

Shropshire Council
Legal and Democratic Services
Shirehall
Abbey Foregate
Shrewsbury
SY2 6ND
Date: Wednesday, 28 June 2023

Committee: Council

Date: Thursday, 6 July 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.

Members of the Public – If you wish to attend the meeting, please e-mail democracy@shropshire.gov.uk to check whether a seat will be available for you.

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Tim Collard
Assistant Director - Legal and Governance

Vince Hunt (Chairman)	Rachel Connolly	Kirstie Hurst-Knight
Brian Williams (Vice Chairman)	Gerald Dakin	Mike Isherwood
Lezley Picton (Leader)	Rosemary Dartnall	Mark Jones
Ian Nellins (Deputy Leader)	Steve Davenport	Simon Jones
Roy Aldcroft	Mary Davies	Duncan Kerr
Jeff Anderson	Julian Dean	Heather Kidd
Caroline Bagnall	Geoff Elner	Christian Lea
Nicholas Bardsley	David Evans	Hilary Luff
Joyce Barrow	Julia Evans	Nigel Lumby
Bernie Bentick	Roger Evans	Elliott Lynch
Thomas Biggins	Paul Gill	Robert Macey
Ed Bird	Rob Gittins	Richard Marshall
Andy Boddington	Nat Green	David Minnery
Peter Broomhall	Kate Halliday	Dan Morris
Julia Buckley	Simon Harris	Pamela Moseley
Garry Burchett	Nigel Hartin	Alan Mosley
Gwilym Butler	Nick Hignett	Cecilia Motley
Dean Carroll	Ruth Houghton	Peggy Mullock
Steve Charmley	Richard Huffer	Kevin Pardy
Ted Clarke	Tracey Huffer	Vivienne Parry

Tony Parsons
John Price
Ed Potter
Chris Schofield
Dan Thomas

Robert Tindall
Edward Towers
Kevin Turley
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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 - 12)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 May 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 30th June 2023

6 Financial Outturn 2022/23 (Pages 13 - 58)

Report of the Executive Director of Resources is attached

Contact: James Walton. Tel. 01743 258915

7 Levelling Up Fund Award for Shrewsbury (Pages 59 - 82)

Report of the Executive Director of Place is attached

Contact Mark Barrow Tel: 01743258919

8 Local Authority Housing Fund Round 2 (Pages 83 - 110)

Report of the Executive Director of Place is attached

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9 Annual Report of the Portfolio Holder Finance and Corporate Resources (Pages 111 - 126)

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate Resources is attached

10 Annual Report of the Portfolio Holder – Culture and Digital (Pages 127 - 144)

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Culture and Digital is attached

11 Changes to Committee Membership

Transformation and Improvement Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Kevin Turley is appointed as a member of the Transformation and Improvement Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Robert Tindall is appointed as a substitute member of the Transformation and Improvement Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Economy & Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Peggy Mullock to replace Councillor Ed Bird as a substitute member of the Economy & Environment Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Chris Schofield to replace Councillor Jeff Anderson as a substitute member of the Economy & Environment Scrutiny Committee

People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Viv Parry to replace Councillor Mark Williams as a member of the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Mark Williams to replace Councillor Viv Parry as a substitute member of the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Northern Planning Committee

Councillor Roy Aldcroft is appointed as a substitute member of the Northern Planning Committee

12 Motions

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

a **Motion received from Councillor Dan Thomas and supported by Councillors Simon Harris, Kirstie Hurst-Knight, Ian Nellins and Lezley Picton.**

Shropshire Council believes that the use of disposable vapes by young people is concerning. The marketing of colourful, candy-flavoured vapes that are relatively cheap with easy access to them will create a new generation of nicotine addicts and the subsequent public health crisis. We've seen a seven-fold increase in 11 to 17-year-olds nationally choosing single-use vaping products since 2021. The overall message for adult smokers that they are 'better than smoking' means many think they are not harmful, yet there has been no specific research undertaken into the health impacts of vaping on young people's development, including their respiratory health, and impacts for adults in the long term are not yet clear.

We are particularly concerned about disposable vapes which contain lithium and copper. These elements are crucial for our efforts to tackle climate change through the green transition. Shropshire has a unique and beautiful countryside, and it's becoming more and more regular to see disposable vape pens littered there.

Shropshire Council, therefore, calls on the Government to legislate for a ban on the sale

of disposable vapes. This will help to prevent a new public health catastrophe among children and tackle the vast and growing environmental impact of the devices, especially the single-use plastic and use of lithium batteries that are hard to recycle and pose a fire risk.

- b **Motion submitted by Cllr. Julia Evans and supported by the Green Group**
Motion to stop the use of Glyphosates and oppose the use of Neonicotinoids in Shropshire by both Shropshire Council and Shrewsbury Town Council when contracted to do works for the former.

This Council notes:

In 2015, the International Agency for Research on Cancer an agency for the World Health Organisation, published it's findings into the relationship between cancer and glyphosate – a herbicide – and classified it as possibly carcinogenic – it had scientific data that it definitely caused malignant tumours in animals. Glyphosate causes damage in human DNA and chromosomes and is associated with the blood cancer, Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. This is all before the damage it will inflict on our insect and mammal species.
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There has been a 60% increase in the use of pesticides such as glyphosate in the UK since 1990 [3]. Italy, Portugal and the Canadian city of Vancouver have all banned use of glyphosate [or glyphosate based weed killers] and France is working towards this. Mosanto and German owner Bayer face 9,000 lawsuits in the US from those that believe their illnesses are caused by this product, a \$6.9 million settlement in June this year as Monsanto falsely continues to state that it's product is safe [2 and 4]. That recent studies published in ScienceDirect show a 41% increased risk of Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma caused by exposure from glyphosate-based weed killers and products [5]. In Shropshire Unitary Council – there is no Policy on Glyphosate use or guidance on how to use.

This Council believes:

- There is compelling evidence that glyphosate and a wide range of other herbicides and pesticides may be harmful to human health
- The use of pesticides and weed killers reduces biodiversity, impacting negatively on insects, birds and bees, in a time when the world is losing 2.5% of its insect population per-year [6].
- Harmful weed killer residues can creep into the food chain.
- Pets and children should not be playing in parks treated with such chemicals.

This Council resolves to:

- Phase out the use of all pesticides and weed killers on council land, upholding the ban on neonicotinoids.
- Cut out all use of glyphosate based treatments in all council operations in from December 2023.
- Trial pesticide-free alternatives during this period, to use biodegradable foam or hot steam treatments on weeds. To be decided by Executive.
- Grant an exception to the above ban regarding the control of Japanese knotweed, or other invasive species, where there are currently no effective mechanical techniques available. However, in this case chemicals such as glyphosate will only be stem-injected, rather than sprayed, to reduce its spread in the environment.
- Grant an exception on sprays only in relation to Giant Hogweed where it's not safe to be dug out or safely removed by other means.
- Formulate a Policy for pesticides inclusive of above and include Staff protective

equipment when handling and using pesticides.

- Write to the prime minister to inform the government of this Council's opposition to glyphosate-based pesticides and to call for a UK-wide programme to phase out use

1. <https://www.iarc.who.int/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/MonographVolume112-1.pdf>
2. <https://www.syracuse.com/state/2023/06/bayer-to-pay-69-million-in-ny-settlement-over-false-claims-about-weedkiller-roundup.html>
3. <http://www.pan-uk.org/pesticides-agriculture-uk/>
4. <https://www.theguardian.com/science/2018/oct/07/monsanto-trial-cancer-appeal-glyphosate-chemical>
5. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1383574218300887>
6. <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/feb/10/plummeting-insect-numbers-threaten->

13 Questions from Members (Pages 145 - 154)

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

14 Report of the Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority (Pages 155 - 158)

To receive the report of the Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority arising from its meeting held on 14 June 2023

15 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

16 Exempt Minutes (Pages 159 - 160)

To approve as a correct record the exempt minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 May 2023

17 Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme Update (Pages 161 - 182)

Exempt report of the Executive Director of Place is attached

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