

<b>Agenda Item No</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Decision</b>
3	Minutes	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2023 were confirmed as a correct record.</p>
6	Economy and Environment OSC – River Water Quality Task and Finish Group	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>To accept the recommendation 1 to 8 set out in section 7 of the report and provide a response and action plan for their delivery, to the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p>
7	Transformation and Improvement OSC – Capital Strategy Task & Finish Group	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>To prepare a report from Cabinet to the next meeting of the Transformation and Improvement Overview and Scrutiny Committee setting out its responses to the various Recommendations made by the Capital Task and Finish Group.</p>

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8	Setting the Council Tax Taxbase for 2024/25	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>To agree and recommend to full Council the recommendations below. Subject to agreement by Cabinet, full Council are asked to approve these recommendations.</p> <p>3.1. To approve, in accordance with the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 the revised discretionary power to levy a Council Tax premium of 100% in relation to dwellings which have been unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for more than one year (but less than five years) i.e. reduce the minimum period for the implementation of the premium for long term empty premises from two years to one year and the resulting inclusion of 798.32 Band D equivalents in the taxbase calculation. This includes an additional 456.55 Band D equivalents as a result of the amendment to reduce the minimum period to one year and 341.77 Band D equivalents in relation to the existing policy for dwellings which have been unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for more than two years (but less than five years).</p> <p>3.2. To approve, in accordance with the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 the revised discretionary power to levy a Council Tax premium of 100% in respect of second homes from 1 April 2025.</p> <p>3.3. To approve the publication of a notice regarding the new discretionary Council Tax policy awarded in respect of unoccupied and substantially unfurnished dwellings and second homes within 21 days of the determination</p> <p>3.4. To approve, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by Shropshire Council as it's Council Tax taxbase for the year 2024/25, as detailed in Appendix A, totalling 119,191.17 Band D equivalents.</p> <p>3.5. To note the changes to the Council's localised Council Tax Support (CTS) scheme in 2024/25. The scheme is attached at Appendix B.</p> <p>3.6. To note the Council Tax Support Scheme amendments detailed in Appendix B have no impact on the taxbase determination.</p> <p>3.7. To note the exclusion of 8,237.19 Band D equivalents from the taxbase calculation as a result of localised Council Tax Support.</p> <p>3.8. To note continuation of the discretionary Council Tax discount policy of 0% in respect of second homes (other than those that retain a 50% discount through regulation as a result of job related</p>

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9	Treasury Strategy 2023/24 Mid-Year Review	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>To agree the Treasury Strategy activity as set out in the report.</p>
10	Draft Financial Strategy 2024/25 - 2028/29	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>3.1. To approve the recommended budget strategy for 2024/25, with council-wide target levels of spending reduction for pay and non-pay, noting that the identified targets are a minimum requirement, and that consideration must be given to exceeding these wherever possible.</p> <p>3.2. To note the focus on improved efficiency in all areas to minimise the resident impacts; and to use sources of customer contact information to identify if and when residents are adversely impacted and what can be done to minimise this.</p> <p>3.3. To note the outlook to 28/29 for revenue budgets and agree the measures proposed to manage within available revenue resources.</p> <p>3.4. To note the reserves position to 25/26 and approve an approach prioritising corporate management of all reserves including replenish general reserves whenever possible, with a target minimum level of £20m.</p> <p>3.5. To agree the proposed format set out in the appendix to this report for the budget consultation with residents and instructs Officers to proceed with the consultation.</p> <p>3.6. To note the benchmarking information provided.</p>

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11	Annual Infrastructure Funding Statement 2023	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That</p> <p>3.1 Cabinet agrees the Annual Infrastructure Funding Statement included as Appendix 1 to this report for publication before the end of 2023.</p> <p>3.2 If required, delegated responsibility be given to the Executive Director of Place, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulatory Services, to agree any necessary amendments to the Annual Infrastructure Funding Statement before its publication.</p>
12	Community Asset Transfer - The Old Abattoir, Bishops Castle	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That</p> <p>3.1. Cabinet approves the principle of a 90 year lease.</p> <p>3.2. Cabinet grants delegated authority to the Head of Property and Development to finalise terms of the lease and complete the transaction.</p>