

Shropshire Council
Legal and Democratic Services
Shirehall
Abbey Foregate
Shrewsbury
SY2 6ND
Date: Wednesday, 29 June 2022

Committee: Council

Date: Thursday, 7 July 2022

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

Members of the Council – a briefing note will be circulated by e-mail prior to the meeting with important housekeeping details and arrangements for the meeting.

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Tim Collard
Assistant Director – Legal and Governance

Vince Hunt (Chairman)	Rosemary Dartnall	Simon Jones
Brian Williams (Vice Chairman)	Steve Davenport	Duncan Kerr
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Ed Potter (Deputy Leader)	Julian Dean	Christian Lea
Roy Aldcroft	Geoff Elner	Hilary Luff
Jeff Anderson	David Evans	Nigel Lumby
Caroline Bagnall	Julia Evans	Elliott Lynch
Nicholas Bardsley	Roger Evans	Robert Macey
Joyce Barrow	Paul Gill	Richard Marshall
Bernie Bentick	Rob Gittins	David Minnery
Thomas Biggins	Nat Green	Dan Morris
Ed Bird	Kate Halliday	Pamela Moseley
Andy Boddington	Simon Harris	Alan Mosley
Peter Broomhall	Nigel Hartin	Cecilia Motley
Julia Buckley	Nick Hignett	Peggy Mullock
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Dean Carroll	Tracey Huffer	Vivienne Parry
Steve Charmley	Kirstie Hurst-Knight	Tony Parsons
Ted Clarke	Mike Isherwood	John Price
Gerald Dakin	Mark Jones	Chris Schofield

Dan Thomas
Robert Tindall
Edward Towers
Kevin Turley

David Vasmer
Alex Wagner
Claire Wild
Mark Williams

Rob Wilson
Leslie Winwood
Paul Wynn

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AGENDA

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Members are reminded that they must declare their disclosable pecuniary interests and other registrable or non-registrable interests in any matter being considered at the meeting as set out in Appendix B of the Members' Code of Conduct and consider if they should leave the room prior to the item being considered. Further advice can be sought from the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting.

3 Minutes

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 May 2022

To Follow

4 Announcements

To receive such communications as the Chairman, 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.

Deadline for notification for this meeting is not later than 5.00 pm on Friday 1 July 2022.

Information on submitting questions is available from here: [Public question time | Shropshire Council](#)

6 Report of Returning Officer - Highley Division (Pages 1 - 2)

Report of Returning Officer attached

Contact: Andy Begley, 01743 258675

7 Financial Outturn 2021/22 (Pages 3 - 50)

Report of the Executive Director, Resources is attached

Contact: James Walton. Tel. 01743 258915

8 Workforce Strategy (Pages 51 - 102)

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9 Report of PMSC re Climate and Ecology Bill Task and Finish Group (Pages 103 - 108)

Report of the Scrutiny Officer is attached

Contact Danial Webb 01743 258509

10 Annual Report of the Portfolio Holder for Digital, Data & Insight and Built Housing

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Digital, Data & Insight and Built Housing is **To Follow**

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Rob Gittins

11 Amendments to the Constitution (Pages 109 - 114)

Report of the Assistant Director Legal and Governance is attached

Contact: Tim Collard, Tel 01743 252756

12 Allocation of Committee Seats and Appointments (Pages 115 - 118)

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13 Councillor Viv Parry

Attendance of Councillor Viv Parry

The Local Government Act 1972 states that when a Council Member fails to attend any meeting for six consecutive months from the date of his/her last attendance, he/she ceases to be a member of the authority, unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the authority before the expiry of that period,

Councillor Viv Parry last attended a Council meeting on 13 January 2022. She had a serious accident in February 2022 and in order to further her recovery wishes to request that the Council extends the deadline period of non-attendance at Council meetings from 13 July 2022 to the day after the next Full Council meeting on 22 September 2022.

14 Motions

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

- 1. The following motion has been received from Councillor Rob Gittins and is supported by Councillors Roy Aldcroft, Dean Carroll, Paul Gill and Paul Wynn**

A41 Whitchurch to Hinstock

Following large numbers of accidents, the A41 from Whitchurch to Hinstock is fast becoming one of the most dangerous stretches of road in country and needs urgent action to protect road users and residents from harm.

This council resolves to: -

- 1) Ask road traffic engineers to commission a report detailing how to make junctions more visible, replace warn signage and introduce appropriate line markings where necessary and look at how this could be done on a limited highways budget.
- 2) Lobby the police and crime commissioner for active speed enforcement and average speed cameras along the full stretch of the A41.
- 3) Lobby the DFT for larger capital monies to widen junctions, increase visibility splays and for carriageway surface improvements.
- 4) Work with the emergency services to obtain real time KSI data so that the council can make more effective decisions on road safety.

2. The following motion has been received from Councillor Duncan Kerr and is supported by the Green Group

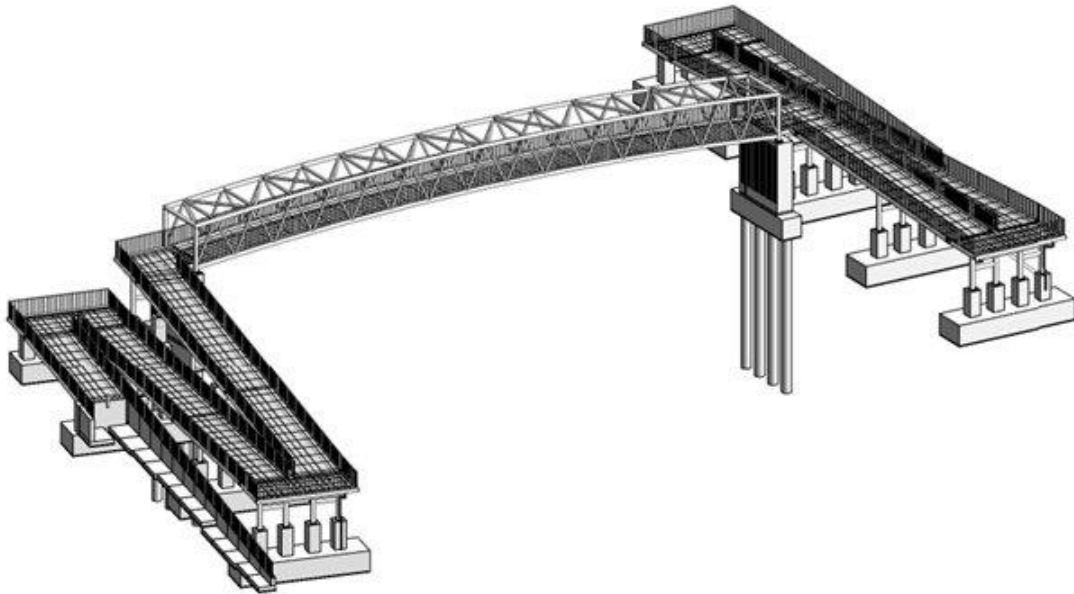
In Sept 2020 Shropshire Council adopted LTN 1/20 which sets new standards for cycling provision and accessibility. Five months after adopting this standard the Council sought, and gave itself, planning permission to breach the standard in constructing an access bridge to its proposed new innovation park in Oswestry. As can be seen from the accompanying 3D diagram this bridge would require a cyclist to dismount up to 6 times and is inaccessible to many disabled persons.

On the 14th June 2021 the Council received a letter from Rupert Furness Deputy Director at the Department of Transport and inviting the Council to express interest in receiving capital funding for a mini-holland scheme. This letter stated that the guidance in LTN 1/20 should be followed by Local Authorities “regardless of whether they are seeking Government funding”.

On the 9th June 2022, the Future Oswestry Group, a partnership established by Shropshire Council with representatives from Oswestry Town Council, Oswestry BID and the local community received this drawing. This was the first time the group had been consulted on the Council’s design for this bridge. This multi-agency group passed a resolution expressing their clear opposition to the building of a structure that is both non-compliant and gives a very poor visual impression at a key gateway into the town.

The risks to the Council in progressing with its current design are very high. If built as designed the bridge will become a highly visible symbol of Shropshire disregard for active transport and will prejudice the ability of the Council to secure the future funding it is seeking both for the innovation park and for active transport. As the recent peer review on finance reported, quality bids showing genuine and real commitment, are the only way Shropshire will secure additional resources from Government. Now is the time to admit this bridge was a mistake and correct the situation before it is built.

In support of the Future Oswestry Group; and in recognition of the risk to current and future funding applications if the Council persists in building this non-compliant infrastructure; this Council instructs the Cabinet and Portfolio Officer to bring forward a new design for this bridge which improves its aesthetics and ensure and is fully compliant with LTN 1/20. The Council’s LUF 2 application provides the opportunity to seek additional funding for this.



3D MODEL VIEW

3. The following motion has been received from Councillor Joyce Barrow and is supported by Councillors Roy Aldcroft, Simon Harris, Chris Schofield and Les Winwood

When a tenant of social or affordable housing sadly passes away bereaved family and friends have very little time, sometimes as little as two weeks, to empty the property of the loved one recently lost before having to hand back the property to the housing association. This is a very difficult time for those who are bereaved and often involves a lot of work to organise funerals and put the affairs of the recently departed in order, adding such little time to empty a property with potentially a lifetime of memories into that period can push people who are already fragile into serious distress. Whilst we appreciate the urgent need to bring social and affordable properties back into use as quickly as possible, we also believe that the current arrangements are unreasonable and lack regard for the recently bereaved. Therefore this Council resolves to:

1. Ask the Leader and Chief executive to request that STAR Housing review their policy on this subject to consider a minimum four week period for vacating following the death of a tenant who lives alone
2. Ask the Leader and Chief Executive to write to Registered Social Landlords operating in Shropshire Council's area to ask them reconsider their policies on this subject to consider a minimum four week period for vacating following the death of a tenant who lives alone
3. Ask the Leader and Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities to ask them to consider legislating or updating guidance to the sector on this subject to consider a minimum four week period for vacating following the death of a tenant who lives alone

4. The following motion has been received from Councillor Roger Evans and is supported by the Liberal Democrat Group

This Council notes

- 1) There are several National Lotteries, but the money raised by them is distributed nationwide. This Council wishes to help our smaller local organisations and charities to deliver the financial help our residents need.
- 2) Over 100 Local Authorities are assisting and helping their local communities by holding their own Lotteries operated by an External Lottery Manager (ELM) who manages the Lottery on a Council's behalf. Their management role will include website management, administration of ticket sales and payments, prize management and marketing. It will not include generating profit for a management company.
- 3) By taking this forward, we would help to keep the Shropshire pound in Shropshire.
- 4) A community lottery would offer a valuable, additional income stream to our community and voluntary sector in Shropshire, enabling them to tackle specific issues around loneliness.

This Council resolves that

- 1) The Community Overview Committee as an urgent item be asked to look at how a Community Lottery could be run and so help our many smaller groups who are helping residents of all ages in Shropshire.

5. The following motion has been received from Councillor David Vasmer and is supported by the Liberal Democrat Group

Motion: Shropshire should be included in rural fuel duty relief

Council notes that:

- Households in rural areas pay £114 a week on transport costs, almost £40 more than those in urban areas.
- Petrol prices have risen to a new record high of 182.3p a litre, meaning the cost of filling a typical 55 litre petrol car has risen to over £100.
- Rural households are paying out almost £2,000 more a year on transport than those in urban areas.
- Fuel duty relief is currently offered to fuel retailers in remote parts of the UK where prices at the pumps are higher to the tune of 5p per litre of petrol or diesel.
- Currently, only 10,500 residents in England live in areas benefitting from the relief.

Council resolves to:

- Write to the Department for Transport in support of;
 - Doubling support provided under the rural fuel duty relief scheme to 10p per litre.
 - Expanding the rural fuel duty relief scheme to include a wider area including rural Shropshire.

15 Questions from Members (Pages 119 - 122)

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

16 Report of the Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority (Pages 123 - 126)

To receive the report of the Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority arising from its meeting held on 22 June 2022

17 Exclusion of Press and Public

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 items

18 Exempt Minutes

To approve as a correct record the exempt minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 May 2022 **To Follow**

19 Shrewsbury Acquisition (Pages 127 - 156)

Exempt report of Executive Director of Place attached

Contact: Mark Barrow 01743 258676

20 Shropshire Community Leisure Trust Contract Extension (Pages 157 - 170)

Exempt report of Executive Director of Place attached

Contact: Mark Barrow 01743 258676

21 Disposal of Economic Growth Assets

Exempt report of Executive Director of Place is **To Follow**

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