

Summary of decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 5 March 2025

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
3	Minutes	RESOLVED:
		That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2025 be confirmed as a correct record.
6a	Recommendations - Economy & Environment OSC 14 November 2024	RESOLVED:
		To forward the report to the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
7	Financial Monitoring Period 10	RESOLVED:
		 To note that the Period 10 position (as at the end of January) forecasts a projected spend above budget of £34.767m for 2024/25 and indicative savings delivery of £46.642m (51.8%). To note the projected General Fund Balance of £4.054m arising if no further action were taken.
8	Housing Strategy	RESOLVED:
		To approve the Draft Housing Strategy 2025-2030, as outlined in Appendix 1, for a twelve-week public and stakeholder consultation period. Cabinet gave their agreement to proceed with the consultation, ensuring that feedback from residents, stakeholders, and partners is incorporated to create a robust and inclusive final document aligned with the Council's priorities.
9	Marches Forward Partnership Proposition	RESOLVED:
		That Cabinet agreed to:
		 Approve the 'Marches Proposition', in Appendix 1, as the agreed vision and collective ambition for the Marches Forward Partnership.
		Take forward the informal governance arrangements, set out within Annex 2 of the Marches Proposition, as a basis for collective delivery and resourcing.



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10	Proposed Adoption of the Draft Oswestry Shop Front Design Guide (Standing Pre-Application Advice Note)	RESOLVED: To approve adoption of the Oswestry Shop Front Design Guide: Standing Pre-Application Advice Note (Appendix 2) to provide guidance on application of Local Plan policies and form a material consideration in the planning application process.
11	Leisure Facilities Operating Contract Options	 RESOLVED: That Cabinet: Approved the transfer of the operation of Church Stretton Leisure Centre to the Shropshire Community Leisure Trust, subject to legal advice, as part of the existing leisure contract, until 31 July 2027. Delegated responsibility to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and the Portfolio Holder for Culture and Digital for undertaking necessary due diligence and thereafter finalising negotiations and completing the transfer to the current leisure management contract with Shropshire Community Leisure Trust. Delegated responsibility to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, the Local Member/s and the Portfolio Holder for Culture and Digital for undertaking necessary due diligence and negotiations to conclude the best value approach for the future operation of the Cleobury Mortimer and Ludlow Leisure Centres, and complete any necessary contractual or lease agreements.



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12	Management Arrangements at Much Wenlock Leisure Centre	 That notice is served upon the 3-18 Education Trust by 31st March 2025 of the Council's intention to transfer operational responsibility for Much Wenlock Leisure Centre over to them at the expiry of the year's notice. That the Council continues its engagement in dialogue with the William Brookes School, 3-18 Academy Trust and other key stakeholders to explore options for capital investment to support the shared ambition to retain public use of the Much Wenlock Leisure Centre on expiry of the Council's revenue subsidy, in support of which the Council will seek to secure capital investment funding to assist in ensuring continued public use and the smooth transition to a new operator.
14	HRA Purchase of Affordable Homes	RESOLVED: That Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.