Licensing & Environmental Committee on matters outside the policy framework or approved budget of the Council.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Would Councillors please note that the related reports and documents have not been included in the Council book, as they have already been sent to Members via the committee agenda pack. A public inspection copy is available on request. The policy documents, referred to below, have been posted on the Council’s website. See the report on page 7 of the pdf at this link:

https://forms.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/council/docs/doc57621_20220606_l_and_e_agenda.pdf

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL	CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE
<p>The Committee recommend that the Council amend the scheme of delegation in section 4 of the Constitution in respect of licensing and registration functions as set out below.</p> <p>Amend the opening paragraph of the delegation to read (amendments are shown in bold): “To exercise authority, including approval and refusal, amendment, suspension and revocation, reinstatement, service of notices and orders or other matters requiring a decision by the Council under the Council’s published policy and practice notes and the following legislation, regulations and guidance (and any re-enactment or replacement or consolidation of the statutes or regulations or guidance, or any modifications or extensions thereof):”</p> <p>Replace the first two numbered paragraphs of the delegation with these three numbered paragraphs:</p> <p>“Except in the following cases:</p> <p>1. Where in accordance with the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy, the application is to be considered by, or a review is to be undertaken by, the Licensing Committee.</p>	<p>Councillor L Whitehouse</p>

- 2. Where in respect of any licence, other than one covered by the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy, the Officer considers that an application should be considered by, or a review should be undertaken by, the Licensing Committee or Sub Committee.**
- 3. The application is for a premises licence or a personal licence under the Licensing Act 2003 and the application is recommended for refusal.**

and the existing paragraph 3 is amended by the deletion of the words in brackets and renumbered as follows:

- 4. Applications by drivers and operators of taxis and private hire vehicles, any application where a statutory or non-statutory consultee, responsible authority or interested person has responded to the application objecting to its approval and the objection has not been deemed vexatious.”**

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

**COUNCIL
20 JULY 2022**

**POLICY AND BUDGET FRAMEWORK
MATTERS WHICH REQUIRE A DECISION BY COUNCIL**

**RECOMMENDATIONS
CABINET
30 JUNE 2022**

Purpose of Report

To consider recommendations from the Cabinet on matters outside the policy framework or approved budget of the Council.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Would Councillors please note that the related reports and documents have not been included in the Council book, as they have already been sent to Members via the EXEMPT committee agenda pack.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL	CABINET MEMBER
<p>Acquisition of Property in Kidderminster</p> <p>Cabinet RECOMMEND to Council that it amends the Capital Programme to reflect the third-party contribution towards conversion costs of the building, as set out in paragraph 5.2 of the confidential report.</p>	<p>Councillor M Rayner</p>

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

**COUNCIL
20 JULY 2022**

QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL

1. Question to the Leader of the Council from Councillor F Oborski MBE

I am given to understand that WFDC was the only Worcestershire Council not to have been represented at the recent LGA Conference. Would she care to explain why?

2. Question to the Leader of the Council from Councillor A Totty

The Government requirement for voter ID is due to come into effect from elections next May. I understand that Councils are to be enabled to provide such ID. So, my question is to the leader of the council. What steps is Wyre Forest District Council taking to ensure that all voters are made aware of this requirement and to publicise the opportunity to obtain voter ID?

3. Question to the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration, Planning and Localism from Councillor M Hart

Could the Leader tell me and this Council, given the two by-election losses in Franche and Habberley North in November 2021 and most recently in June 2022, clearly demonstrating a rejection of their policies, whether she feels the Progressive Alliance is still fit to lead to this Council?

4. Question to the Cabinet Member for Housing, Heath, Wellbeing and Democratic Services from Councillor T Onslow

In respect of the temporary accommodation proposal for Castle Road, could the Cabinet Member please advise all the other sites that have been considered for this accommodation and why they were rejected?

5. Question to the Cabinet Member for Operational Services from Councillor D Ross

Could the Cabinet Member explain to me, this Council and the public, what the current street cleaning schedule is for sweeping the streets and emptying litter bins in our 3 towns?

6. Question to the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration, Planning and Localism from Councillor B Brookes

Could the Leader tell me when she will be bringing forward a commercial proposal for the former Crown House site in Kidderminster and Bridge Street in Stourport?

7. Question to the Cabinet Member for Housing, Health, Wellbeing and Democratic Services from Councillor L Jones

How would the Cabinet Member rate morale at the present time amongst our staff?

8. Question to the Cabinet Member for Housing, Health, Wellbeing and Democratic Services from Councillor N Desmond

Last September the Government announced that vulnerable households across the country would be able to access a £500m Household support fund via local authorities. In March this year the Household Support Fund was extended by a further £500m and would run until 30th September. Could the Cabinet Member tell me please how much WFDC has received from the Household Support Fund, how much has already been spent, how is the money used to support vulnerable families and how many families across Wyre Forest has this fund supported?

9. Question to the relevant Cabinet Member from Councillor F Oborski MBE

Can the Cabinet Member tell me, for each week since the new Car Park Charges were brought in:

The income from Car Parks received between the hours of 6.30pm and 9.30pm, the costs of employing Civil Enforcement Officers for those additional hours and the Fines Levied during those hours?

10. Question to the Cabinet Member for Operational Services from Councillor M Hart

Is the Cabinet Member happy with the manner in which Wyre Forest House is currently operated?

11. Question to the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration, Planning and Localism from Councillor M Hart

Could the Leader tell me and this Council whether or not she and the Progressive Alliance she leads are pleased that this Council adopted its Local Plan on 26th April?