

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

Date: Wednesday, 18 September 2024

Committee: Council

Date: Thursday, 26 September 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

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)	Rachel Connolly	Kirstie Hurst-Knight
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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 18 July 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 12.00 noon on Friday 20th September 2024.

PETITION

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

Reconsider their decision in regards to green waste charges and bookings for recycling centres

1. Significantly reduce the proposed annual charge of £56 per year for each green bin.
2. Abandon the booking system for recycling centres

6 Questions from Members

To receive any questions from Members, notice of which has been given in accordance with Procedure Rule 15.2. Deadline for notification is 12.00 noon on Friday 20th September 2024.

7 Member and Public Questions

At Council on 18 July 2024 amendments were made to the Council Procedure Rules to allow officers to respond to member/public questions. A form of wording was agreed which has subsequently been found to be open to interpretation. Group Leaders have agreed that the following wording should now be incorporated into the Council Procedure Rules so that the timescales for member/public questions are as clear as possible:

"By 12 noon on the day preceding the third clear working day before the meeting"

Members are asked to approve the amended wording.

8 Preventing Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2024-2029 (Pages 13 - 114)

Report of the Executive Director of Place is attached

Contact Mark Barrow Tel: 01743258919

9 Shrewsbury Sports Village Transformation Proposals - Results of Public Consultation and Authority to Proceed with Detailed Design and Planning (Pages 115 - 310)

Report of the Assistant Director – Homes and Communities is attached

Contact Jane Trethewey Tel: 01743 254917

10 Adoption of Adderley, Morton Say and Norton in Hales (Three Parishes) Neighbourhood Plan (Pages 311 - 414)

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11 Finance Task and Finish Group (Pages 415 - 418)

Report of the Assistant Director – Legal and Governance is attached

Contact Tim Collard Tel: 01743 252756

12 Capital Receipts and Income Strip Report

Report of the Executive Director of Place and the Executive Director, Resources is **TO FOLLOW**

Contact Mark Barrow Tel: 01743258919/ James Walton. Tel. 01743 258915

13 Relocation of Council headquarters – Shirehall to Guildhall (Pages 419 - 428)

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14 Member Attendance at Conferences, Training and other External Events (Pages 429 - 434)

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15 Annual Report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Assets (Pages 435 - 460)

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16 Annual Report Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Pages 461 - 472)

Report of the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee is attached

17 **Appointment to Committees**

Southern Planning Committee

Councillor Kevin Pardy to replace Councillor Julia Buckley as a substitute member of the Southern Planning Committee

18 **Motions**

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

a **Motion received from Councillor Gwilym Butler and supported by the Conservative Group**

Motion to ask The Government to reverse the decision to remove Winter Fuel Payments to Pensioners.

We were shocked by the recent announcement by the new Labour Government to stop payments to pensioners of the Winter Fuel Payments unless they are on Pension Tax Credits.

In Shropshire we have 82,000 people over 65 representing 25.3% of the population against the England National average of 20.7% of people over 65.

With the withdrawal of the Winter Fuel Payment Shropshire will be adversely affected more than most counties across the country due to our demographics and higher percentage of pensioners . It is compounded in a very rural county with many communities not on the National Gas Grid resulting in alternative fuels for heating at greater cost. We already have many pensioners in Fuel Poverty and the result of this withdrawal will result with many more. The outcome of this will then create further pressures on the local NHS and Social Care compounding the problem making the Governments decision a false economy and push many pensioners into an additional cost of living crisis.

We therefore instruct the Leader to write to Rachel Reeves MP Labour Chancellor of the Exchequer to request she:

1.Reverse her decision on the removal of the Winter Fuel Allowance

2.If the Chancellor is not minded to reverse the decision we ask that the income level at which Pension Tax Credit can be obtained should be increased significantly to protect those less well off in our Rural Community, specifically those just about managing.

3. We note The Household Support Grant has been extended until April 2025. This now needs to be substantially increased to take into account the pensioners who will now be apply for the scheme which is already over subscribed dealing with the poverty across all demographics in Shropshire.

4.Change the system within DWP so that when applicants apply and qualify for benefits they are automatically flagged for Council Tax relief with their Local Authority .

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

Motion on Winter Fuel Payments from the Liberal Democrat Group

Data from the House of Commons Library show an estimated 66,480 pensioners across the three Shropshire parliamentary constituencies do not claim pension credit. Many are at risk of losing the £300 Winter Fuel Payment this coming winter. The restriction of the payment to just those on pension credit is being made as Ofgem has increased the price cap on energy by 10%.

Not all people of pension age need the Winter Fuel Payment and many donate the payment to charities or grandchildren. Other pensioners will live in cold, unheated homes because they cannot afford the cost of energy bills. An estimated 17% of households Shropshire are in fuel poverty, spending more than 10% of their income on household fuel.

Keeping warm in the winter months can significantly reduce illness through colds and flu and can have a detrimental impact on health conditions such as heart attacks, strokes, pneumonia and depression. Statistically, this shows up as visits to GPs, admission to hospitals and excess winter deaths. Financially, it increases the burdens on our overstretched health and service. For families and friends, it is seeing loved ones suffering unnecessarily.

The government's proposal is to limit winter fuel payments to those on pension credit. That will leave many elderly people who do not qualify for pension credit, sometimes only by a few pounds, in the cold.

This council calls on the leader and the chief executive to write to ministers:

- Requesting that the decision to restrict winter fuel payments is delayed until a full impact assessment has been conducted.
- Asking that the winter fuel payment is paid to those on a wider range of benefits, including council tax support, attendance allowance and carers' allowance, as well as those on pension credit.

c **Motion received from Councillor Julian Dean and supported by the Green Group**
New government, new relationship

This council recognises that the election of a new government is an opportunity to reset the relationship between central and local government. Shropshire Council reminds all our MPs and the new government of the central role local government can play in delivering stronger and safer communities, local economies that are sustainable and inclusive and that eliminate climate wrecking reliance on fossil fuels, and an environment that helps nature to recover.

If our communities are to have access to truly affordable homes, then councils need access to funds to build council homes – at no time has the private market alone delivered the homes we need. Councils must determine true housing need. 'Affordable' definitions must change to reflect income levels not housing market rents. Profit guarantees must no longer trump local needs or environmental concerns. Communities must retain the right to shape their future development.

If top tier authorities are to avoid financial meltdown, then social care and children's services pressures need addressing with cash. Government must no longer kick the can down the road on social care funding reform.

If councils are to ensure existing homes of all tenure types are fit for the future, address transport inequality and decarbonisation and support nature recovery then capacity needs to be rebuilt and more skilled and respected professionals need to be attracted to local government.

If communities are to be truly in control of their future then devolution arrangements must be determined 'bottom-up' rather than as a disguised form of government imposed reorganisation.

In the forthcoming spending review it is not tenable try to squeeze more from the existing council tax system, robbing Peter to pay Paul to overcome unfair funding between councils or making struggling householders pay more for less. Reform of local government funding is long overdue in order to provide essential financial resources, fairly raised, to deliver a better future.

We call on the new Government to deliver on its promised new partnership with local government by engaging constructively with the sector as equal partners.

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 Care Home Sale (Pages 473 - 490)

Exempt report of the Executive Director of Place is attached

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21 Disposal of The Former Grange School, Shrewsbury (Pages 491 - 502)

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