



Committee and Date

Cabinet

17 October 2018

CABINET

**Minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2018 in the Shrewsbury Room,
Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6ND
11.00 am - 12.19 pm**

Responsible Officer: Emily Marshall
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Present

Councillor Peter Nutting (Leader)
Councillors Steve Charmley (Deputy Leader), Joyce Barrow, Lezley Picton, Robert Macey,
Nic Laurens, Nicholas Bardsley, Lee Chapman and Steve Davenport

67 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Minnery.

68 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

No interests were declared.

69 Minutes

The Leader reported that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 2018 had not been finalised and would be presented to the next Cabinet meeting for approval.

70 Public Question Time

A public question had been submitted by Mr Len Sambrook, Chairman of Childs Ercall Parish Council, in relation to questions that had been raised relating to changes the Council proposed to make to the CIL Local Fund. A copy of the question and the response provided by the Leader is attached to the signed minutes.

71 Member Questions

There were no questions from any member of the Council.

72 Scrutiny Items

There were no scrutiny matters for consideration.

73 Phase 2 Early Help Family Hubs

The Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People presented a report from the Director of Children's Services seeking approval for the locations of early help bases and the closure/de-designation of children's centres.

In response to comments made by Members, the Portfolio Holder provided assurances that the consultation process had been very thorough and drop-in sessions and workshops had been well attended by Councillors, Directors, families, stakeholders and staff. The Portfolio Holder reiterated the point that some centres were running sessions that were very poorly attended. The proposed new delivery model would be focused on children and families that most needed help.

In response to a question, the Portfolio Holder added that the centres proposed for the withdrawal of services would be used by schools and nurseries to expand their current provision and it was unlikely that any of them would be left empty.

RESOLVED:

1. That the location and establishment of 7 Early Help Family bases and the withdrawal of services in 20 Children's Centres buildings, as set out in section 7 of this report, be agreed.
2. That Shropshire Council ceases the delivery of universal stay and play provision but supports the delivery of universal stay and play by other appropriate means, including through alternative providers e.g. schools, day care providers, Pre-School Learning Alliance and the community through parent and carer volunteers.

74 Winter Service Highways: Review of Highways Winter Maintenance Policy [new National Code of Conduct]

The Portfolio Holder for Transport and Highways presented a report from the Highways, Transport and Environment Manager relating to a review of Shropshire Highways Maintenance Policy.

The Portfolio Holder and the Highways, Transport and Environment Manager responded to a number of general issues and some concerns raised by Members

The Leader congratulated the Highways Teams for their work, particularly during the previous harsh winter months.

RESOLVED:

1. That the refreshed Winter Service Policy as presented in the report and as attached at Appendix 1 be approved.
2. That the winter service operational plan as presented in the report and as attached at Appendix 2 be approved.
3. That the recommendation of Place Overview Committee, to develop and pilot a Snow Volunteer Scheme via a Members and Officers working group be approved.
4. That the recommendation of the Place Overview Committee to deliver a pre-winter service briefing and workshop to all Members in October 2018 be approved.

75 Adoption of a Risk Based Approach for Highways Maintenance [new National Code of Practice]

The Portfolio Holder for Transport and Highways presented a report from the Highways, Transport and Environment Manager relating to the adoption of a Risk Based Approach for Highways Maintenance.

In response to questions from Members, the Highways, Transport and Environment Manager explained that

RESOLVED:

1. That the implementation of a risk based approach for highways inspections, as detailed in the revised Highway Safety Inspection Manual, as described in Appendix A be approved.
2. That the revised Asset Management Policy and Strategy for Shropshire Council as described in Appendix B be approved.

76 Shropshire Museums Strategy

The Portfolio Holder for Culture and Leisure presented a report for the Culture and Heritage Services Manager relating to the Shropshire Museums Strategy. Members congratulated the Portfolio Holder and Officers for their excellent report. In response to comments, the Portfolio Holder for Culture and Leisure commented that maintaining visitor numbers throughout all of the facilities within the Shropshire Museum Service was ambitious with funding to the service limited the small team were having to find ways to be resilient and tenacious.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Shropshire Museums Strategy, 2018-2023, attached at Appendix 1 be approved.

2. That responsibility be delegated to the Head of Infrastructure and Communities, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Culture and Leisure services, to finalise a detailed five-year action plan linked to the delivery of the strategy.

77 Exclusion of the Public and Press

RESOLVED:

That, in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and Paragraph 10.4 (3) of the Council's Access to Information Rules, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item.

78 Site Acquisition at Ennerdale Road, Shrewsbury

The Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Corporate and Commercial Support presented an exempt report for the Head of Business, Enterprise and Commercial Services relating to a site acquisition at Ennerdale Road, Shrewsbury.

RESOLVED:

That the three recommendations contained within the exempt report be approved.

Signed (Leader)

Date: