

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
6	Improved Swimming Facilities for Shrewsbury	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That Cabinet confirms that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Council's preferred location for improved swimming provision in Shrewsbury is the Shrewsbury Sports Village. This decision is based on the options appraisal which was reported in detail to Cabinet on the 13th July 2016. ii. In view of the outcome of the public consultation and interest in the retention of a town centre location any interested organisations who wishes to do so, is given the opportunity of up to 12 months to develop alternative business case proposals to retain swimming provision at the Quarry or other town centre location. iii. There should be an interim stage and that interested organisations are provided with the opportunity to submit a Strategic Outline Business Case. Any interested organisation which does not meet minimum criteria will be given an opportunity of addressing weaknesses or may choose to withdraw their interest. iv. All Strategic Outline Business Cases and Full Business Cases, including the Council's Strategic Outline Business Case and Full Business Case for the Shrewsbury Sports Village, will be evaluated against the process, timetable, evaluation requirements and methodology set out within the Terms of Reference included as Appendix 1 on a comparative basis. v. A report on the outcome of the evaluation of all submitted Full Business Cases will be brought back to Cabinet in due course for a decision on the final preferred location. A decision on whether to go ahead with the replacement of the existing pool can be taken thereafter in light of the Council's Financial Strategy.

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7	Financial Strategy 2017/18 to 2019/20	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. That the use of Core Grants and other short and medium term resources to provide a balanced budget for 2017/18 and reduced funding gap in 2018/19 (as set out in Table 3) be agreed and recommended to Council b. That it be noted that to achieve a balanced budget without further Red RAG Rated Savings proposals being implemented will require the allocation of over £34m of short and medium term proposals over two financial years which will not reduce the size of the core funding gap in future years (still requiring £28.7m of base budget savings by 2019/20). c. That it be noted that further work is being progressed over the next 12 months to deliver a Sustainable Business Model for the Council to close the Core Funding Gap and deliver a financially self-sufficient Council in the medium to long term.
8	Foster Care Payments Policy	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) That the proposed new Policy 'Payment Arrangements for Foster Carers' be approved and that it takes effect from 1 April 2016; and ii) That the potential financial pressure associated with this change in policy be reviewed and noted.

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9	Update on Refugee Resettlement Programme and Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) Transfer Programme	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>A) That Cabinet confirms its ongoing commitment to providing support, as appropriate, to Syrian refugees and Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker Children and notes the further update regarding the Asylum Dispersal Scheme</p> <p>B) That Cabinet agrees to Shropshire supporting up to a further 5 Syrian refugee families under the Syrian repatriation programme managed by UNHCR to take the total cohort in Shropshire up to 15 families over the next 12 months, or around 60 or so people, dependent on family size.</p> <p>C) That Cabinet agrees to participate in the UASC dispersal scheme on a voluntary basis to reach the 0.07% of our total child population. This will include assisting Kent with their challenge of supporting up to 2000 children that have arrived there as Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker Children, and future requests to support UASC and refugees from Europe when further clarity is provided on the position regarding how the dispersal scheme will operate, and that delegated responsibility is allocated to the Director of Children’s Services to agree any requests for support and to ensure that appropriate staffing resources are in place.</p> <p>D) That Cabinet note the number of UASC already supported in Shropshire which will contribute to the overall total required under the UASC national dispersal scheme.</p> <p>E) That Cabinet notes the need to undertake a further recruitment drive for supported accommodation for UASC.</p> <p>F) That Cabinet agrees to any further funding being made available for the resettlement of Syrian refugees through extension of the scheme being ringfenced within a dedicated cost centre in Adult Social Care to provide support to this group of people over the 5 year term of the funding.</p> <p>G) That Cabinet agrees to the funding being made available to support the UASC dispersal scheme being ring fenced within a dedicated cost centre within Children’s Services.</p>

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10	West Mercia Energy Governance	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) That the current Joint Agreement between the WME Member Authorities be amended in line with the report and as attached at Appendix A to this report, and authorises the execution of a Deed of Variation to make such amendments; ii) That authority be delegated to the Head of Finance, Governance and Assurance (s151 Officer) to agree with the other constituent authorities any further amendments to the Joint Agreement required prior to completion.
11	Annual Health and Safety Performance Report 2015/16	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the contents of the Annual Health and Safety Performance Report 2015/16 be accepted; particularly noting that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good progress has been made during 2015/2016 on managing health and safety across the Council. • Reportable employee accidents to the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) and minor accidents have increased compared to last year's figures. • Benchmarking with other Unitary Councils show that Shropshire Council performs well in terms of accident statistics. • The Health & Safety Team continues to maintain a good relationship with the HSE.
13	Community Energy	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the four recommendations be approved as detailed in the confidential report.</p>