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Date: 29 January 2025

My Ref: Your Ref:

Committee: Audit Committee

Date: Thursday, 6 February 2025

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Shrewsbury Room, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury,

Shropshire, SY2 6ND

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

There will be some access to the meeting room for members of the press and public, but this will be limited. If you wish to attend the meeting please email democracy@shropshire.gov.uk to check that a seat will be available for you.

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AGENDA

5 Member Questions (Pages 1 - 2)

To receive any questions from the public, notice of which has been given in accordance with Procedure Rule 14. The deadline for this meeting is 12 noon on Friday 31 January 2025.

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AUDIT COMMITTEE 6 FEBRUARY 2025

MEMBER QUESTION

Question from Councillor David Vasmer:

I have heard reports that current total spending on the North West Relief Road from its inception to today, including the Oxon Link Road, is over £60m. Could this be investigated urgently and a detailed report presented to a special meeting of the Audit Committee within a month?

Response:

To confirm, the figure quoted in the question is incorrect. Council approved a budget for this financial year that will take spending to no more than £44.8m. Details of spending (which at the end of January is almost £10m below this approved budget) and options for the future will be provided to Full Council on 27 February as part of the Medium Term Financial Strategy and therefore the need for Audit Committee to review at this point is unnecessary.

