

Shropshire Council  
Legal and Democratic Services  
Shirehall  
Abbey Foregate  
Shrewsbury  
SY2 6ND

Date: Wednesday, 13 March 2024

**Committee: Council**

**Date: Thursday, 21 March 2024**

**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

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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 29 February 2024

## 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 5.00pm on Friday 15 March 2024

A petition, bearing over 1000 signatures has been received from Shrewsbury BID, requesting a debate under the Council's Petition Scheme. The petition requests that the Council:

Halt damaging parking charge hikes.

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

## 6 Establishment of the Children's Improvement Board (Pages 17 - 22)

Report of the Executive Director of People attached

Contact Tanya Miles Tel: 01743 255811

## 7 Senior Officer Employment Procedure (Pages 23 - 34)

Report of the Assistant Director Workforce & Improvement is attached

Contact: Sam Williams. Tel. 01743 252817

## 8 Community Governance Reviews (Pages 35 - 92)

Report of the Assistant Director – Legal and Governance is attached

Contact Tim Collard Tel: 01743 252756

**9 Adoption of Cleobury Mortimer Neighbourhood Development Plan (Pages 93 - 188)**

Report of the Executive Director of Place is attached

Contact Mark Barrow Tel: 01743258919

**10 Shrewsbury Town Centre Regeneration: Smithfield Riverside Phase One Development Activities (Pages 189 - 240)**

Report of the Executive Director of Place is attached

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**11 Post-16 Transport Task and Finish Group (Pages 241 - 244)**

Report of the Assistant Director of Education and Achievement and the Passenger Transport Group Manager is attached

Contact David Shaw Tel: 01743 256479 / James Willocks Tel: 01743 252474

**12 Annual Report of the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Public Health (Pages 245 - 270)**

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Public Health is attached

**13 Annual report – Heath & Adult Social Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Including Joint HOSC) (Pages 271 - 278)**

Report of the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee is attached

**14 Annual Report of the Portfolio Holder for Climate Change, Environment & Transport (Pages 279 - 288)**

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Climate Change, Environment & Transport is attached

**15 Annual report – Place Overview Committee**

Report of the Place Overview Committee is **TO FOLLOW**

**16 Appointment to Committees**

Northern Planning Committee

Councillor Colin Taylor to be appointed a substitute member of the Northern Planning Committee

## 17 Motions

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

a **Motion received from Councillor Kirstie Hurst-Knight and supported by Councillors Duncan Kerr, Peggy Mullock and Tony Parsons**

Motion for Shropshire Council to accept a proposal that individuals with care experience are treated as if it were a Protected Characteristic

**This Council notes:**

To be 'care experienced' a young person or adult will have been looked after by the local authority as a child. The Independent Review of Children's Social Care headed by Josh McCallister published in May 2022 a final report and recommendations that included: "Government should make care experience a protected characteristic"

Many care experienced people face discrimination, stigma, and prejudice in their day to day lives. Hearing testimony from care experienced people sharing the discrimination they have experienced, even from a very young age, it is clear that such discrimination can be similar in nature to other groups that have a legally protected characteristic under the Equality Act (2010). Despite the resilience of many care-experienced people, society too often does not take their needs into account. Care experienced people often face discrimination and stigma across housing, health, education, relationships, employment and in the criminal justice system.

**This Council understands:**

Every elected member and employee of this Council - along with our partner agencies - is a corporate parent to the children in our care.

Introducing a protected characteristic for care experience will mean that some of our most vulnerable residents within the borough will be happier, healthier and safer and have the confidence and opportunities to be ambitious and strive to achieve their goals.

All corporate parents should be champions of the children in our care and challenge the negative attitudes and prejudice that exists in all aspects of society. The Public Sector Equality Duty requires public bodies, such as councils, to eliminate unlawful discrimination.

**This Council therefore resolves:**

- That it recognises that care experienced people are a group who are likely to face discrimination.
- That it recognises that Councils have a duty to put the needs of disadvantaged people at the heart of decision-making through co-production and collaboration.
- That future decision, services and policies made and adopted by the Council should be assessed through Equality Impact Assessments to determine the impact of changes on people with care experience, alongside those who formally share a protected characteristic.
- That in the delivery of the Public Sector Equality Duty the Council includes care experience in the publication and review of Equality Objectives and the annual publication of information relating to people who share a protected characteristic in services and employment.

- That this Council will treat care experience as if it were a Protected Characteristic.
- To formally call upon all other bodies to treat care experience as a protected characteristic until such time as it may be introduced by legislation.
- For the council to continue proactively seeking out and listening to the voices of care experienced people when developing new policies based on their views.

b **Motion received from Councillor Rachel Connolly and supported by the Labour Group**  
Digital Switchover

This Council notes:

Looming over the horizon is a significant change to how telecommunications in Britain operate as the UK's landline telephone network is being decommissioned, with an upgrade to digital telephone lines by the end of 2025.

For most residents, the upgrade will be as simple as connecting their home phone handset to a router rather than the phone socket on the wall. However, there could be significant implications for many residents in Shropshire as there will be changes to how telephones, emergency alarms and other telecommunication devices are used. For the many elderly residents without broadband or a computer this change will be particularly difficult.

It is likely that many people will be surprised and inconvenienced by these changes with the possibility of many unforeseen circumstances if people are not fully prepared.

This Council Believes:

That telephone providers should be contacting all their customers to make them aware of the changes and have moved their customers onto the new digital services by November 2025.

There is a webpage on the Council's website with some information and messaging about the digital switchover is planned for the Council Tax leaflet due to be sent out in March.

This Council commits:

That Shropshire Council act to mitigate the potential problems of this move to a fully digital telecommunications system across the county.

That Shropshire Council create a support network to advise and guide residents, especially senior citizens and the most vulnerable, through this change.

That Shropshire Council works with local and wider business partners such as our local libraries to communicate, regularly and repeatedly, via social media, news stories, written leaflets and other forms of media such as websites to mitigate against potential issues for the residents of Shropshire.

**18 Questions from Members (Pages 289 - 294)**

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

**19 Report of the Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority (Pages 295 - 298)**

To receive the report of the Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority arising from its meeting held on 21 February 2024