

Shropshire Council  
Legal and Democratic Services  
Shirehall  
Abbey Foregate  
Shrewsbury  
SY2 6ND  
Date: Wednesday, 14 September 2016

**Committee: COUNCIL**

**Date: Thursday, 22 September 2016**

**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)

Ann Hartley (Chairman)  
Brian Williams (Speaker)  
Malcolm Pate (Leader)  
Steve Charmley (Deputy  
Leader)  
Peter Adams  
Andrew Bannerman  
Nicholas Bardsley  
Tim Barker  
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  
Nigel Hartin  
Richard Huffer  
Tracey Huffer  
Roger Hughes  
Vince Hunt  
John Hurst-Knight  
Jean Jones  
Simon Jones  
Miles Kenny  
Duncan Kerr  
Heather Kidd  
Nic Laurens  
Christian Lea  
Amy Liebich  
David Lloyd  
Robert Macey  
Jane MacKenzie  
Chris Mellings  
David Minnery  
Pamela Moseley

Alan Mosley  
Cecilia Motley  
Peggy Mullock  
Peter Nutting  
Kevin Pardy  
William Parr  
Vivienne Parry  
John Price  
Malcolm Price  
David Roberts  
Keith Roberts  
Madge Shineton  
Jon Tandy  
Robert Tindall  
Dave Tremellen  
Kevin Turley  
David Turner  
Arthur Walpole  
Stuart West  
Claire Wild  
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 - 12)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 July 2016, attached marked 3.

Contact Karen Nixon Tel 01743 257720.

## 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 (Pages 13 - 14)

To receive any questions from the public, notice of which has been given in accordance with Procedure Rule 14. Two petitions have been received, each bearing over 1,000 signatures;

Firstly a petition from Mr Alan James, Branch Secretary, Shropshire Unison, actively pursuing the '5.4% Campaign' to return the lost 5.4% pay back into employee's salaries.

Secondly a petition from Mr Peter Norman, urging Shropshire Council to continue financing services for young people provided by Ludlow Foyer at the current level during 2017/18 and subsequent financial years.

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 REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR CHILDREN' S SERVICES (Pages 15 - 22)

To receive the report from the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services, attached marked 6.

## 7 ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16 OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (Pages 23 - 26)

To receive the report from the Chairman of the Young People's Scrutiny Committee, attached marked 7.

**8 PORTFOLIO HOLDER ANNUAL REPORT FOR PLANNING, HOUSING, REGULATORY SERVICES AND ENVIRONMENT (Pages 27 - 40)**

To receive the report from the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing, Regulatory Services and Environment attached marked 8.

**9 PORTFOLIO HOLDER REPORT FOR HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT (Pages 41 - 56)**

To receive the report from the Portfolio Holder for Highways and Transport attached marked 9.

**10 PORTFOLIO HOLDER REPORT FOR CULTURE AND LEISURE (Pages 57 - 70)**

To receive the report from the Portfolio Holder for Culture and Leisure attached marked 10.

**11 ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16 OF THE ENVIRONMENT & SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (Pages 71 - 76)**

To receive the report from the Chairman of the Environment & Services Scrutiny Committee, attached marked 11.

**12 REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL (Pages 77 - 86)**

Report of the Head of Legal & Democratic Services is attached marked 12.

Contact Claire Porter Tel 01743 252763.

**13 COUNCIL TAX, BUSINESS RATES AND HOUSING BENEFIT OVERPAYMENT DEBT COLLECTION POLICY (Pages 87 - 128)**

Report of the Head of Finance, Governance and Assurance is attached, marked 13.

Contact James Walton Tel 01743 255011.

**14 AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2015/16 (Pages 129 - 324)**

Report of the Head of Finance, Governance and Assurance is attached, marked 14.

Contact James Walton Tel 01743 255011.

**15 ANNUAL TREASURY REPORT 2015/16 (Pages 325 - 338)**

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

Contact James Walton Tel 01743 255011.

## 16 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEWS (Pages 339 - 344)

Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services is attached, marked 16.

Contact Claire Porter Tel 01743 252763

## 17 ADOPTION OF THE UNDERDALE, MONKMOOR AND ABBEY (UMACC) COMMUNITY LED PLAN (Pages 345 - 348)

To receive the report of the Director of Place and Enterprise is attached marked 17.

Contact George Candler Tel 01743 258671

## 18 MOTIONS

The following 3 motions have been received in accordance with Procedure Rule 16:

18.1 From Councillor Andy Boddington:

'In March, the Communities Department published its final [Statutory Guidance on the Flexible Use of Capital Receipts](#). This guidance will allow Shropshire Council to use capital receipts for service transformation from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2019.

The guidance states:

*"Qualifying expenditure is expenditure on any project that is designed to generate ongoing revenue savings in the delivery of public services and/or transform service delivery to reduce costs and/or transform service delivery in a way that reduces costs or demand for services in future years for any of the public sector delivery partners. Within this definition, it is for individual local authorities to decide whether or not a project qualifies for the flexibility."*

This Council requires that Shropshire Council allocates a proportion of income from future capital sales to the County's Town and Parish Councils to support their contribution to transforming service delivery.'

18.2 From Councillor Viv Parry:

'The Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Government asking it to ensure fair transitional arrangements for all women born on or after 6th April 1951. This cohort has unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age (SPA). Hundreds of thousands of women have had significant changes imposed on them with a lack of appropriate notification after the 1995 Conservative Government's Pension Act included plans to increase women's SPA to 65, the same as for men.

Retirement plans for thousands of women have been shattered as a result with devastating consequences.'

18.3 From Councillor Roger Evans:

'This Council notes the recent announcement by the Government to postpone the 6% cut to Community Pharmacy Funding from October 2016. This would, if implemented, have resulted in a reduction of £170m to a much needed and valued service.'

The LGA on behalf of its 370 councils warned that implementing the cut would put many at risk of going out of business and so pull the plug on a vital lifeline for many elderly and vulnerable patients. Any reduction in Pharmacies would also impact adversely on our NHS and our hard-pressed GP Surgeries.

This Council requests the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister and all our MPs asking them to make this postponement a permanent one and so maintain the budget at its present level. As the largest inland rural county, many of our small communities would be adversely affected by the closure of any of the present Pharmacies.'

**19 REPORT OF THE SHROPSHIRE AND WREKIN FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY (Pages 349 - 352)**

To receive the report of the Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority arising from its Annual meeting held on 15 June 2016 and an Extraordinary meeting held on 28 June 2016.

Report attached marked 19.

**20 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS (Pages 353 - 358)**

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

**21 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 item:

**22 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL SMALLHOLDING ESTATE (Exempted by Categories 1 & 3)**

An Exempt report by the Head of Business Enterprise and Commercial Services will follow marked 22.

Contact: Tim Smith Tel 01743 258676.