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7	Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy	<p>That subject to the amendments set out below, the proposed Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy 2015 to 2019, as set out in Appendix A to the report, be adopted by the Council and implemented with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015:</p> <p><b><u>Safeguarding</u></b></p> <p>That the third bullet point of <b>paragraph 1.2</b> be amended to read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>that the action to promote the welfare of children and to protect them from harm is everyone's responsibility, in particular, prospective and licenced drivers and operators who will have dealings with children and families have a duty to report matters of concern that could relate to the safety of children and vulnerable persons to the relevant authorities (refer to <b>Appendix A</b> for further information);</li> </ul> <p>And that the necessary amendments are made to the text of the Policy and the appendices to sequentially reference the appendices to reflect the insertion of this new <b>Appendix A</b>.</p> <p>That the content of the new <b>Appendix A</b> focuses on providing information to the hackney carriage and private hire trade about child sexual exploitation and the authority to agree the content of the new <b>Appendix A</b> be delegated to the Head of Public Protection in consultation with the Director of Children's Services and the Portfolio Holder for Business Growth, ip&amp;e, Culture and Commissioning (North).</p> <p>That further paragraphs be added to <b>Appendix A</b> (as currently drafted) to read:</p> <p><b>Safety of children and vulnerable persons</b></p> <p>1.28 Drivers must complete basic safeguarding awareness training and provide written evidence of satisfactory completion of this training to the Council within 12 months of the date of being granted a new licence or within 12 months of the date that an existing licence is first renewed after the date the Policy comes into force. Failure to complete this training, within the specified period, will permit the Council to refuse to renew a driver's licence.</p> <p>1.29 Where a driver has concerns that could relate to the safety of children and vulnerable persons,</p>



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		<p>they must report those concerns to either the licensed operator's Designated Person for Safeguarding or, where this is not possible, directly to the relevant authority.</p> <p>That <b>paragraph 1.20 of Appendix D</b> (as currently drafted) relating to the records to be retained by licensed operators be amended to include:</p> <p>i) written evidence that each driver has satisfactorily completed basic safeguarding awareness training.</p> <p>That further paragraphs be added to <b>Appendix D</b> (as currently drafted) to read:</p> <p><b>Safety of children and vulnerable persons</b></p> <p>1.42 Operators must have a suitably trained Designated Person (DP) with specific responsibility for safeguarding.</p> <p>1.43 Operators must provide all drivers with details of the DP and how the DP can be contacted.</p> <p>1.44 Operators must ensure that all drivers have completed basic safeguarding awareness training and retain relevant records in accordance paragraph 1.20 (i) above.</p> <p>1.44 Operators must take steps to ensure drivers know that they must report matters of concern which could relate to the safety of children and vulnerable persons to the DP as soon as is practicable.</p> <p>1.45 Operators must pass on any matters of concern reported to them which could relate to the safety of children and vulnerable to the relevant authorities.</p> <p><b>European Emissions Standards</b></p> <p>That the <b>table set out in paragraph 3b.12</b> is amended to remove the following line:</p> <p>New Diesel 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2024 Euro 6</p>

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		<p>And additional bullet points are inserted immediately after the end of the table to read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any vehicle with an existing licence as at 1 April 2015 that sustains damage resulting from a road traffic accident rendering it unsafe such that it cannot be adequately repaired in order to return it to legally compliant road use or one that is beyond economical repair (an insurance 'Write Off') will be treated as a renewal vehicle application in accordance with the table set out immediately above. This is subject to relevant confirmation being received by the Council from the vehicle's insurer. The replacement vehicle must not be older than the age of the vehicle currently licenced and, as a minimum, satisfy the same (not lower) European Emission Standard and NCAP Safety Rating (see paragraphs 3b.14 and 3b.15) as held by the vehicle that had the existing licence as at 1 April 2015.</li> <li>All other requests to transfer a vehicle licence onto another vehicle will be treated as a new vehicle application in accordance with the table immediately above.</li> </ul> <p>That the <b>table set out in paragraph 3c.8</b> is amended to remove the following line:</p> <p>New    Diesel   1 April 2018 to 31 March 2024                  Euro 6</p> <p>And additional bullet points are inserted immediately after the end of the table to read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any vehicle with an existing licence as at 1 April 2015 that sustains damage resulting from a road traffic accident rendering it unsafe such that it cannot be adequately repaired in order to return it to legally compliant road use or one that is beyond economical repair (an insurance 'Write Off') will be treated as a renewal vehicle application in accordance with the table set out immediately above. This is subject to relevant confirmation being received by the Council from the vehicle's insurer. The replacement vehicle must not be older than the age of the vehicle currently licenced and, as a minimum, satisfy the same (not lower) European Emission Standard and NCAP Safety Rating (see paragraphs 3c.10 and 3c.11) as held by the vehicle that had the existing licence as at 1 April 2015.</li> <li>All other requests to transfer a vehicle licence onto another vehicle will be treated as a new vehicle application in accordance with the table immediately above.</li> </ul>

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		<p><b>Euro NCAP Safety Standards</b></p> <p>That <b>paragraph 3b.14</b> is amended to read:</p> <p>Vehicles must meet the following safety standards as defined by the European New Car Assessment Programme (NCAP). In this respect, the Overall Rating must be used. Where the Overall Rating is not available, the Adult Rating is the relevant standard:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All new vehicle applications submitted on or after 1 April 2015 are required to be NCAP 5 star.</li> <li>• All renewal vehicle applications submitted on or after 1 April 2018 are required to be NCAP 5 star.</li> </ul> <p>That in <b>paragraph 3b.15</b> the reference to 3b.16 is amended to read 3b.14.</p> <p>That the <b>bullet points in paragraph 3c.10</b> are amended to read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All new vehicle applications submitted on or after 1 April 2015 are required to be NCAP 5 star.</li> <li>• All renewal vehicle applications submitted on or after 1 April 2018 are required to be NCAP 5 star.</li> </ul>
<b>8</b>	Revenue Monitor 2014/15 Period 9	<p>(a) That it be noted that at the end of Quarter Three (2 January 2015), the full year forecast was a potential overspend of £0.371m;</p> <p>(b) That it be noted that the impact of this on the Council's General Fund Balance had been considered by Cabinet.</p> <p>(c) That approval be given to Shropshire Council acting as accountable body for the new LEADER programme.</p> <p>(d) That approval be given to the extension of ERDF funded projects including Marches and Staffordshire Business Enterprise Fund, Eureka! Moment, Growing Talent and Optimising Business Broadband to December 2015.</p> <p>(e) That approval be given to Shropshire Council acting as the host authority of the pooled budget arrangement for the Better Care Funding.</p>
<b>9</b>	Capital Monitor 2014/15 Period 9	(a) That approval be given to the net budget variations of £3m to the 2014/15 capital

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		<p>programme, detailed in Appendix 1/Table 1 and the re-profiled 2014/15 capital budget of £66.6m. Including new allocations of capital receipt funding as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acquisition - Former Oswestry Health Centre £340,900.</li> </ul> <p>(b) That approval be given to the re-profiled capital budgets of £51.5m for 2015/16 and £31.2m for 2016/17 and £19.8m for 2017/18 as detailed in Appendix 1/Table 4.</p> <p>(c) That the expenditure to date of £34.4m, representing 51.6% of the revised capital budget for 2014/15, with 75% of the year having elapsed, be accepted.</p>
10	Business Plan and Financial Strategy 2014/2015	<p>(a) That Council be recommended to agree the refreshed Business Plan and Financial Strategy attached at Appendix 1 and agree the proposals for setting the Council's budget until 2016/17.</p> <p>(b) That it be noted that the funding gap of £80m for the period 2014-17 identified in the Council Business Plan and Financial Strategy agreed by Council in February 2014 had been reviewed and retained for planning purposes.</p> <p>(c) That the initial savings proposals identified for achievement by 2015/16 of £66.333m and the progress made in achieving savings be noted and therefore agreement has been given to the amendments and approve the savings proposals identified as removed from base for 2015/16 of £58.909m service savings with the balance of £7.424m to be met by additional ongoing and one off resources.</p> <p>(d) That it be noted that the additional service pressures identified for 2015/16 of £7.644m was to be met by additional ongoing and one off resources in 2015/16.</p> <p>(e) That the budget for 2015/16 of £571.758m, after savings and internal market costs adjustments be approved.</p> <p>(f) That approval be given to accept Council Tax Freeze Grant for 2015/16 of £1.320m on the basis that Council Tax would be frozen for 2015/16.</p> <p>(g) That the financial implications of the transfer of Fulcrum and Help2Change to ip&amp;e be noted.</p> <p>(h) That the revised Capital Programme for 2015/16 to 2016/17 as set out within the report be agreed and be recommend to Council for approval.</p> <p>(i) That the Highways &amp; Transport programme of schemes for delivery in 2015/16 be approved and delegated authority be given to the Area Commissioner South in consultation with the</p>

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		Portfolio Holder to approve any changes to the implementation plan of schemes for delivery in 2015/16, within the parameters of the outline capital programme.
<b>11</b>	Statement of Chief Financial Officer on Robustness of Estimates and Adequacy of Reserves	<p>(a) That approval be given to the recommended level of general balances to support the 2015/16 revenue budget at £15.86m, noting that the projected balance would be below this for 2015/16.</p> <p>(b) That the projected recommended level for the following two years at £15.52m and £15.76m be noted, and also that the projected level of general balances was planned to be brought broadly in line with the target for 2017/18.</p>
<b>12</b>	Estimated Collection Fund Outturn 2014/15	<p>(a) That it be noted that the overall Collection Fund estimated surplus of £3,154,626 for the year ending 31st March 2015, comprised of an estimated surplus of £5,060,852 for Council Tax and an estimated deficit of £1,906,226 for Non-Domestic Rates (NDR).</p> <p>(b) That the distribution of the Collection Fund estimated surplus and deficit for Council Tax and NDR respectively to the major/relevant precepting authorities and the Secretary of State be noted.</p> <p>(c) That it be noted that Shropshire Council's share of the overall estimated surplus of £3,204,413, comprised of an estimated surplus of £4,138,464 for Council Tax and an estimated deficit of £934,051 for NDR.</p> <p>(d) That the inclusion of Shropshire Council's share of the overall estimated surplus in the 2015/16 budget be noted.</p>
<b>13</b>	Treasury Management Update - Quarter 3 2014/15	That the position set out in the report by the Head of Finance, Governance and Assurance on the Treasury Strategy as at quarter 3 2014/2015 be noted.
<b>14</b>	Treasury Strategy 2015/16	<p>That Council be recommended as follows:</p> <p>(a) To approve the Treasury Strategy for 2015/16.</p> <p>(b) To approve the Prudential Indicators, set out in Appendix 1 of the report, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003.</p> <p>(c) To approve the Investment Strategy, set out in Appendix 2 of the report in accordance with the CLG Guidance on Local Government Investments.</p>

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		<p>(d) To approve the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy Statement, set out in Appendix 3 of the report.</p> <p>(e) To authorise the Section 151 Officer to exercise the borrowing powers contained in Section 3 of the Local Government Act 2003 and to manage the Council's debt portfolio in accordance with the Treasury Strategy.</p> <p>(f) To authorise the Section 151 Officer to use other Foreign Banks which met Capita's creditworthiness policy and Money Market Funds again if required as money markets continued to stabilise.</p> <p>(g) To note the proposed Prudential Indicators would enable the Authority to use the equivalent of up to 3% of Council Tax in 2015/16 or future years, to fund borrowing under the Prudential Code should the Council decide to do so.</p>
15	Income Review of Fees and Charges for 2015 to 2016	<p>(a) That the breakdown of the total income for 2014/15 be noted and in particular that the charges for discretionary services represented only £15.570m of the £57.522m of income derived from Fees and Charges.</p> <p>(b) That Council be recommended to accept the charges for 2015/16 as detailed in Appendix 3 to be implemented 1 April 2015, recognising that managers had proposed varying policies for 2015/16 fees and charges ranging from a freeze in certain areas to above inflation level increases in others, based on the nature of the service, market forces, customer reaction and competition from other providers as well as the state of the economy. Any changes required further to ongoing reviews would be approved in line with the Council's charging policy, officer delegations and the financial rules.</p> <p>(c) That it be noted that as previously agreed, any changes to fees and charges proposed by Shropshire Community Leisure Trust Ltd. in relation to the outsourced leisure facilities would only be referred to Cabinet and Council for approval if the proposed increases exceeded Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the preceding November.</p> <p>(d) That it be noted that monitoring reports would identify adjustments required to income budgets in the financial strategy which might or might not be offset by corresponding adjustments to expenditure budgets.</p> <p>(e) That it be noted that the impact of the Council's policy decisions on income should be clearly identified and adjustments made as required to the Business Plan and Financial Strategy.</p>

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		<p>(f) That Council be recommended to accept that Social Housing Rents for 2015/16 should increase by September 2014 CPI plus 1% plus a final incremental step to achieve target rent.</p> <p>(g) That Council be recommended to accept that Affordable Rents for 2015/16 should increase by September 2014 CPI plus 1% (2.2%) in line with Government revised guidance.</p> <p>(h) That Council be recommended to accept that where individual rents did not reach their target by April 2015 the rent would switch directly to Target on re-let in accordance with Government revised guidance.</p>
<b>16</b>	Quarter 3 2014/15 Performance Report	That the key underlying and emerging issues in the report and appendices be noted.
<b>17</b>	Asset Management Strategy	That the Council's new Asset Management Strategy be approved.
<b>18</b>	Hubs Commissioning Model	<p>(a) That the Director of Commissioning, in consultation with the relevant portfolio holders, be authorised to commission the hubs provision in the stated locations in line with the Hubs model set out in Appendix A of the report.</p> <p>(b) That responsibility for the Shrewsbury Hub be maintained by Shropshire Council.</p>
<b>19</b>	Discretionary Housing Payments Policy	That the draft policy be published for consultation before being brought back to Cabinet for approval after any amendments have been made as a result of the consultation.
<b>20</b>	Local Support and Prevention Fund Policy	That the draft policy be published for consultation before being brought back to Cabinet for approval after any amendments have been made as a result of the consultation.
<b>21</b>	Better Care Funding	<p>(a) That the content of the draft Partnership Agreement be noted and agreement be given so that final amendments could be agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Delivery Group in cooperation with the Portfolio Holder for Adult Services and the Clinical Commissioning Group Clinical Lead for the Better Care Fund.</p> <p>(b) That approval be given to enter into the Partnership Agreement on behalf of Shropshire Council.</p> <p>(c) That the funds be held in a s75 pooled budget and a s75 agreement be entered into for this</p>



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		<p>arrangement.</p> <p>(d) That Shropshire Council be the host for the pooled budget.</p> <p>(e) That the agreement be reviewed by the Health &amp; Wellbeing Delivery Group and the findings reported to Cabinet, and the Clinical Commissioning Group and Health and Wellbeing Board in 6 months</p>
<b>22</b>	Update re Shrewsbury Student Accommodation Policy	That authority be delegated to the Head of Economic Growth and Prosperity in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Commissioning to further develop a comprehensive Student Accommodation Strategy together with the required policies (including appropriate consultation requirements), with the Final Draft Accommodation Strategy to be presented to a future Cabinet prior to formal adoption by full Council, and resulting policies forming part of the Strategy being approved in accordance with the appropriate approval processes for such policies.
<b>25</b>	Retender of the Community Substance Misuse Services	That the recommendations in the exempt report of the Director of Public Health be approved.
<b>26</b>	Final Business Case for the Development of a New Delivery Model for Planning Public Protection Environmental and Business Support Services	<p>That agreement be given to the following, subject to approval of the Council's Financial Strategy by full Council on the 26 February 2015:</p> <p>(a) That certain Council services, comprising Development Management, Building Control, Land Charges, Street Naming and Numbering and Local Land and Property Gazetteer, Public Protection (including Trading Standards, Environmental Health and Licensing functions and Parking Enforcement), Historic and Natural Environment and regulation of Private Sector Housing, including the business support elements of these services (the Services), will be delivered by ip&amp;e Ltd for a period of up to 12 months whilst issues relating to a longer term transfer of the services and staff are resolved.</p> <p>(b) To delegate authority to the Director of Commissioning in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Business Growth, ip&amp;e, Culture and Commissioning (North) and the Portfolio Planning, Housing and Commissioning (Central) to agree the terms of the contract between the Council and ip&amp;e Ltd for the delivery of the Services for a period of up to 12 months and to agree the date upon which ip&amp;e Ltd will commence delivery of the Services.</p> <p>(c) To second staff currently employed in the delivery of the Services into ip&amp;e Ltd for the period</p>

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		<p>of the service contract referred to in Recommendation (a) above.</p> <p>(d) To delegate authority to the Director of Commissioning in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Business Growth, ip&amp;e, Culture and Commissioning (North) and the Portfolio Planning, Housing and Commissioning (Central) to second such other staff into ip&amp;e Ltd where there is a clear need to do so to assist the delivery of the Services through ip&amp;e Ltd for the period of the service contract referred to in Recommendation (b) above.</p> <p>(e) To delegate authority to the Director of Commissioning in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Business Growth, ip&amp;e, Culture and Commissioning (North) and the Portfolio Planning, Housing and Commissioning (Central), to finalise the Council's governance arrangements and commissioning staff structure requirements in respect of the ongoing commissioning and monitoring of the Services.</p> <p>(f) To delegate authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council to agree an appropriate employment model which would enable the transfer of Council staff to ip&amp;e Limited in accordance with the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations (TUPE) whilst retaining the ability for the Council to authorise officers as necessary to exercise the Council's statutory powers.</p> <p>(g) Within the 12 month period referred to in recommendation (a) and subject to the Chief Executive approving an employment model in accordance with recommendation (f) above, to delegate authority to the Director of Commissioning and the Section 151 officer in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Business Growth, ip&amp;e, Culture and Commissioning (North) and the Portfolio Planning, Housing and Commissioning (Central) to agree, upon receipt of a satisfactory business plan from ip&amp;e Ltd, to transfer the Services to ip&amp;e Ltd and agree the duration, budget and terms of a service contract between the Council and ip&amp;e Ltd for the delivery of the Services for a period of up to 5 years.</p>