

Shropshire Council
Legal and Democratic Services
Shirehall
Abbey Foregate
Shrewsbury
SY2 6ND
Date: 10 December 2014

Committee: Council

Date: Thursday, 18 December 2014
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: Council Chamber, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND

You are requested to attend the above meeting.

The Agenda is attached

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

Malcolm Pate (Chairman)	Steve Davenport	Peggy Mullock
David Lloyd (Speaker)	Andrew Davies	Peter Nutting
Keith Barrow (Leader)	Pauline Dee	Mike Owen
Ann Hartley (Deputy Leader)	David Evans	Kevin Pardy
Peter Adams	Roger Evans	William Parr
Andrew Bannerman	John Everall	Vivienne Parry
Nicholas Bardsley	Hannah Fraser	Malcolm Price
Tim Barker	Nigel Hartin	David Roberts
Charlotte Barnes	Richard Huffer	Keith Roberts
Joyce Barrow	Tracey Huffer	Madge Shineton
Tudor Bebb	Roger Hughes	Jon Tandy
Martin Bennett	Vince Hunt	Robert Tindall
Thomas Biggins	John Hurst-Knight	Dave Tremellen
Andy Boddington	Jean Jones	Kevin Turley
Vernon Bushell	Simon Jones	David Turner
Gwilym Butler	Miles Kenny	Arthur Walpole
John Cadwallader	Heather Kidd	Stuart West
Karen Calder	Christian Lea	Claire Wild
Dean Carroll	Robert Macey	Brian Williams
Lee Chapman	Jane MacKenzie	Mansel Williams
Steve Charmley	Chris Mellings	Leslie Winwood
Anne Chebsey	David Minnery	Michael Wood
Peter Cherrington	Pamela Moseley	Tina Woodward
Ted Clarke	Alan Mosley	Paul Wynn
Gerald Dakin	Cecilia Motley	

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AGENDA

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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

3 Minutes (Pages 1 - 14)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 September 2014.

4 Announcements

To receive such communications as the Chairman, Speaker, Leader and Head of Paid Service may desire to lay before the Council.

5 Public Questions

To receive any questions from the public, notice of which has been given in accordance with Procedure Rule 14.

Two separate petitions, each bearing over 1,000 signatures have been received as follows, each requesting a debate under the Council's Petition Scheme;

- a) Petition to keep Westgate House for Bridgnorth Community Use – Paul Passant.
- b) Petition to turn at least 1 in 3 street lights back on in Whitchurch – Jane Kirk.

Each petitioner will be allowed 5 minutes to outline their case, after which there may be a debate of up to 15 minutes maximum.

6 Questions from Members (Pages 15 - 32)

To receive any questions from Members, notice of which has been given in accordance with Procedure Rule 15.2.

7 Setting the Council Tax Taxbase for 2015/16 (Pages 33 - 50)

Report of the Head of Finance, Governance and Assurance is attached.

Contact James Walton Tel 01743 255011.

8 Treasury Strategy 2014/15 - Mid Year Review (Pages 51 - 68)

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9 Creation of New Pension Board (Pages 69 - 76)

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10 University Centre Shrewsbury

Report of the Chief executive WILL FOLLOW.

Contact Clive Wright Tel: 01743 2701.

11 Organ Donation (Pages 77 - 92)

Report of the Director of Public Health is attached.

Contact Rod Thomson Tel 01743 253934.

12 Local Joint Committees - Update on Boundaries (Pages 93 - 98)

Report of the Director of Commissioning is attached.

Contact George Candler Tel 01743 255003.

13 Motions

The following motions have been received in accordance with Procedure Rule 16:

13.1 The following motion has been received from Councillor Martin Bennett

The Housing Minister, Brandon Lewis, has recently announced significant changes to the regime under which developers of Market Housing are obliged to make provision for local needs Affordable Housing.

Under the new rules Councils will be unable to require the previous levels of Affordable Housing contributions or provision on all but the larger schemes.

This will significantly reduce this Council's ability to make much needed provision for Affordable Housing and reduce our future ability to replicate the significant successes that have been achieved in recent years.

This Council therefore agrees that it will put in place the following course of

action.

- Instruct the Chief Executive to write to the Housing Minister asking him to reverse his decision.
- With other Councils, lobby the LGA to put pressure on Government to reverse the policy.
- Ask the RSA to similarly seek reversal of the decision.
- Through the Portfolio Holder, lobby our local MPs to point out to the Housing Minister the undesirability of the implications of this decision.'

13.2 The following motion has been received from Councillor Miles Kenny:

'Over many years Central Government have eroded local democracy, taken away powers from local government and have introduced responsibilities based on central government policies without funding or adequate funding. The quality of life and wellbeing of our constituents be they in need of care, learning facilities, health provision, environmental protection, business development, jobs and in every walk of life has been adversely effected.

Therefore this council instructs the chief executive to liaise with other local government chief executives and the LGA to bring to an end the devastating cuts to local services and restore local democracy. The chief executive to report back to council on the results and council then considers its options on what further action to take'

13.3. The following motion has been received from Councillor Alan Mosley:

Given that the Future Fit project has reached a critical stage in determining policy and strategy for the future of NHS services in Shropshire, Shropshire Council strongly believes that the retention and development of full A & E services and facilities at the RSH is essential. Furthermore the Council commits itself to pursuing this objective in every way possible and in generally ensuring that there is no reduction in the overall levels of service and quality at RSH which are freely available for residents of Shropshire and neighbouring areas.

13.4 The following motion has been received from Councillor Roger Evans:

In amongst the very few actual correct facts given in answer to a previously tabled question it is noted that because it is not in the Articles of Association the elected members who are Directors of IP&E are not required to and consequently are not prepared to attend an Annual General Meeting of IP&E Ltd. This is despite the many verbal commitments given when it was first formed.

Two and a half years after formation this company is still unable to start repaying any of the public money this council has loaned it. This money could have been used to help others and in need of help. An example being the return of long term empty homes back in use which would then provide

extra much needed affordable homes for local Shropshire residents. According to data recently seen each long term empty home returned to use has on average meant that Shropshire Council gains over £3,100 in New Homes Bonus. This appears to be a far better use of scarce council resources. Council and local residents need to be reassured that IP&E is not wasting money and the investment made will provide the return promised nearly three years ago.

This council therefore instructs the Chief Executive

- To discuss with Directors of IP&E alterations that are needed to ensure an Annual General Meeting is held.
- To put into effect the process to implement these changes to the Articles of Association as soon as possible.
- To present a full set of accounts with narrative prior to the public AGM.
- To organise a public Annual General Meeting at which the IP&E Board Chairman together with other Elected Member Directors can present a report, hear concerns and answer the many questions that residents and councillors have.

Failing this, then Council instructs the Chief Executive to stop any more loans being made to IP&E and to put into effect a process to enable all present IP&E staff to once again become Shropshire Council employees.

14 Report of the Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority (Pages 99 - 102)

To receive the report of the Shropshire and Wrekin Fire & Rescue Authority arising from its meeting held on 8 October 2014.

15 Exclusion of the Press and Public

To RESOLVE that in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 and paragraph 10.4(3) of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules, the public and press be excluded during the consideration of the following items.

16 Church Stretton Secondary School Sports and Communities Facilities (Pages 103 - 148)

Exempt report of the Head of Customer Support and Assets is attached.

Contact Steph Jackson Tel 01743 253861.

17 Stone House, Ludlow (Pages 149 - 152)

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18 University Centre Shrewsbury

Exempt report of the Chief Executive WILL FOLLOW.

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