

Shropshire Council  
Legal and Democratic Services  
Shirehall  
Abbey Foregate  
Shrewsbury  
SY2 6ND  
Date: Wednesday, 22 March 2023

**Committee: Council**

**Date: Thursday, 30 March 2023**

**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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Assistant Director - Legal and Governance

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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 (Pages 1 - 16)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 March 2023

## 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 is 5.00 pm on Friday 24 March 2023

## 6 ICT & Digital Strategy (Pages 17 - 52)

Report of the Executive Director, Resources is attached

Contact: James Walton. Tel. 01743 258915

## 7 Local Government Act 1972, Section 101 Formal application to add bridleways in the parish of Claverley and parish of Bobbington in Staffordshire - Delegation to Staffordshire County Council to Investigate and Determine this Cross Border Claim (Pages 53 - 60)

Report of the Executive Director of Place is attached

Contact Mark Barrow Tel: 01743258919

## 8 Scrutiny Improvement Review 2022 (Pages 61 - 84)

Report of the Assistant Director – Legal and Governance and the Statutory Scrutiny Officer is attached

Contact Tim Collard Tel: 01743 252756 / Tom Dodds Tel: 01743 258518

## 9 Communities Overview Committee Annual Report 2021/22 (Pages 85 - 90)

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**10 Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2021/22 (Pages 91 - 96)**

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**11 People Overview Committee Annual Report 2021/22 (Pages 97 - 102)**

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**12 Place Overview Committee Annual Report 2021/22 (Pages 103 - 108)**

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**13 Performance Management Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2021/22 (Pages 109 - 114)**

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**14 Report of Chairman of Standards Committee (Pages 115 - 118)**

Report of the Assistant Director Legal and Governance is attached

Contact: Tim Collard, Tel 01743 252756

**15 Changes to Committee Membership**

Housing Supervisory Board

Councillor Robert Tindall ceases to be a member of the Housing Supervisory Board  
Councillor David Minnery ceases to be a substitute member of the Housing Supervisory Board

Councillor Ruth Houghton is appointed as a member of the Housing Supervisory Board  
Councillor Roger Evans is appointed as a substitute member of the Housing Supervisory Board

Southern Planning Committee

Councillor Roger Evans to replace Councillor Mark Williams as a substitute member of the Southern Planning Committee

## 16 Motions

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

a **Motion received from Councillor Julian Dean supported by the Green, Labour and Liberal Democrat Groups  
Water Quality, Sewage and Planning**

This Council notes:

Residents are deeply concerned about water quality and the impact of regular wastewater discharge, which includes untreated sewage, into our rivers, and the impact this has on wildlife and on human health.

Releasing sewage into rivers is no longer an emergency-only situation occurring as a result of severe storms, but a regular occurrence even in 'normal' rainfall, and that we are in a situation of cumulative overload on the sewage and wastewater system.

Whilst there are long term commitments, there are no plans in place which will address the immediate unacceptable situation either locally by Severn Trent Water or Wales Water or by national government.

Both the emerging Local Plan and national planning policy requires a robust approach to both water quality and pollution and a recent legal opinion from the Environmental Law Firm confirms the need to consider cumulative impact. To date, it has not been the practice of council planners to ask water companies to report on cumulative impact i.e., whether or not development may lead to any potential increase in 'emergency' discharge into rivers and seas. The Shropshire Water Cycle Study 2020 identified relevant issues.

This Council resolves to:

1. Recognise this Council's obligation to protect its rivers and watercourses, including from the cumulative impacts of pollution, in line with the existing and emerging Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.
2. Recognise that deterioration of water quality occurs due to cumulative impact of multiple sewage discharge events, or "sewage overload".
3. Ensure that an evidence base is compiled that assesses the cumulative impact of sewage discharge so that this is factored into decisions made in new iterations of the local plan, including the overall level of future development.
4. Seek to better understand the cumulative impact of wastewater discharge including untreated sewage on our local rivers, wildlife and the health of our residents, with regular overview and scrutiny by Shropshire Council.
5. Continue to take a lead on addressing this issue, working constructively with other agencies. In particular, we request the relevant Overview and Scrutiny committee to review and challenge Severn Trent Water on its investment plans as laid out in their Drainage and Waste Water Management Plan.
6. Ask Severn Trent Water, from this date onwards, in its planning consultation responses for major development, to clarify which treatment works will be managing the sewage; whether it has the information available to assess the impact on the number or duration of sewage discharges into local rivers, and if it does have this information to share it (noting that this can only be requested not required), and to consider requiring as a condition for support that Grampian conditions are applied to allow time for upgrades in waste water systems to be completed where appropriate.
7. Require planning officer reports relating to major development to include specific sections on the impact on watercourses, including the potential for the

development to affect sewage outflow into watercourses (i.e. cumulative impact), or to flag if this information is not fully available so that this information (or the lack of it) is clearly and transparently set out.

8. In pursuit of existing and emerging planning policies, in particular DP19 in the draft Shropshire Local Plan, to make use of Grampian Conditions which can delay completion or occupation of new developments until specified infrastructure - in this case; appropriate upgrades to the sewage management system – are completed.

**b Motion received from Councillor Andy Boddington and supported by the Liberal Democrat Group**

On 9 March, Transport Secretary Mark Harper announced that overall active travel funding for the current parliamentary term is being reduced from £3.8 billion to £3 billion. The active travel budget allocated in the October 2021 was £710m of which £480m is yet to be spent. The £100m budget over two years announced by Transport Secretary on 9 March represents a spending cut of £380m on the 2021 plans. This calls into question whether the government can achieve the ambitions of its Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy (CWIS2), which aims at promoting cycling and walking across the country. This cut makes it unlikely the government will achieve its target of 50% of all journeys in English towns and cities being walked or cycled by 2030.

The benefits of active travel have been widely recognised:

- **Climate change:** Active travel promotes the objectives of the council and the government in meeting the net zero 2050 target.
- **Health:** Active travel is a low cost way to improve health, reducing the costs of poor health to the NHS.
- **Value for money:** Active travel schemes are more cost effective with cost benefits ratios up to six time great than road schemes
- **Personal costs:** Active travel reduces the costs of travel to work and other destinations.

The cut in national funding has implications for the council's Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP), which is currently out for consultation. Implementation for any schemes that might be agreed under LCWIP is currently unfunded.

Given these priorities, we urge the council to make clear the importance of national funding for active travel and urge it to reverse the cuts announced on 9 March. We also urge it to allocate ringfenced local funding.

This council agrees:

1. It confirms its commitment to supporting active travel and achieving a modal shift from cars to walking and cycling.
2. To request the Leader to follow the lead of the Mayor of the West Midlands and others in writing to ministers to express concerns about the cuts to active travel funding.
3. To allocate a budget within its own resources for active travel from 2024/25.

**17 Questions from Members**

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

No Member questions have been received.

**18 Report of the Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority (Pages 119 - 122)**

To receive the report of the Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority arising from its meeting held on 15 February 2023

**19 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

**20 Exempt Minutes (Pages 123 - 124)**

To approve as a correct record the exempt minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 March 2023

**21 Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme (Pages 125 - 146)**

Exempt report of the Executive Director of Place and the Executive Director of People is attached

Contact Mark Barrow Tel: 01743258919 / Tanya Miles Tel: 01743 255811

**22 Letting of Former Morrisons Supermarket, Station Road, Oswestry (Pages 147 - 156)**

Exempt report of the Executive Director of Place is attached

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