

Shropshire Council
Legal and Democratic Services
Shirehall
Abbey Foregate
Shrewsbury
SY2 6ND
Date: Wednesday, 8 May 2019

Committee: Council

Date: Thursday, 16 May 2019

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
Director of Legal and Democratic Services

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
Ed Bird
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
Kate Halliday
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
Robert Tindall
Dave Tremellen
Kevin Turley
David Turner
David Vasmer
Claire Wild
Brian Williams
Leslie Winwood
Michael Wood
Tina Woodward
Paul Wynn

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AGENDA

1 Election of Speaker and Vice Chairman

To elect a Speaker and Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

2 Apologies for Absence

3 Election of Chairman and Deputy Speaker

To elect a Chairman and Deputy Speaker for the ensuing year.

4 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.

5 Minutes - 28 February 2019 (Pages 1 - 14)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 February 2019.

Contact: Julie Fildes Tel 01743 257723

6 Announcements

To receive such communications as the Chairman, Speaker, Leader and Head of Paid Service may desire to lay before the Council.

7 Public Questions

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

1. A petition, bearing over 1000 signatures has been received from Joanna Blackman on behalf of the eXtinction Rebellion Shrewsbury campaign group, requesting a debate under the Council's Petition Scheme. The petition requests that the Council:

- i) Declare a climate emergency and immediately halt any new policies and projects likely to make the situation worse.*
- ii) Work together with other local authorities and government to agree and implement a UK-wide plan to reduce carbon emissions to zero by 2025.*

2. A petition, bearing over 1000 signatures has been received from Kerry Owen, Area Manager of Hazles Farm Childcare, requesting a debate under the Council's Petition Scheme on the Sunflower House Day Nursery Closure.

Each petitioner will be allowed 5 minutes to outline their case, after which there may be a debate of up to a maximum of 15 minutes.

8 Returning Officer's Report (Pages 15 - 16)

Report of the Returning Officer is ATTACHED.

Contact: Claire Porter Returning Officer Tel 01743 252763

9 Constitution of Committees and the Allocation of Seats to Political Groups (Pages 17 - 22)

To agree the constitution of Committees and the allocation of seats between political groups.

Report of Director of Legal and Democratic Services. REPORT ATTACHED, Appendix 2 to the report TO FOLLOW

Contact: Claire Porter Director of Legal and Democratic Services Tel: 01743 252763

10 Scheme of Delegation

To resolve that the Responsibility for Functions, set out in Part 3 of the Constitution and the Scheme of Delegations, set out in Part 8 of the Constitutions be agreed.

Please copy and paste the links below into your browser bar to access Part 3 and 8 of the Constitution

Part 3: <http://shropshire.gov.uk/committee-services/documents/s18335/Part%203%20Responsibility%20for%20Functions.pdf>

Part 8: <http://shropshire.gov.uk/committee-services/documents/s19382/Part%208%20Delegations%20to%20Officers.pdf>

Contact: Claire Porter, Director of Legal and Democratic Services Tel 01743 252763

11 Proposed Changes to the Number of Planning Committees (Pages 23 - 32)

To consider the number of Planning Committees for Shropshire Council. REPORT ATTACHED

Contact: Mark Barrow Director of Place Tel 01743 258671

12 Shrewsbury North West Relief Road - DfT Programme Entry

To receive an update on the progress towards a recently confirmed funding offer for the Shrewsbury North West Relief Road following submission of an outline business case under the Department of Transport's Large Local Majors funding programme. REPORT TO FOLLOW

Contact: Mark Barrow Director of Place Tel. 01743 258671

13 Dates of Council Meetings 2019/20

To agree that the meetings of Council in 2019/20 will be held on the following Thursdays, commencing at 10.00am:

25 July 2019

19 September 2019

12 December 2019

27 February 2020
14 May 2020

14 Motions

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

Motion 1

The following motion has been received from Councillor Alan Mosley on behalf of the Labour Group.

“That this Council welcomes the setting up of a task and finish group to examine the Council’s response to Climate Change following the motion adopted by Council on 13th December and we also affirm our commitment to:

- Carbon Emission Appraisals being attached to all reports,
- The designation of a Director level Carbon Champion,
- The creation of a Climate Action Partnership of stakeholders and the wider community.

However, given the conclusions of the IPCC and more recent scientific research findings we believe that Shropshire Council should be more active in its role in providing local leadership and as an organisation meeting rigorous carbon reductions targets.

Therefore, this Council declares that there is a Climate Emergency and calls upon the Cabinet to bring forward proposals within the current calendar year to ensure that all operations within the Councils control are Carbon Neutral by 2030.

Furthermore, we resolve to provide advice, support and encouragement, however possible, to county-wide public, business and charitable organisations to adopt similar policies and practices.”

Motion 2

The following motion has been received from Councillor Julian Dean and supported by Councillors Pauline Dee, Roger Evans, Andy Boddington and David Vasmer.

Since our meeting in December the UK has seen two further periods of records temperatures, in February and over Easter; the Chancellor of the Exchequer has said he would adopt the Committee on Climate Change advice to end the use of fossil fuel heating systems in new homes from 2025; thousands have joined protests and school strikes to draw our attention to the nature of the crisis we face and the Environment Secretary Michael Gove has admitted that the Government has ‘not done nearly enough’ to tackle climate change.

In the light of these continuing developments, we agree that Shropshire Council should add its voice to those of Shrewsbury and Oswestry Town Councils - amongst the 87 local authorities in the UK alone (as of end of April) - by declaring a Climate Emergency.

We welcome the allocation of Climate Change to the portfolio of a Cabinet member.

It is with regret that we recognise that the task and finish group recommendations are not likely to reach cabinet before late September and that this means that subsequent policies are not likely to reach full council until December, a full year since we agreed to

call for proposals on this matter. Without pre-empting any recommendations from the carbon emissions task and finish group, we urge the Cabinet to make clear to senior staff that measures and policies should be developed that duly recognise the nature of the emergency. We call on senior officers to ensure that staff are enabled to work effectively and collaboratively and with due time allocated to develop such measures and policies.

We instruct Cabinet to come forward with recommendations and targets for Council, with the intention that these are informed by the work of the task and finish group, to consider by the end of the year and that duly recognise the nature of the emergency.

Motion 3

The following motion has been received from Councillor Cecilia Motley and supported by Councillors Nick Bardsley, Gwilym Butler, Lezley Picton, Madge Shingleton and David Turner.

“This Council welcomes the recently published House of Lords Select Committee report on the Rural Economy, and in particular its call for the Government to produce a comprehensive and place-based Rural Strategy, accompanied by re-energised rural proofing.

The Rural Services Network, of which Shropshire Council is an active member, and which gave evidence to the Select Committee, has similarly produced, and is promoting amongst its membership authorities, a Template for a Rural Strategy. Furthermore Shropshire Council has undertaken to produce a County Rural Strategy, as a consequence of the motion passed by this Council on September 20th 2018.

This Council therefore requests the Leader of the Council to write to the appropriate Government Ministers to lend support to the call for a Government-wide Rural Strategy; thus adding weight to the recommendations of the House of Lords Select Committee report.”

Motion 4

The following motion has been received from Councillor Dean Carroll and supported by Councillors Rob Gittins, Peter Nutting, Nic Laurens and Cecilia Motley

This Council believes that Climate Change presents a serious threat to humanity with the potential impacts on weather systems and biodiversity being catastrophic if allowed to continue to increase unchecked. Although small contributors to the climate picture, local authorities do have an important role to play domestically in encouraging behaviour changes that will help to reduce emissions both locally and further afield. We also have responsibility for our own emissions as an organisation and a Corporate Carbon Reduction Strategy is being developed, a draft of which has recently been presented to the Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee, which is aimed at reducing the Council's carbon footprint. To further those aims a cross-party Task & Finish Group on Climate Change has been established by the Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee and an officer Working Group has been set up to drive forward our strategy for the whole county. It is planned to introduce an officer position to coordinate the Council's response to Climate Change and the sustainability agenda.

We also recognise the role that local authorities have to play in informing and influencing national Government policy. This is something Shropshire Council has taken an active lead in across a range of subjects from Fairer Funding for rural schools to support for survivors of domestic abuse. We continue to take a leading role in lobbying national

Government for positive change with a motion on today's Agenda supporting the House of Lords Select Committee's call for a Rural Strategy. Over recent months a number of other local authorities across England have passed motions declaring a 'Climate Emergency' and lobbying national Government for increased support in reducing carbon emissions.

Therefore this Council resolves to:

1. To declare a 'Climate Emergency'
2. To ask the Leader to write to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food & Rural Affairs to encourage Government be ambitious in its plans for carbon reduction targets and align with the recent thinking of the IPCC to be Carbon Neutral by 2040.
3. To support the work currently being undertaken by Shropshire Council in this field and reaffirm our support to tackling Climate Change

15 Report of the Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority (Pages 33 - 34)

To receive the report of the Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority arising from its meeting held on 24th April 2019. REPORT ATTACHED

16 Questions from Members (Pages 35 - 36)

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

17 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.

18 Exempt Minutes (Pages 37 - 38)

To approve as a correct record the exempt minutes of the previous meeting held on 28th February 2019 attached.

Contact Julie Fildes

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