

Shropshire Council
Legal and Democratic Services
Shirehall
Abbey Foregate
Shrewsbury
SY2 6ND

Committee: Council Date: Wednesday, 12 September 2018

Date: Thursday, 20 September 2018

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) Nat Green Peter Nutting (Leader) Simon Harris Vince Hunt (Speaker) Nigel Hartin Steve Charmley (Deputy Nick Hignett Leader) Richard Huffer Peter Adams Tracey Huffer Roy Aldcroft Roger Hughes Clare Aspinall Ioan Jones Nicholas Bardslev Simon Jones Joyce Barrow Mark Jones **Edward Bird** Jonny Keeley **Thomas Biggins** Heather Kidd Andy Boddington Nic Laurens Gwilym Butler Christian Lea Karen Calder Matt Lee Dean Carroll Elliott Lynch Lee Chapman Robert Macey Ted Clarke Jane MacKenzie Gerald Dakin Chris Mellings Steve Davenport Paul Milner Julian Dean David Minnery Pauline Dee Dan Morris Pamela Moseley **David Evans**

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 Claire Wild **Brian Williams** Leslie Winwood Michael Wood Tina Woodward Paul Wynn

Kevin Pardy

Your Committee Officer is:

Roger Evans

Rob Gittins

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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 Council meeting held on 26 July 2018.

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 Annual Treasury Report 2017/2018 (Pages 11 - 24)

Report of the Head of Finance, Governance and Assurance [s151 Officer] is attached.

Contact: James Walton Tel: 01743 258915

7 Revised Minimum Revenue Provision Statement 2018/19 (Pages 25 - 34)

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8 Review of Non-Domestic Rates Discretionary Relief and Council Tax Discretionary Discounts (Pages 35 - 88)

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9 Local Government Act 1972, Section 101 - Proposed Definitive Map Modification Order to record a Restricted Byway in the Town of Bishop's Castle and Community of Churchstoke, Powys - Acceptance of the delegation from Powys County Council to make the order on their behalf (Pages 89 - 104)

Report of the Highways, Transport and Environment Manager is attached.

Contact: Steve Brown Tel: 01743 257802

10 Annual Portfolio Holder Report for Finance (Pages 105 - 110)

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Finance is attached.

Portfolio Holder: Councillor David Minnery

11 Annual Portfolio Holder Report for Economic Growth (Pages 111 - 122)

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth is attached.

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Nic Laurens

Annual Portfolio Holder Report for Planning and Housing Development (Pages 123 - 128)

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Portfolio Holder: Councillor Robert Macey

Annual Report 2017/2018 of the Performance Management Scrutiny Committee (Pages 129 - 132)

The Annual Report from the Chair of the Performance Management Scrutiny Committee is attached.

Contact: Councillor Claire Wild

14 Annual Report 2017/2018 of the Place Overview Committee (Pages 133 - 136)

The Annual Report from the Chair of the Place Overview Committee is attached.

Contact: Councillor Gwilym Butler

15 Motions

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

 The following motion has been received from Councillor T Huffer and supported by Councillors A Boddington, R Huffer and V Parry

Shropshire Council has an important role in supporting communities across the county. Resilient communities enhance the quality of life, promote wellbeing and reduce costs to the social care and health sectors. The council has been reducing its support for communities in the face of budget cuts. This includes cuts to the community enablement team and threats to abolish Local Joint Committees. Vital support for youth budgets and for early help through the Sure Start community centres has been cut.

This Council instructs the Chief Executive to develop a strategy for the Council to positively promote its engagement with the diverse communities across Shropshire, taking account of its rurality and levels of deprivation.

2. The following motion has been received from Councillor A Phillips and supported by Councillors D Carroll, D Turner, S Harris and R Gittins:

This Council abhors racism in all forms and is particularly concerned at the rise in profile and frequency of antisemitism nationally.

Shropshire Council wishes to join with the Government and other local authorities across the UK in signing up to the internationally recognised International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance guidelines on antisemitism which define antisemitism thus:

"Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, towards Jewish Community institutions and religious facilities."

Manifestations might include the targeting of the state of Israel, conceived as a Jewish collectivity. However, criticism of Israel similar to that leveled against any other country cannot be regarded as antisemitic. Antisemitism frequently charges Jews with conspiring to harm humanity, and it is often used to blame Jews for "why things go wrong." It is expressed in speech, writing, visual forms and action, and employs sinister stereotypes and negative character traits.

Contemporary examples of antisemitism in public life, the media, schools, the workplace, and in the religious sphere could, taking into account the overall context, include, but are not limited to:

- Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
- Making mendacious, dehumanising, demonizing or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective - such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.
- Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts

committed by non-Jews.

- Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality
 of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist
 Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the
 Holocaust)
- Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
- Accusing Jewish citizens as being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations
- Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g. by claiming that the existence of the State of Israel is a racist endeavour.
- Applying double standards by requiring of it a behaviour not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.
- Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g. claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterise Israel or Israelis.
- Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis
- Holding Jews collectively responsible for the actions of the state of Israel.

This Council therefore resolves to:

- 1) Restate its condemnation of all forms of racism in all its manifestations
- 2) Adopt the IHRA definition of antisemitism as the working model for challenging and confronting incidents of this form of racism.
- Asks the Chief Executive to look to adopt similarly agreed definitions to confront and challenge all forms of racism and discrimination that exist within our society.

16 Questions from Members

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

17 Shirehall Redevelopment and Refurbishment Project

Report of the Head of Business, Enterprise and Commercial Services is attached. **TO FOLLOW**

Contact: Tim Smith Tel: 01743 258998

18 Exclusion of the Public and Press

To resolve that, in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, and Paragraph 10.4 (3) of the Council's Access to Information Rules, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item/s.

19 Exempt Minutes (Pages 137 - 138)

To approve as a correct record the exempt Minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 July 2018.