

Shropshire Council
Legal and Democratic Services
Shirehall
Abbey Foregate
Shrewsbury
SY2 6ND
Date: 15 July 2015

Committee: Council

Date: Thursday, 23 July 2015

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)
David Lloyd (Speaker)
Keith Barrow (Leader)
Steve Charmley (Deputy
Leader)
Peter Adams
Andrew Bannerman
Nicholas Bardsley
Tim Barker
Charlotte Barnes
Joyce Barrow
Tudor Bebb
Thomas Biggins
Andy Boddington
Vernon Bushell
Gwilym Butler
John Cadwallader
Karen Calder
Dean Carroll
Lee Chapman
Anne Chebsey
Peter Cherrington
Ted Clarke
Gerald Dakin
Steve Davenport
Andrew Davies

Pauline Dee
David Evans
Roger Evans
John Everall
Hannah Fraser
Ann Hartley
Nigel Hartin
Richard Huffer
Tracey Huffer
Roger Hughes
Vince Hunt
John Hurst-Knight
Jean Jones
Simon Jones
Miles Kenny
Heather Kidd
Christian Lea
Robert Macey
Jane MacKenzie
Chris Mellings
David Minnery
Pamela Moseley
Alan Mosley
Cecilia Motley
Peggy Mullock
Peter Nutting

Mike Owen
Kevin Pardy
William Parr
Vivienne Parry
John Price
Malcolm Price
David Roberts
Keith Roberts
Madge Shingleton
Jon Tandy
Robert Tindall
Dave Tremellen
Kevin Turley
David Turner
Arthur Walpole
Stuart West
Claire Wild
Brian Williams
Mansel Williams
Leslie Winwood
Michael Wood
Tina Woodward
Paul Wynn

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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 - 10)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 May 2015, attached marked 3.

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.

6 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS (Pages 11 - 20)

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

7 POLICING SHROPSHIRE - OPPORTUNITIES AND THREATS

To receive a presentation from Chief Constable David Shaw of West Mercia Police.

8 PORTFOLIO HOLDER REPORT FOR ADULT SERVICES AND COMMISSIONING (SOUTH) (Pages 21 - 26)

To receive the report from the Portfolio Holder for Adult Services and Commissioning attached marked 8.

9 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HEALTH & ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2014/15 (Pages 27 - 32)

To receive the report from the Chairman of the Health & Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee, attached marked 9.

10 PORTFOLIO HOLDER REPORT FOR HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT (Pages 33 - 40)

To receive the report from the Portfolio Holder for Highways and Transport, attached marked 10.

11 PORTFOLIO HOLDER REPORT FOR REGULATORY SERVICES, HOUSING AND COMMISSIONING (CENTRAL) (Pages 41 - 62)

To receive the report from the Portfolio Holder for Regulatory Services, Housing and Commissioning (Central), attached marked 11.

12 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2014/15 (Pages 63 - 66)

To receive the report from the Chairman of the Environment and Services Scrutiny Committee, attached marked 12.

13 REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR THE UNIVERSITY CENTRE AND SHREWSBURY BID (Pages 67 - 72)

To receive the report from the Portfolio Holder for the University Centre and Shrewsbury BID, attached marked 13.

14 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ENTERPRISE AND GROWTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2014/15 (Pages 73 - 78)

To receive the report from the Chairman of the Enterprise and Growth Scrutiny Committee, attached marked 14.

15 REVENUE OUTTURN 2014/15 (Pages 79 - 98)

Report of the Head of Finance, Governance and Assurance is attached, marked 15.

Contact James Walton Tel 01743 255011.

16 CAPITAL OUTTURN 2014/15 (Pages 99 - 122)

Report of the Head of Finance, Governance and Assurance is attached, marked 16.

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17 ANNUAL ASSURANCE REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE 2014/15 (Pages 123 - 138)

Report of the Head of Finance, Governance and Assurance is attached, marked 17.

Contact James Walton Tel 01743 255011.

18 WEST MERCIA YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2015/16 (Pages 139 - 188)

Report of the Director of Children's Services is attached, marked 18.

Contact Karen Bradshaw Tel 01743 254201.

19 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

To confirm the following appointments to Committees:

Strategic Licensing

The appointment of Mr D Carroll to replace Mr S Jones.

Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny

The appointment of Mrs C Motley to replace Simon Jones.

Central Planning Committee

The appointment of Mr R Evans.

**20 STATUTORY REQUIREMENT TO AMEND THE COUNCIL'S STANDING ORDERS
(Pages 189 - 194)**

Report by the Head of HR & Development is attached marked 20.

Contact: Michele Leith Tel 01743 254402.

21 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS OF THE AUTHORITY

THE LEADER - to propose that, under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council formally approves the reasons for the failure of Mr M Williams to attend meetings of the authority due to ill health, and that the matter is reviewed at the meeting of the Council on 17th December 2015.

22 MOTIONS

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

22.1 . The following motion has been received from Councillor Miles Kenny:

'This Council notes:

1. That the EU and USA launched negotiations in July 2013 on a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP).
2. That negotiations are underway to determine which goods and services TTIP will apply to and if new rules can be agreed to protect investors, harmonise standards, reduce tariffs and open new markets throughout the EU and USA.
3. That there has been no impact assessment about the potential impact on local authorities.
4. That there has been no scrutiny of the negotiating texts by local government and no consultation with local government representatives
5. That MPs are also unable to scrutinise the negotiating documents.

This Council believes that:

1. TTIP could have a detrimental impact on local services, employment, suppliers and decision-making.
2. A thorough impact assessment of TTIP on local authorities must be undertaken before the negotiations can be concluded.
3. The proposed Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) mechanism has been used by corporations to overturn democratic decisions by all levels of governments at significant public cost. Local decision-making must be protected from ISDS.
4. The EU's food, environmental and labour standards are better than those in the US and TTIP negotiations must raise and not lower these standards across the EU and USA.
5. Sourcing supplies and employment locally is important to strengthening local economies and meeting local needs. TTIP must not impact on local authorities' ability to act in the best interests its communities.

This Council Resolves:

6. To write to the secretary of state for communities and local government, local MPs, and all West Midlands MEPs raising our serious concerns about the impact of TTIP on local authorities and the secrecy of the negotiating process.
7. To write to the Local Government Association to raise our serious concerns about the impact of TTIP on local authorities and ask them to raise these with government on our behalf.
8. To call for an impact assessment on the impact of TTIP on local authorities.
9. To publicise the council's concerns about TTIP; join with other local authorities which are opposed to TTIP across Europe and work with local campaigners to raise awareness about the problems of TTIP. '

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

'RIGHT TO BUY FOR HOUSING ASSOCIATION TENANTS

This Council notes:

- the new Government's proposal to extend the Right to Buy to Housing Association tenants, to be paid for by selling off the most expensive Council Housing stock;
- with alarm the shortage of affordable rented homes Shropshire with increasing numbers on our housing waiting list and is very concerned that the current government plans risk making matters far worse.
- For July 2015 we have 7,822 registered on our waiting list and are consequentially deemed to be in housing need. This is made up of 135 in the Priority, 1,147 in Gold, 2,573 in Silver and 3,967 in the Bronze Band.
- During 2014/15 just 1,184 properties were let, and within this number just 254 of those in Bronze Band were allocated a house.
- This is similar throughout England. Our younger residents are increasingly finding it difficult to find a home. Recent publications for example have shown that more than 3.4 million adults between 20 and 34 live with their parents.
- that a recent opinion poll showed that just 16% of the public believed that

extending Right to Buy to housing association tenants would be the most useful way of tackling the affordability crisis; the public's top choice was to help housing associations or councils to build more affordable homes, selected by 46% of the public;

- the recent report from June 2015 which shows that there could be a funding gap of over £1 billion to pay for the scheme.

Council opposes the forced sell off of council housing to pay for this plan and is concerned that the Government also:

- Fails to address Shropshire's situation which no longer has any housing stock to sell.

- Fails to address the situation in rural areas where there are few suitable sites to build replacement social housing stock;

- Fails to recognise that this means housing associations will simply be trying to catch up with replacing homes rather than building affordable housing to give more people homes they need

Council notes that even the Conservative Mayor of London has said he did not want to see councils "deprived at a rapid rate of their housing stock" if more homes were not being built to replace them.

Council recognises the desire by many to own their own homes, and suggests that proposals put forward by the Liberal Democrats over a "Rent to Own" model and Shared Ownership housing would represent a better way of reaching this goal.

Council also notes that there are existing routes for housing association tenants to own their own properties – some Housing Association tenants already have the Right to Acquire.

Council resolves:

- to work with other neighbouring authorities and housing associations to oppose the current government proposals;

- to request the Chief Executive and Leader to each write to our four MPs' who represent different parts of Shropshire asking them support the Council's position; to speak up in parliament for more social housing and not less and to push for a genuine "one for one" replacement but not at the cost of losing more council housing.'

23 SHROPSHIRE AND WREKIN FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY CHAIR'S REPORT (Pages 195 - 200)

To receive the report of the Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority arising from its meeting held on 17 June 2015.

Report attached marked 23.

24 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:

25 CONTRACTUAL IMPLICATIONS ARISING FROM THE EXTENDED PLANNING PROCESS TO SECURE PERMISSION FOR THE BATTLEFIELD ENERGY RECOVERY FACILITY (ERF) (EXEMPTED BY CATEGORY 3) (Pages 201 - 206)

Exempt Report by the Head of Waste Management, is attached marked 25.

Contact: Larry Wolfe Tel 01743 255995.

26 UNIVERSITY CENTRE SHREWSBURY - STUDENT ACCOMMODATION (EXEMPTED BY CATEGORY 3) (Pages 207 - 216)

Exempt Report by the Chief Executive is attached marked 26.

Contact: Clive Wright Tel 01743 252007.