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**Committee:  
Young People's Scrutiny Committee**

**Date: Monday, 23 May 2016**

**Time: 10.00 am**

**Venue: Shrewsbury/Oswestry Room, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury,  
Shropshire, SY2 6ND**

You are requested to attend the above meeting.  
The Agenda is attached

Claire Porter  
Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer)

**Members of the Committee**

Joyce Barrow (Chairman)  
Peggy Mullock (Vice Chairman)  
Andy Boddington  
Hannah Fraser  
Vince Hunt

Nic Laurens  
Kevin Pardy  
John Price  
Robert Tindall  
Kevin Turley

**Co-opted Members (Voting):**

Sue Hudson  
Vacancy  
Vacancy  
Vacancy

Diocese of Shrewsbury (RC)  
Diocese of Hereford (CE)  
Parent Governor – Secondary Schools  
Parent Governor – Primary & Special Schools

**Co-opted Members (Non-Voting):**

Mark Hignett

Voluntary and Community Sector  
Assembly

**Substitute Members:**

Charlotte Barnes  
Dean Carroll  
Peter Cherrington  
Roger Evans  
Jane MacKenzie

William Parr  
Arthur Walpole  
Tina Woodward  
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# AGENDA

## **1 Election of Chairman**

To elect a Chairman of the Young People's Scrutiny Committee for the forthcoming municipal year

## **2 Apologies and Substitutions**

To receive apologies for absence from Members of the Committee

## **3 Appointment of Vice Chairman**

To appoint a Vice - Chairman of the Young People's Scrutiny Committee for the forthcoming municipal year

## **4 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Members are reminded they must not participate in the discussion or vote on any matter in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

## **5 Minutes (Pages 1 - 6)**

The minutes of the last meeting, held on 23 March 2016, are attached for confirmation.

## **6 Public Question Time**

To receive any public questions or petitions from the public, notice of which has been given in accordance with Procedure Rule 14. The deadline for this meeting is 5.00pm on 18 May 2016

## **7 Members' Question Time**

To receive any questions of which Members of the Council have given notice.

Deadline for notification: 5.00pm on 18 May 2016

**8 Young Health Champions**

To receive a presentation from the Shropshire Young Health Champions

**9 Educational Performance of Disadvantaged Children (Pages 7 - 40)**

The report gives details of the educational performance of disadvantaged children in Shropshire

**10 Unaccompanied Asylum Seekers (Pages 41 - 48)**

This report summarises the current position and levels of unaccompanied asylum seeking children in Shropshire social services care

**11 IRO Annual Report**

Report to Follow

**12 The Future Shape of Education in Shropshire**

To receive a presentation from the Director of Children's Services

**13 Other Items**

To receive a verbal update on the issues re SATS in Shropshire from the Director of Children's Services

**14 Work Programme (Pages 49 - 60)**

The current Scrutiny Work Programme and Cabinet Forward Plan are attached.

Members are asked to consider whether there are any other items they wish to be added to the work programme.

**15 Date of Next Meeting**

Members are reminded that the next meeting of the Young People's Scrutiny Committee will be held on Wednesday 20 July 2016 at 10.00am at the Shirehall



## YOUNG PEOPLE'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2016**

**10.00 am - 12.35 pm in the Shrewsbury/Oswestry Room, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6ND**

**Responsible Officer:** Tim Ward

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### **Present**

Shropshire Councillors

Councillor Joyce Barrow (Chairman)

Councillors Nic Laurens, Kevin Pardy, John Price, Robert Tindall and Kevin Turley

Co-Opted Members (Voting)

Austin Atkinson

### **80 Apologies and Substitutions**

80.1 Apologies for absence were received from Andy Boddington, Vince Hunt, Hannah Fraser and Peggy Mullock.

80.2 The Chairman advised that this would be Mr Atkinson's last meeting as he was retiring as the representative of the Catholic Diocese. She paid tribute to his service over a large number of years and wished him well for the future. This sentiment was endorsed by all members present.

80.3 The Chairman advised Members that it was proposed that agenda item 8 would be taken before Item 7. This was agreed.

### **81 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

81.1 There were no declarations of pecuniary interest made.

### **82 Minutes**

82.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2016 had been circulated.

#### **82.2 RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

### **83 Public Question Time**

83.1 There were no questions from members of the public.

## **84 Members' Question Time**

84.1 There were no questions from Members.

## **85 Young Health Champions' Diabetes prevention project**

85.1 Members received a presentation on the "Young Health Champions Diabetes Project" from Karen Higgins, in which she outlined the work being done by the Young Health Champions in the promotion of healthy eating and exercise in order to prevent the onset of type 2 diabetes.

85.2 Members of the Committee congratulated the Young Health Champions on the excellent work that they were doing.

85.3 A Member commented that it was a shame that there was no requirement to show levels of hidden sugar in foods. Attention was drawn to the "Sugar Smart" App which could be downloaded which would give an indication of the sugar contained in food.

85.4 The Chairman thanked Ms Higgins for her presentation and congratulated her on the excellent work that was being done. She asked that the Young Health Champions give a further presentation on their work to a future meeting of the Committee.

## **86 Health Visitor Services and Family Nurse Partnership Update**

86.1 Members received the reports of the Associate Director, Public Health which provided updates on the Health Visitor Service and the Family Nurse Partnership.

86.2 The Healthy Child Co-Ordinator reminded Members that in October 2015 the commissioning of health visiting services had transferred from NHS England to Local Authorities and that currently Shropshire Community Health Trust provide the current service in Shropshire. She then outlined the current service provided.

86.3 A Member asked whether private nurseries were engaging with the integrated 2 year review. The Healthy Child Co-Ordinator advised that with 350 early years setting in Shropshire that had been a capacity issue and that the results of the pilot which would be available later in the year would provide further information.

86.4 The Healthy Child Co-Ordinator reminded Members that the Family Nurse Partnership (FNP) was a voluntary intensive health visiting programme for first time young mums, where a specially trained family nurse provided support from the early stages of pregnancy to when the child reached the age of two. She advised that responsibility for the FNP had passed to the Local Authority under the 0-5 transfer of commissioning responsibilities and that currently the FNP in Shropshire was working at capacity with five nurses each having responsibility for 20 clients.

86.5 A Member asked what data would be available from the partnership to help support the prevention agenda. The Head of Children's Social Care and Safeguarding

advised that it was important that any data was looked at in context with other agencies.

86.6 The Chairman thanked the Healthy Child Co-Ordinator for attending the meeting.

86.7 **RESOLVED:**

- i. That the reports be noted
- ii. That updates be brought to future meetings of the Scrutiny Committee

87 **CAMHS Update**

87.1 Members received the report of the Commissioning and Redesign Lead, Shropshire CCG, which gave an update on the current position for child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) in Shropshire.

87.2 The Commissioning and Design Lead advised Members that CCG's and Local Authorities had been required to submit transformation plans, setting out how new investment from Government would be spent to transform CAMHS and that a joint plan for Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin had been submitted. She then outlined the contents of the plan.

87.3 Several Members expressed concerns at the current delays in accessing CAMHS services and asked what was being done to improve the situation. The Commissioning and Design Lead commented that the service was being delivered by a number of providers which should provide a breadth of service and should improve access to the service.

87.4 A Member asked how the performance of the service would be monitored. The Commissioning and Design Lead informed the meeting that regular performance figures had to be submitted to NHS England and offered to bring regular performance reports to the Committee. This was welcomed by Members

87.5 **RESOLVED:**

- i. That the report be noted
- ii. That regular performance reports be brought to the Committee

88 **Management and cost of placements for Children in Local Authority Care**

88.1 The Meeting received the report of the Head of Children's Social Care and Safeguarding which set out how Children's Social Work Services manage placements for Looked After Children (LAC).

88.2 The Head of Children's Social Care and Safeguarding reminded Members that the Children's Act set out guidance which sought to ensure that accommodation improved outcomes for looked after children and requiring Local Authorities to take steps to secure sufficient accommodation within the authority's area which met the need of children that the Local Authority was looking after, and that in Shropshire

work was carried out to ensure that as full a range of accommodation was available to meet the needs of any child that needed to be brought into Local Authority Care.

88.3 The Head of Children's Social Care and Safeguarding advised Members that the number of LAC had reduced from 310 to 300 in the period April 2015 to December 2015 and that the number of newly accommodated children had reduced in year from 131 in 2014/15 to 79 in year to date and that work in managing placements for looked after children should be seen in the context of focussed work to achieve permanency for children outside of LA care by use of adoption, special guardianship orders, residence orders and care arrangement orders.

88.4 In response to a query The Head of Children's Social Care and Safeguarding stated that the Council could not set up its own "framework" for externally commissioned foster care placements due to not gaining the required economy of scale but that the Council was looking to join a new Birmingham lead framework which would lead to increased savings.

88.5 **RESOLVED:**

- i. That the contents of the report be noted
- ii. That the Committee is satisfied that the management of placements for LAC in Shropshire is effective in meeting the needs of children, is meeting the legal sufficiency duties of the Local Authority and are managed at best value to the public purse.

89 **Performance Data**

89.1 Members received copies of Performance Dashboards which gave performance information to the end of December 2015.

89.2 In response to a query the Head of Children's Social Care and Safeguarding advised that the placement of a child onto a Child Protection Plan was a multi-agency decision based on the threshold of risk and definition in working together to describe significant harm. Whilst the majority of children on CP plans remain at home in care of their parents the CP plan is monitored by the core group of professional and the conference process to ensure the risk that have been identified are minimise and managed. The service has also this year brought in a process by which if a child remain on a CP plan for over 9mths and there is not plan for removal at the next conference a legal planning meeting is held to review the threshold for issuing care proceedings and the lack of sufficient progress in achieving safe care at home is addressed in this meeting and agreed action plan.

89.3 **RESOLVED:**

That the information contained in the Dashboards be noted

90 **Work Programme**

90.1 Members received copies of the Committees Work Programme and the Cabinet Forward Plan.



90.2 It was agreed that a presentation from the Young Health Champions should be added to the agenda for the next meeting

90.3 The Chairman asked Members to let her know of any other topics they would like added to the Committee's work programme

**91 Date of Next Meeting**

91.1 Members were reminded that the next meeting of the Young People's Scrutiny Committee would be held on Wednesday 25 May 2016 at 10.00am at the Shirehall

Signed ..... (Chairman)

Date: .....

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<u>Committee and Date</u>
Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee
23 May 2016

<u>Item</u>
<b>9</b>
<u>Public</u>

## Responsible Officer

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## Education Performance of Disadvantaged Children

### 1. Summary

- 1.1 Closing the gaps between the achievement of disadvantaged pupils and 'other' pupils is a priority for Shropshire and across the nation. Schools receive additional funding to raise the achievement of disadvantaged pupils through the Pupil Premium. Pupils' achievement consists of 2 elements: attainment and progress. Both elements are identified through performance measure that are specific to the phase or key stage of education.
- 1.2 In the Early Years Foundation Stage overall achievement is above national and statistical neighbour averages. The gap between the achievement of disadvantage pupils and other children measured against good levels of development is greater than the national gap.
- 1.3 In Key Stage 1 achievement is also above national and statistical neighbour averages and gaps between disadvantaged and other pupils are smaller than the national gaps.
- 1.4 At Key Stage 2 achievement remains above national and statistical neighbour averages. Gaps between the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and their peers are narrowing but they remain wider than the national gaps. Gaps between the progress of disadvantaged pupils and their peers are broadly in line with national gaps (-1% to +1%).
- 1.5 Achievement at Key Stage 4 is just below national averages and below statistical neighbour averages. The gaps between

achievement of disadvantaged and other pupils have fluctuated over the period 2013 – 2015. Gaps in attainment have increased and are greater than the national average. The gap in progress has remained constant in mathematics and although wider than the national gap it is closer to the national figure than the gap in progress for English which has increased over the same period.

- 1.6 The report confirms the contextual issues that influence pupils' outcomes overall and especially for those who are disadvantaged. These factors include overall levels of achievement, the proportion of disadvantaged pupils within a school or LA cohort, the size of schools compared to the national average, the level of funding that schools receive and the ethnic backgrounds of disadvantaged pupils.

The report also identifies the range of actions and interventions undertaken to address the issues and close the gaps, especially at key stage 4.

## **2. Recommendations:**

Scrutiny panel is asked to consider the information and comment.

## **REPORT**

### **3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal**

Not applicable

### **4. Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications

### **5. Background**

- 5.1 Improving outcomes for disadvantaged pupils is a national education priority. Schools receive additional funding for disadvantaged pupils through the Pupil Premium and the impact of this funding should be monitored by Headteachers and governors. It is a central focus of the current Ofsted inspection framework. The performance of disadvantaged pupils is measured through comparison with the performance of non-disadvantaged (other) pupils nationally. Raising the achievement of disadvantaged pupils remains a priority for Shropshire because over time the gaps between the achievement of

disadvantaged pupils and their peers has been wider than the national gaps, especially at the end of key stage 4.

- 5.2 Ofsted define disadvantaged pupils as those who are or who have been eligible for free school meals (FSM) at any point during the last six years, and those who have been looked after (CLA) continuously for six months. 2015 national performance data defines disadvantaged pupils as those who have been Eligible for Free Schools Meals (FSM) in the last six years, looked after continuously for 1 day or more; or adopted from care.
- 5.3 The educational performance of disadvantaged pupils focuses on two elements: attainment and progress. Attainment identifies the standards that pupils have reached and for 2015 and previous years it was measured against national curriculum levels and GCSE (or equivalent) grades. Progress identifies the improvement that pupils have made from their individual starting points and for 2015 and previous years it is and it is also measured against national curriculum levels. Both elements are important in evaluating achievement; progress is relatively more important than attainment in determining the effectiveness of provision and outcomes for pupils.
- 5.4 In the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) overall achievement is above national averages and compares very favourably with Shropshire's regional and statistical neighbours. Attainment data (identifying good levels of development) confirms that Shropshire's gap was in line with the national gap in 2013 and 2014. 2015 data confirms the gap is 6 percent greater than the national gap because the attainment for disadvantaged children declined by 2 percent and the attainment of 'other' children improved by 4 percent. Overall attainment is 2 percent above the national average.
- 5.5 The Phonics screening check at the end of year 1 confirms that the gaps have narrowed over the period 2013 – 2015 and that it is 5 percent smaller than the national gap. In 2015 the attainment of disadvantaged pupils rose by 12 percent from the previous year.
- 5.6 Achievement at the end of key stage 1 for all pupils combined is also above national averages and compares favourably with regional and statistical neighbours. 2015 performance data confirms that the gap between the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and their peers in reading remains 1 percent smaller than the national gap. In 2013 the gap was in line with the national gap. In writing the gap is 3 percent smaller than the national gap and in mathematics it is 1 percent smaller than the national gap. Over the period 2013 – 2015 none of these gaps have been greater than the national gap.
- 5.7 At the end of key stage 2 achievement for all pupils combined remains above national, regional and statistical neighbour averages. The gap in combined attainment across reading writing and mathematics has decreased by 4 percent over the period 2013 – 2015 but remains 3

percent greater than the national gap. The gap in attainment for English, grammar, punctuation and spelling has decreased by 9 percent over the same period. In 2013 the gap was 7 percent larger than the national figure and it has reduced to 2 percent greater than the national gap.

- 5.8 2015 performance data also confirms that the gaps between the progress made by disadvantaged pupils and their peers from the end of key stage 1 to the end of key stage 2 have continued to narrow. The progress gap for reading is 1 percent smaller than the national gap, the gap for writing is 1 percent larger than the national gap and the progress gap for mathematics is in line with the national gap.
- 5.9 The key indicator of attainment at the end of key stage 4 is the percentage of pupils who gain 5+ A\*-C grades at GCSE including English and mathematics. Overall attainment is just below the national average and compares unfavourably with statistical neighbours. The gap in attainment between disadvantaged pupils and other pupils (using this measure) has fluctuated over the period 2013 – 2015 but overall it has increased by 5 percent. The gap is 8 percent greater than the national gap. It has increased because the attainment of disadvantaged pupils has declined.
- 5.10 Performance data also confirms over the period 2013 - 2015 the gap between the progress made by disadvantaged pupils and their peers in English from the end of key stage 2 to the end of key stage 4 has increased by 3 percent. The progress gap for English is 5 percent greater than the national gap.

Over the same period the gap between the progress made by disadvantaged pupils and their peers in mathematics from the end of key stage 2 to the end of key stage 4 has remained constant. In 2015 it exceeds the national gap by 2 percent. The progress gap for English is 5 percent greater than the national gap.

### **Contextual Factors that influence pupils achievement and gaps in performance of specific groups of pupils**

- 5.11 It is important to understand the contextual factors that influence pupils' achievement and gaps in performance between disadvantaged and other pupils in order to close the gaps. These factors include the overall levels of achievement (attainment and progress), the proportion of disadvantaged pupils within a school or LA cohort, the size of schools compared to the national average, the level of funding that schools receive and the ethnic backgrounds of disadvantaged pupils.
- 5.12 Where overall attainment and progress is above national averages there is increased potential for gaps between the performance of disadvantaged pupils and other pupils to be greater than the national average. Overall attainment and progress across Early Years, key

stage 1 and key stage 2 are above national averages and the proportion of disadvantaged pupils in Shropshire is below the national average. This results in greater potential for gaps between the achievement of disadvantaged pupils and their peers.

- 5.13 Shropshire also has a high proportion of primary and secondary schools that are smaller than the national average for each phase. 11 percent of primary schools have 50 or less pupils on roll and a further 25 percent of primary schools have 51 -100 pupils on roll. Many of these small schools are located over a wide geographical area. This restricts options for shared use of pupil premium funding and contributes to the diseconomies of scale: the relatively small amounts of funding received by small schools with small cohorts of disadvantaged pupils cannot easily be shared to support wider interventions and increased staffing. 15 of the 21 mainstream secondary schools are below national average size. The small size of Shropshire schools results in diseconomies of scale regarding funding and resourcing.
- 5.14 Funding for Shropshire schools in 2015 / 2016 remained in the lowest 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of LAs across the country (45<sup>th</sup> of 151). The gap between funding for Shropshire and the top 1/3<sup>rd</sup> funded LAs is substantial. Shropshire primary schools would have received 18 percent more funding if they were funded on the formula for Birmingham resulting in a further £15,500,000 pa across primary schools. Shropshire secondary schools and academies would have received 20 percent more funding if they were funded on the Birmingham formula resulting in a further £12,000,000 pa across secondary phase providers. Overall Shropshire schools and academies would have received £27,500,000 pa.
- 5.15 The ethnic background of disadvantaged pupils across Shropshire is predominantly White British. This profile is substantially different to urban and inner-city LAs where the ethnic back ground are substantially more diverse. The challenge of overcoming rural disadvantage in white British pupils is substantially different to tackling multicultural urban deprivation.

#### **Actions undertaken to narrow and close the gaps between the achievement of disadvantaged pupils and their peers**

- 5.16 Thorough analysis of individual Early Years settings, primary and secondary schools is undertaken by the education improvement service to identify strengths and weaknesses in outcomes for pupils. Support and challenge is targeted through the Early Years Team and School Improvement Advisers to ensure leaders and teachers are addressing gaps in outcomes.
- 5.17 The Early Years Team have provided targeted professional development to improve the tracking of children's progress, and

interventions to accelerate the progress of disadvantaged children. The team is also working with Ofsted to provide further courses to confirm effective practice in closing gaps.

5.18 Attached school improvement advisers ensure robust challenge to Headteachers through school performance monitoring and the implementation of the Academies Protocol. The Primary and Secondary Central Policy Groups of Headteachers have considered the performance of disadvantaged pupils across the LA and the issue has been addressed at primary and secondary Headteacher briefings. Regular network meetings for subject leaders and secondary senior leaders have also focused on closing the gaps including the dissemination of leading practice from 2 secondary schools where the whole-school approach to literacy and promotion of reading has improved outcomes for disadvantaged pupils. 9 secondary schools were represented at the local Ofsted seminar on closing the gaps in January 2016 which also focused on whole-school literacy to make the curriculum accessible to disadvantaged pupils.

## 6. Additional Information

**List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)**

1. Analysis of the gaps between disadvantaged and other pupils in Shropshire schools 2013-2015
2. Presentation to the Central Policy Group of Headteachers on 14 January 2016 regarding gaps data

**Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)**

David Minnery

**Local Member**

All

**Appendices**

Appendix A – An analysis of the gaps between disadvantaged and other pupils in Shropshire schools 2013-15

Appendix B – presentation to CPG 14 January 2016



**An analysis of the gaps between disadvantaged and other pupils in Shropshire schools 2013-2015**

*Please note all data, except for EYFS, has been taken from LA RAISE reports 2013-2015. LA RAISE 2015 is unvalidated.*

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7	Attainment at the end of Key Stage 4 for % 5 A*-C including English & mathematics
8	Making expected progress in English and mathematics from Key Stage 2 to 4
9	Strengths and weaknesses

Attainment for EYFS and phonics screen check

<b>Early years Foundation Stage Profile</b>				
<i>(Taken from SRF 36/2015 published 19-11-15)</i>				
	<b>GLD</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>England</b>	<b>% FSM</b>	36	45	51
	<b>% non-FSM</b>	55	64	69
	<b>% Gap</b>	-19	-19	-18
<b>West Mids</b>	<b>% FSM</b>	36	44	51
	<b>% non-FSM</b>	54	62	67
	<b>% Gap</b>	-18	-18	-16
<b>Shropshire</b>	<b>% FSM</b>	36	47	45
	<b>% non-FSM</b>	55	66	70
	<b>% Gap</b>	-19	-19	-25

Shropshire's gap was in line with the national, staying constant, until 2015 when it has widened due to the % FSM figure decreasing by two percentage points whilst non-FSM % figure has increased by four percentage points.

<b>Phonics screen check at end of Y1</b>				
	<b>L2+</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>England</b>	<b>% Disadv</b>	57	63	66
	<b>% other</b>	73	78	80
	<b>% Gap</b>	-16	-15	-14
<b>Shropshire</b>	<b>% Disadv</b>	62	61	73
	<b>% other</b>	75	79	82
	<b>% Gap</b>	-13	-18	-9

For pupils at the end of Y1 the gap has narrowed in the three years and the gap is lower now than the national by five percentage points. The narrowing of this gap is mainly due to the increase in performance of the disadvantaged pupils by twelve percentage points from 2014, representing the biggest year on year increase in the last three years.

Attainment for reading and writing at the end of Key Stage 1

<b>Key Stage 1 attainment in reading</b>				
	<b>L2+</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>England</b>	<b>% Disadv</b>	80	82	84
	<b>% other</b>	92	92	93
	<b>% Gap</b>	-12	-10	-9
<b>Shropshire</b>	<b>% Disadv</b>	80	83	85
	<b>% other</b>	92	93	95
	<b>% Gap</b>	-12	-10	-10

The gap in reading in Shropshire has plateaued in the last two years and now is one percentage point higher than the national. In the last two years the performance of both the disadvantaged and other pupils has increased by two percentage points in Shropshire.

<b>Key Stage 1 attainment in writing</b>				
	<b>L2+</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>England</b>	<b>% Disadv</b>	75	77	79
	<b>% other</b>	89	89	91
	<b>% Gap</b>	-14	-12	-12
<b>Shropshire</b>	<b>% Disadv</b>	78	77	82
	<b>% other</b>	90	91	93
	<b>% Gap</b>	-12	-14	-11

The gap in writing in Shropshire has narrowed over the three year period and is smaller than the national in 2015. Both the disadvantaged and other pupils' performance has increased from 2014 but the former has increased by five percentage points as opposed to the latter increasing by two percentage points.

Attainment for mathematics at the end of Key Stage 1

<b>Key Stage 1 attainment in mathematics</b>				
	<b>L2+</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>England</b>	<b>% Disadv</b>	85	86	87
	<b>% other</b>	94	94	95
	<b>% Gap</b>	-9	-8	-8
<b>Shropshire</b>	<b>% Disadv</b>	86	88	88
	<b>% other</b>	95	95	97
	<b>% Gap</b>	-9	-7	-9

The gap in Shropshire for mathematics has widened from 2014 due to an increase only in the performance of the other pupils by two percentage points. This gap lags one percentage point behind the national in 2015, which is a reversal of the situation in 2014.

Key Stage 2 attainment in reading, writing and mathematics

<b>Key Stage 2 attainment in reading, writing and maths</b>				
	<b>L4+</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>England</b>	<b>% Disadv</b>	63	67	70
	<b>% other</b>	81	83	85
	<b>% Gap</b>	-18	-16	-15
<b>Shropshire</b>	<b>% Disadv</b>	60	63	67
	<b>% other</b>	80	83	85
	<b>% Gap</b>	-20	-20	-18

At KS2 in Shropshire this gap mirrors the national picture by narrowing from 2013. The narrowing of this gap is due to the increase from 2014 (+4% points) in the performance of disadvantaged pupils being better than the increase (+2% points) for other pupils. The gap continues to be wider than the national in 2015 by three percentage points

Key Stage 2 attainment in English, grammar, punctuation and spelling

<b>Key Stage 2 attainment in EGPS</b>				
	<b>L4+</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>England</b>	<b>% Disadv</b>	62	66	71
	<b>% other</b>	79	81	84
	<b>% Gap</b>	-17	-15	-13
<b>Shropshire</b>	<b>% Disadv</b>	55	62	69
	<b>% other</b>	76	80	85
	<b>% Gap</b>	-21	-18	-16

At KS2 in Shropshire this gap mirrors the national picture by narrowing from 2013. The narrowing of this gap is due to the increase from 2014 (+7% points) in the performance of disadvantaged pupils being better than the increase (+5% points) for other pupils. The gap continues to be wider than the national in 2015 by three percentage points.

Key Stage 1 to 2 making expected progress in reading

<b>Key Stage 1-2: % Making expected progress in reading</b>				
		<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>England</b>	<b>% Disadv</b>	84	88	88
	<b>% other</b>	89	92	92
	<b>% Gap</b>	-5	-4	-4
<b>Shropshire</b>	<b>% Disadv</b>	84	87	89
	<b>% other</b>	89	92	93
	<b>% Gap</b>	-5	-5	-4

The gap in Shropshire is in line with the national and has narrowed since 2013. The narrowing of the gap is due to the increase from 2014 (+2% points) in the performance of disadvantaged pupils being better than the increase (+1% point) for other pupils.

Key Stage 1 to 2 making expected progress in writing and mathematics

<b>Key Stage 1-2: % Making expected progress in writing</b>				
		<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>England</b>	<b>% Disadv</b>	89	90	92
	<b>% other</b>	93	94	95
	<b>% Gap</b>	-4	-4	-3
<b>Shropshire</b>	<b>% Disadv</b>	87	89	91
	<b>% other</b>	92	95	95
	<b>% Gap</b>	-5	-6	-4

This gap has narrowed since 2014 by two percentage points due to the increase from 2014 (+2% points) in the performance of disadvantaged pupils only. This gap continues to lag behind the national in 2015 but is smaller than the difference in 2014.

<b>Key Stage 1-2: % Making expected progress in maths</b>				
		<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>England</b>	<b>% Disadv</b>	84	85	86
	<b>% other</b>	90	91	91
	<b>% Gap</b>	-6	-6	-5
<b>Shropshire</b>	<b>% Disadv</b>	78	83	86
	<b>% other</b>	89	90	93
	<b>% Gap</b>	-11	-7	-7

The gap in Shropshire for mathematics remains the same as in 2014 due to the improvement in the performance of both disadvantaged and other pupils by three percentage points from 2014. The gap continues to lag behind the national's gap by one percentage point but this difference is smaller than in 2013.

Key Stage 4 attainment

<b>Key Stage 4: % 5 A*-C incl E&amp; Ma</b>				
		<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>England</b>	<b>% Disadv</b>	40	36	36
	<b>% other</b>	67	62	63
	<b>% Gap</b>	-27	-26	-27
<b>Shropshire</b>	<b>% Disadv</b>	35	33	27
	<b>% other</b>	65	61	62
	<b>% Gap</b>	-30	-28	-35

The gap in Shropshire has widened by seven percentage points since 2014 and is mainly due to a decline in the performance of the disadvantaged pupils by six percentage points and an improvement in the performance of the other pupils by one percentage point. The performance of the disadvantaged pupils against their national peers has worsened whereas for other pupils there is only a difference of one percentage again in 2015, just like in 2014.

Key Stage 2 to 4 making expected progress in English and mathematics

<b>Key Stage 2- 4: % Making expected progress in English</b>				
		<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>England</b>	<b>% Disadv</b>	56	58	57
	<b>% other</b>	74	75	74
	<b>% Gap</b>	-18	-17	-17
<b>Shropshire</b>	<b>% Disadv</b>	51	52	50
	<b>% other</b>	70	73	72
	<b>% Gap</b>	-19	-21	-22

The gap in Shropshire for English has a widening trend as opposed to the national trend which is slowly narrowing. The gap is also wider than the national gap now by five percentage points. Both the performance of disadvantaged and other pupils has fallen from 2014 but the former has fallen by one percentage point more.

<b>Key Stage 2- 4: % Making expected progress in maths</b>				
		<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>England</b>	<b>% Disadv</b>	54	48	49
	<b>% other</b>	76	71	72
	<b>% Gap</b>	-22	-23	-23
<b>Shropshire</b>	<b>% Disadv</b>	50	44	47
	<b>% other</b>	75	69	72
	<b>% Gap</b>	-25	-25	-25

The gap in Shropshire for mathematics has remained constant in the last three years and this almost mirrors the national picture which has remained constant in the last two years but is two percentage points narrower than Shropshire.



Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phonics screen check gap for end of Y1 pupils has halved between 2014 and 2015</li> <li>• KS1 attainment gaps in reading and writing show improving trends.</li> <li>• Key Stage 2 combined attainment in reading, writing and maths shows a slowly improving trend</li> <li>• Key Stage 2 attainment in EGPS shows a improving trend</li> <li>• Key Stage 1 to 2 progress in reading, writing and maths shows a slowly improving trend</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EYFS gap increase in 2015</li> <li>• KS1 attainment gap in mathematics remains fairly constant over the 3 year period, which mirrors the national picture</li> <li>• The Key Stage 4 % 5 A*-C including English &amp; mathematics gap shows a widening trend over the 3 year period</li> <li>• Key Stage 2- 4 % making expected progress in maths gap has remained constant in this period, which although this mirrors the national gap, is still behind the national figure</li> <li>• Key Stage 2- 4 % making expected progress in English gap trend shows a slow decline which is moving in the opposite direction to the national gap</li> </ul>

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# KS4 2015

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## Key Stage 4: % 5 A\*-C incl En & Ma

	2013	2014	2015
Disadvantaged England	40	36	36
Disadvantaged Shropshire	35	33	27
Other England	67	62	63
Gap England	-27	-26	-27
<b>Gap: Shropshire with England 'other'</b>	<b>-32</b>	<b>-29</b>	<b>-36</b>

## Key Stage 2 to 4: %expected progress English

	2013	2014	2015
Disadvantaged England	56	58	57
Disadvantaged Shropshire	51	52	50
Other England	74	75	74
Gap England	-18	-17	-17
<b>Gap: Shropshire with England 'other'</b>	<b>-23</b>	<b>-23</b>	<b>-24</b>

## Key Stage 2 to 4: %expected progress mathematics

	2013	2014	2015
Disadvantaged England	54	48	49
Disadvantaged Shropshire	50	44	47
Other England	76	71	72
Gap England	-22	-23	-23
<b>Gap: Shropshire with England 'other'</b>	<b>-26</b>	<b>-27</b>	<b>-25</b>

# EYFS & KS1 2015

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## EYFS Profile: %GLD

	2013	2014	2015
Disadvantaged England	36	45	51
Disadvantaged Shropshire	36	47	45
Other England	55	64	69
Gap England	-19	-19	-18
<b>Gap: Shropshire with England 'other'</b>	<b>-19</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>-24</b>

## Phonics screening check at end of Y1

	2013	2014	2015
Disadvantaged England	57	63	66
Disadvantaged Shropshire	62	61	73
Other England	73	78	80
Gap England	-16	-15	-14
<b>Gap: Shropshire with England 'other'</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>-7</b>

## KS1 reading: % attaining L2+

	2013	2014	2015
Disadvantaged England	80	82	84
Disadvantaged Shropshire	80	83	85
Other England	92	92	93
Gap England	-12	-10	-9
<b>Gap: Shropshire with England 'other'</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>-8</b>

## KS1 writing: % attaining L2+

	2013	2014	2015
Disadvantaged England	75	77	79
Disadvantaged Shropshire	78	77	82
Other England	89	89	91
Gap England	-14	-12	-12
<b>Gap: Shropshire with England 'other'</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-9</b>

## KS1 mathematics: % attaining L2+

	2013	2014	2015
Disadvantaged England	85	86	87
Disadvantaged Shropshire	86	88	88
Other England	94	94	95
Gap England	-9	-8	-8
<b>Gap: Shropshire with England 'other'</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>-7</b>

# KS2 2015

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## KS2 %L4+ RWM

	2013	2014	2015
Disadvantaged England	63	67	70
Disadvantaged Shropshire	60	63	67
Other England	81	83	85
Gap England	-18	-16	-15
<b>Gap: Shropshire with England 'other'</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>-20</b>	<b>-18</b>

## KS2 %L4+ English, grammar, punctuation & spelling

	2013	2014	2015
Disadvantaged England	62	66	71
Disadvantaged Shropshire	55	62	69
Other England	79	81	84
Gap England	-17	-15	-13
<b>Gap: Shropshire with England 'other'</b>	<b>-24</b>	<b>-19</b>	<b>-15</b>



## KS1-2 %expected progress: reading

	2013	2014	2015
Disadvantaged England	84	88	88
Disadvantaged Shropshire	84	87	89
Other England	89	92	92
Gap England	-5	-4	-4
<b>Gap: Shropshire with England 'other'</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-3</b>

## KS1-2 %expected progress: writing

	2013	2014	2015
Disadvantaged England	89	90	92
Disadvantaged Shropshire	87	89	91
Other England	93	94	95
Gap England	-4	-4	-3
<b>Gap: Shropshire with England 'other'</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-4</b>

## KS1-2 %expected progress: mathematics

	2013	2014	2015
Disadvantaged England	84	85	86
Disadvantaged Shropshire	78	83	86
Other England	90	91	91
Gap England	-6	-6	-5
<b>Gap: Shropshire with England 'other'</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>-5</b>

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<u>Committee and Date</u>
Young People's Scrutiny Committee
23 May 2016 10.00am

<u>Item</u>
<b>10</b>
<u>Public</u>

## Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children

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### 1. Summary

- 1.1 This report summarises the current position and levels of unaccompanied asylum seeking children in Shropshire social services care.
- 1.2 The report includes Shropshire's involvement with the Kent Dispersal scheme for unaccompanied asylum seeking children and the recent announcement regarding the dispersal from Europe.
- 1.3 The report will include Shropshire Children's Services involvement on the Refugee Operational Group and Refugee cross party working group.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The members of the panel are asked to note the contents of this report.
- 2.2 Members are asked to comment on the current situation in regards to the placement of unaccompanied asylum seeking children and consider the support and infrastructure requirements to meet the needs of children in Shropshire.

## REPORT

### **3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal**

(NB this will include the following: Risk Management, Human Rights, Equalities, Community, Environmental consequences and other Consultation)

### **4. Financial Implications**

This report will present information which will support decision making for the future developments in the National dispersal scheme and Kent dispersal scheme. Accountable officers, senior manager and key decision makers may use the information to inform actions or interventions for the prioritisation and use of resources. Any financial implications will need to be set against the funding arrangements for 2016/17 in respect of local authority costs for supporting unaccompanied asylum seeking children and former UASC care leavers.

As local authorities enter into the National Transfer of UASC and refugee children there will be a financial implication due to the cost of the placements, and social work support. See Appendix 1 for the average costs of providing a placement for the child or young person. However this will not take into account the costings for education, health and social work support.

The Minister of Immigration has recently been in contact with Local Authorities to report that all existing rates for UASC's and eligible care leavers, including the rates offered to local authorities willing to accept the transfer of UASC from Kent will continue until a new national transfer scheme is introduced. The current daily rate for UASC under the age of 16 is £95, and the daily rate for UASC aged 16-17 is £71. At the end of the financial year Shropshire has also made financial claims to Central Government to cover the cost implications attached to social work salaries, administration costs, buildings costs and corporate recharge.

### **5. Background**

There has been a significant increase in the number of adults and children claiming asylum in both the UK and Europe as a whole. Some of the countries of origin which have featured regularly in persons claiming asylum have been Afghanistan, Iran, Bangladesh, Eritrea, and Pakistan. Since 2015 there have been significant increases in the number of applications from Iran, Sudan, Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria.

We have all seen scenes of adults who have had to make traumatic and difficult journeys from their home countries to seek safety. However in amongst these adults and families have been children who have either travelled alone or have become separated from anyone with parental or care responsibility for them. These are the children and Young People who are described as Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children.

Children seek asylum because they have a genuine need for protection and are in search of safety. They may seek asylum:

- To flee persecution in their home country
- To flee repression as a minority group in their home country
- To flee armed conflict in their home country
- On account of a lack of protection due to human rights violations
- To escape deprivation and poverty.
- Some children seek asylum in the UK either because they have been trafficked into the UK (for sexual labour or other forms of exploitation) or because they seek to escape trafficking in their home country.
- As well as being subject to persecution for the same reasons as adults in their country, children may be fleeing child-specific persecution. This could include child soldiering, female genital mutilation and forced marriage.

Local Authorities in England and Wales have a duty under Sections 17 and 20 of the Children Act 1989 to provide support for unaccompanied asylum seeking children. Section 17 places a general duty on every Local Authority to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in need within their area by providing services appropriate to those children's needs. Section 20 requires every Local Authority to provide accommodation for children in need within their area who require accommodation if:

- there is no person who has parental responsibility for them;
- the children have been lost or abandoned

## **5.1 Introduction**

In Shropshire for each Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Child that presents in the county, there is an immediate need to identify a social worker (and an interpreter if required) who can meet the child and conduct an initial safeguarding and wellbeing assessment. This initial assessment includes making a considered judgement on signs which may indicate for instance that

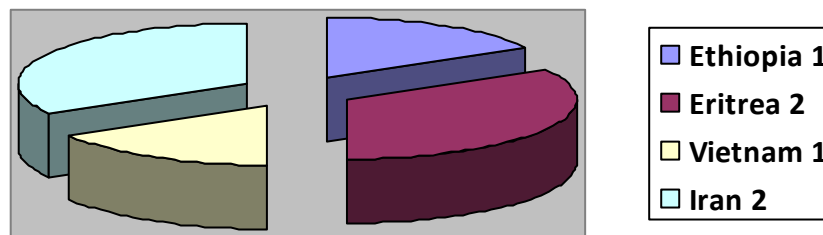
a young person is a different age to that claimed and/or signs that a child may have been trafficked, exploited or harmed. A bed must also be identified in an age-appropriate setting; however temporary, it must be available immediately.

[Care of unaccompanied and trafficked children: Statutory guidance for local authorities on the care of unaccompanied asylum seeking and trafficked children \(2014\)](#) provides that where the age of a person is uncertain and there are reasons to believe that they are a child, they are presumed to be a child in order to receive immediate access to assistance, support and protection in accordance with Article 10(3) of the European Convention on action Against Trafficking in Human Beings. Age assessments should only be carried out where there is significant reason to doubt that the claimant is a child. Age assessments should not be a routine part of a local authority's assessment of unaccompanied or trafficked children

In Shropshire the number of Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children has historically been and is low. Between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 Shropshire accommodated 3 Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children who were assessed and provided with accommodation and Looked After Children services under section 20 of the Children Act 1989. Since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 a further 3 young people claiming to be UASC have been provided with either Fostering or Supported Board and Lodgings placements.

In March 2016 a previous male UASC has turned 18 but remains in supported Board and Lodgings.

UASC Country of Origin since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016



**5.2** Alongside work nationally to progress a national dispersal scheme and following discussion with the Department for Education, Kent County Council's Corporate Director for Social Care, Health and Wellbeing sent a letter to all Directors of Children's Social Services in England requesting urgent support under Section 27 of the Children Act 1989.



Section 27 (2) states:

*“An authority whose help is so requested shall comply with the request if it is compatible with their own statutory or other duties and obligations and does not unduly prejudice the discharge of any of their functions”.*

- 5.3** Due to the overwhelming influx of refugees and UASC that have arrived in Kent and in order to support the above request, Shropshire’s Children’s Services are currently involved with the Kent dispersal scheme for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children. We have received 5 referrals to consider under this arrangement. All have been deliberated with a focus on the needs of the child. All referrals have been for male UASC aged 16+. We are currently making arrangements for one male UASC from Kent to be transferred to Supported Board and Lodgings provision. We continue to have regular dialogue with Kent officers to identify appropriate young people to relocate to Shropshire. We have committed to accepting 3 UASC from the Kent dispersal scheme.
- 5.3** Shropshire Children’s Services currently have 2 representatives on the Refugee Operational Group and Refugee cross party working group to advise and contribute to the Syrian Refugee dispersal scheme. Our role within the group is to liaise with appropriate agencies who may be able to offer universal support to refugee families with children, to provide updates on our contribution to placing UASC’s and contribute with appropriate safeguarding and legislative advice. However at the present time none of our Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children are from Syria.
- 5.4** The government has made an intention to begin resettling unaccompanied Syrian children from other European countries in the UK and initiating a UASC dispersal scheme. However the government has not yet committed to a final figure as the exact numbers must be agreed in partnership with local authorities. Shropshire will be required to provide information to Central Government on what level of support we will be able to give and what kind of assistance the local authority will need in order to do this. Average costs for placing a UASC has been attached (appendix 1) to give guidance on the potential financial impact upon children’s services. However these costings do not take into account the support needed from social workers, education or health services.
- 5.5** The Immigration Minister has recently been in contact with Local Authorities to report that the Government intend for the first phase of the National Transfer Scheme to be in place by July 2016.

## 6. Additional Information

- 6.1** In accordance with legislation, statutory guidance, and Shropshire Council's vision for children, our approach is that Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children are entitled to the same quality of services as children normally resident within the boundaries of the county. They are seen as children first and foremost, vulnerable and in need of care, protection and encouragement.
- 6.2** A range of provision is and will continue to be utilised to provide appropriate accommodation options including foster care and Supported Board and Lodgings (a semi independence post 16 family based accommodation provision which is funded and managed by Shropshire Council).

**List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)**

<http://www.local.gov.uk/documents/10180/11309/LGA+Briefing+Unaccompanied+children/>

[Cabinet Report 16.03.16 The provision and Support to Refugees and Asylum Seekers](#)

**Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)**

**David Minnery**

**Local Member**

**Appendices**

Appendix 1 Basic Costs of Placing an Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking child (based on a child aged 16+).

## Appendix 1

### **Basic Costs of Placing an Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking child, based on a child aged 16+.**

I have based this on a child aged 16+ as this is the age of child that has been directed towards us by the Kent dispersal scheme.

The cost of the social work time, mileage and education transport costs have not been included but can be provided if required.

	In House Foster Care per week (Average cost)	SBL per week (up to 18)	Independent Fostering Agency (Average cost)	Independent Residential (Minimum)
<b>Total per week</b>	<b>361.44</b>	<b>£195.00</b>	<b>£850.00</b>	<b>£2450.00</b>
<b>Total per month</b>	<b>1445.76</b>	<b>£780.00</b>	<b>£3400.00</b>	<b>£9800.00</b>
<b>One off payments</b>				
Birthday Allowance	£ 74.00	£74.00		
Festival Allowance	£ 68.00	£68.00		
Initial Clothing	£200.00	£50.00		
Holiday Allowance	£300.00	£140.00		
<b>Total one off payments</b>	<b>£642.00</b>	<b>£332.00</b>		

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# Agenda Item 14

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### WORK PROGRAMME

DATE	TOPIC	PURPOSE
<b>Monday 23 May 2016 10.00am</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation – Young Health Champions</li><li>• Unaccompanied Asylum Seekers</li><li>• Education Performance of disadvantaged Children</li><li>• Future Shape of Education in Shropshire</li><li>• IRO Annual Report</li></ul>	
<b>Wednesday 20 July 2016 10.00am</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Data/quality assurance report</li><li>• Corporate Parenting</li><li>• How Shropshire Council will meet the statutory requirements for the provision of swimming</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exception reporting on key issues</li></ul>

<b>Wednesday 14 September 2016 10.00am</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data/quality assurance report</li> <li>• Impact of Budget Cuts on Services</li> <li>• CAMHS Update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exception reporting on key issues</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 14 December 2016 10.00am</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data/quality assurance report</li> <li>• CAMHS Update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exception reporting on key issues</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 1 February 2017 10.00am</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data/quality assurance report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exception reporting on key issues</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 29 March 2017 10.00am</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data/quality assurance report</li> <li>• CAMHS Update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exception reporting on key issues</li> </ul>

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### Further Information

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**DECISION MAKER - Cabinet 11 May 2016**

Date of Meeting	Purpose and Report title	Key Decision	Portfolio Holder	Report Exempt / confidential	Contact for further information re documents / report to be submitted to decision maker	Date Uploaded onto Plan
11 May 2016	<b>Digital Transformation Strategy</b>	Yes	Leader of the Council		Clive Wright, Chief Executive Tel: 01743 252702 clive.wright@shropshire.gov.uk 01743 252007	20 April 2016

**DECISION MAKER - Cabinet 18 May 2016**

Date of Meeting	Purpose and Report title	Key Decision	Portfolio Holder	Report Exempt / confidential	Contact for further information re documents / report to be submitted to decision maker	Date Uploaded onto Plan
18 May 2016	<b>English Bridge Workshops CAT</b>	Yes	Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Business and Economy		George Candler, Director of Commissioning Tel: 01743 255003 george.candler@shropshire.gov.uk	18 February 2016

18 May 2016	<b>Financial Strategy - Budget 2017/18 and 2018/19</b>	Yes	Leader of the Council		James Walton, Head of Finance, Governance and Assurance (Section 151 Officer) Tel: 01743 255001 james.walton@shropshire.gov.uk 01743 255011 james.walton@shropshire.gov.uk	18 April 2016
18 May 2016	<b>Future Social Work Delivery Vehicle</b>	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Adults	Exempt	Ruth Houghton, Head of Social Care Improvement and Efficiency Tel: 01743 254203 ruth.houghton@shropshire.gov.uk	27 January 2016
<b>DECISION MAKER - Cabinet 8 June 2016</b>						
Date of Meeting	Purpose and Report title	Key Decision	Portfolio Holder	Report Exempt / confidential	Contact for further information re documents / report to be submitted to decision maker	Date Uploaded onto Plan
8 June 2016	<b>New Policy for Highways Inspections</b>	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Highways and Transportation		George Candler, Director of Commissioning Tel: 01743 255003 george.candler@shropshire.gov.uk	24 March 2016
8 June 2016	<b>Shropshire Council Corporate Plan</b>	Yes	Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Financial Strategy, Budget and Business Plan		Clive Wright, Chief Executive Tel: 01743 252702 clive.wright@shropshire.gov.uk 01743 254312 clive.wright@shropshire.gov.uk	9 May 2016

8 June 2016	<b>Community Infrastructure Levy List and LDF Implementation Plan 2016 Update</b>	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing, Regulatory Services and Environment		George Candler, Director of Commissioning Tel: 01743 255003 george.candler@shropshire.gov.uk 01743 255003 george.candler@shropshire.gov.uk	9 May 2016
8 June 2016	<b>Community Infrastructure Levy Payment In-Kind Policy</b>	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing, Regulatory Services and Environment		George Candler, Director of Commissioning Tel: 01743 255003 george.candler@shropshire.gov.uk 01743 255003 george.candler@shropshire.gov.uk	9 May 2016
8 June 2016	<b>One Public Estate</b>	Yes	Leader of the Council		Clive Wright, Chief Executive Tel: 01743 252702 clive.wright@shropshire.gov.uk 01743 254312 clive.wright@shropshire.gov.uk	10 May 2016
18 May 2016	<b>University Centre Shrewsbury Accommodation Update</b>	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Corporate Support	Exempt	Steph Jackson, Head of Commercial Services Tel: 01743 253862 steph.jackson@shropshire.gov.uk 01743 253861 steph.jackson@shropshire.gov.uk	18 April 2016
<b>DECISION MAKER - Cabinet 6 July 2016</b>						
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6 July 2016	<b>Improved Swimming Facilities for Shrewsbury</b>	Yes	Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Business and Economy	George Candler, Director of Commissioning Tel: 01743 255003 george.candler@shropshire.gov.uk	31 July 2014
6 July 2016	<b>Youth Commissioning</b>	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People	George Candler, Director of Commissioning Tel: 01743 255003 george.candler@shropshire.gov.uk 01743 255003 george.candler@shropshire.gov.uk	18 April 2016
18 May 2016	<b>Financial Strategy - Budget 2017/18 and 2018/19</b>	Yes	Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Financial Strategy, Budget and Business Plan	James Walton, Head of Finance, Governance and Assurance (Section 151 Officer) Tel: 01743 255001 james.walton@shropshire.gov.uk 01743 255011 james.walton@shropshire.gov.uk	9 May 2016
6 July 2016	<b>Shropshire Council Equality Objectives Action Plan 2016 - 2020</b>	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Rural Services and Communities	George Candler, Director of Commissioning Tel: 01743 255003 george.candler@shropshire.gov.uk 01743 255036	
6 July 2016	<b>Opening Hours Across Customer Service Points</b>	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Corporate Support	Professor Rod Thomson Tel: 01743 253934 rod.thomson@shropshire.gov.uk 01743 253934	

8 June 2016	<b>Contract Award for Provision of Day Care Services at Innage Lane and Oak Farm</b>	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Adults	Exempt	Julie Ruler julie.ruler@shropshire.gov.uk 01743 252421 ruth.houghton@shropshire.gov.uk	9 May 2016
6 July 2016	<b>Contract award to develop a "Community Centre" that provides community resources in Ellesmere alongside the provision of day time opportunities for adults with learning disabilities, day care for older people and library and information and advice se</b>	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture, Portfolio Holder for Adults	Exempt	Ruth Houghton, Head of Social Care Improvement and Efficiency Tel: 01743 254203 ruth.houghton@shropshire.gov.uk	14 January 2016
18 May 2016	<b>Disposal of land for residential development and provision of new community hub on land at former Oakland School site and Library site, Bayston Hill</b>	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing, Regulatory Services and Environment	Exempt	Chris Edwards, Area Commissioner South chris.edwards@shropshire.gov.uk	17 November 2015
<b>DECISION MAKER - Cabinet 27 July 2016</b>						
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27 July 2016	<b>Review of Library Opening Times</b>	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture		Fiona Gee fiona.gee@shropshire.gov.uk 01743 255003 george.candler@shropshire.gov.uk	9 May 2016

27 July 2016	<b>Review of Library Delivery Options in Shawbury</b>	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture		George Candler, Director of Commissioning Tel: 01743 255003 george.candler@shropshire.gov.uk 01743 255003 george.candler@shropshire.gov.uk	9 May 2016
27 July 2016	<b>New Highways Operating Model: Approval to Proceed</b>	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Highways and Transportation		George Candler, Director of Commissioning Tel: 01743 255003 george.candler@shropshire.gov.uk	21 March 2016
18 May 2016	<b>Connecting Shropshire - Further Coverage Opportunities</b>	Yes	Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Business and Economy	Exempt	Andrew M Evans, Head of Business Growth and Prosperity Tel: 01743 253869 andrew.M.evans@shropshire.gov.uk	1 October 2015
<b>DECISION MAKER - Cabinet 7 September 2016</b>						
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7 September 2016	<b>Regional Adoption Agency</b>	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People		Tina Russell, Head of Children's Social Care and Safeguarding Tel: 01743 254254 tina.russell@shropshire.gov.uk	24 February 2016

8 June 2016	<b>Contract Award For the Provision of Day Care Services at Innage Lane and Oak Farm</b>	Yes	Portfolio Holder for Adults		Ruth Houghton, Head of Social Care Improvement and Efficiency Tel: 01743 254203 ruth.houghton@shropshire.gov.uk	18 April 2016
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