

Shropshire Council
Legal and Democratic Services
Shirehall
Abbey Foregate
Shrewsbury
SY2 6ND
Date: 13th September 2017

Committee: COUNCIL

Date: Thursday, 21 September 2017

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)
Peter Nutting (Leader)
Vince Hunt (Speaker)
Steve Charmley (Deputy
Leader)
Peter Adams
Roy Aldcroft
Clare Aspinall
Nicholas Bardsley
Joyce Barrow
Thomas Biggins
Andy Boddington
Gwilym Butler
Karen Calder
Dean Carroll
Lee Chapman
Ted Clarke
Gerald Dakin
Steve Davenport
Julian Dean
Pauline Dee
David Evans
Roger Evans
Hannah Fraser
Rob Gittins
Nat Green

Simon Harris
Nigel Hartin
Nick Hignett
Richard Huffer
Tracey Huffer
Roger Hughes
Ioan Jones
Simon Jones
Mark Jones
Jonny Keeley
Heather Kidd
Nic Laurens
Christian Lea
Matt Lee
Elliott Lynch
Robert Macey
Jane MacKenzie
Chris Mellings
Paul Milner
David Minnery
Dan Morris
Pamela Moseley
Alan Mosley
Cecilia Motley
Peggy Mullock
Kevin Pardy

William Parr
Vivienne Parry
Tony Parsons
Malcolm Pate
Alexander Phillips
Lezley Picton
Ed Potter
John Price
Keith Roberts
Madge Shineton
Harry Taylor
Robert Tindall
Dave Tremellen
Kevin Turley
David Turner
David Vasmer
Stuart West
Claire Wild
Brian Williams
Leslie Winwood
Michael Wood
Tina Woodward
Paul Wynn

Your Committee Officers are:

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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 - 8)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th July 2017.

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

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

6 REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (Pages 9 - 12)

To receive the report from the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People.

7 ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17 OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (PEOPLE OVERVIEW COMMITTEE from July 2017) (Pages 13 - 14)

To receive the Annual report from the Chairman of the Young People's Scrutiny Committee People Overview Committee from July 2017).

8 PORTFOLIO HOLDER ANNUAL REPORT FOR PLANNING AND REGULATORY SERVICES (Pages 15 - 20)

To receive the report from the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulatory Services.

9 PORTFOLIO HOLDER REPORT FOR HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT (Pages 21 - 26)

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

10 PORTFOLIO HOLDER REPORT FOR CULTURE AND LEISURE (Pages 27 - 32)

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

11 ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17 OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW COMMITTEE from July 2017) (Pages 33 - 34)

To receive the Annual report from the Chairman of Environment and Services Scrutiny Committee (Communities Overview Committee from July 2017).

12 AUDITED ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2016/17 (Pages 35 - 62)

Report of the Head of Finance, Governance and Assurance.

Contact James Walton Tel 01743 255011.

13 ANNUAL TREASURY REPORT 2016/17 (Pages 63 - 76)

Report of the Head of Finance, Governance and Assurance.

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14 WEST MERCIA YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2017/18 (Pages 77 - 120)

Report of the Director of Children's Services.

Contact Karen Bradshaw Tel 01743 254201.

15 DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME (Pages 121 - 122)

Report of the Head of HR & Development is attached.

Contact Michele Leith Tel 01743 254402.

16 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON (Pages 123 - 124)

Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

Contact Claire Porter Tel 01743 252763

17 MOTIONS

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

17.1 The following motion has been received from Councillor Heather Kidd:

"The Council notes that the Government has failed to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women born on or after 6th April 1951, who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age (SPA) with lack of appropriate notification.

Hundreds of thousands of women had significant pension changes imposed on them by the Pensions Acts of 1995 and 2011 with little/no/personal notification of the changes. Some women had only two years notice of a six-year increase to their state pension age.

Many women born in the 1950's are living in hardship. Retirement plans have been

shattered with devastating consequences. Many of these women are already out of the labour market, caring for elderly relatives, providing child-care for grandchildren or suffering discrimination in the workplace so struggle to find employment.

Women born in this decade are suffering financially. These women have worked hard, raised families and paid their tax and national insurance with the expectation that they would be financially secure when reaching 60. It is not the pension age itself that is in dispute – it is widely accepted that women and men should retire at the same time.

The issue is that the rise in the women's state pension age has been too rapid and has happened without sufficient notice being given to the women affected, leaving them with no time to make alternative arrangements.

The Council requests that the Chief Executive write letters of support to the Prime Minister, the secretary of State for DWP (David Gauke) and the Pensions Minister (Guy Opperman) to advise them of the adverse effects that these changes to the SPA is having on women living in Shropshire who were born on or after 6th April 1951.”

17.2 The following motion has been received from Councillor Andy Boddington:

“Many policies that Shropshire Council introduces will have a direct or indirect impact on the economy of the towns and villages of Shropshire. The way the transport, education, housing, care and health systems are managed impacts on the economic wellbeing of our county. If we don't provide the right places for people to live and to work in the right jobs, and they can't get access to the education and health care they need, we will not thrive.

Every paper coming to Cabinet and Council should incorporate a brief statement on the perceived economic impacts of any policy. The intention of this duty is not to be onerous. It aims to focus the Council on the benefits and disbenefits of any policy for a county that we all want to flourish.

This motion requests the Council establish a Task and Finish group to consider an economic duty and how it should be reported to Council. It should report to full Council no later than December 2017.

18 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS (Pages 125 - 126)

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