

Shropshire Council
Legal and Democratic Services
Guildhall,
Frankwell Quay,
Shrewsbury
SY3 8HQ
Date: Wednesday, 9 July 2025

Committee: Council

Date: Thursday, 17 July 2025

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: The Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury, SY3 8HQ

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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Service 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 - 6)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 May 2025

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 11 July 2025

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 11 July 2025

7 Financial Outturn 2024/25 (Pages 7 - 54)

Report of the Executive Director, Resources is attached

Contact: James Walton. Tel. 01743 258915

8 Annual Treasury Report 2024/25 (Pages 55 - 66)

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9 Annual Assurance Report of the Audit Committee to Council 2024/25 (Pages 67 - 82)

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10 Constitution of Committees and the Allocation of Seats to Political Groups - Audit Committee (Pages 83 - 88)

Report of the Service Director – Legal, Governance and Planning is attached

Contact Tim Collard Tel 01743 252756

11 Pyrolysis Second Site Increase in Budget

The Report of the Assistant Director of Transformation and Efficiency is **TO FOLLOW**

Contact: Billy Webster (billy.webster@shropshire.gov.uk)

12 Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation Strategy (Pages 89 - 244)

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13 Withdrawal of Local Plan from Examination and Next Steps

Report of the Service Director – Legal, Governance and Planning is **TO FOLLOW**

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14 Appointments to Outside Bodies (Pages 245 - 258)

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15 Special Responsibility Allowances for Deputy Portfolio Holders

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16 LGPS - Scheme of Delegation

Report of the Pensions Investment and Responsible Investment Manager is **TO FOLLOW**

Contact Peter Chadderton. Tel. 07990 086399

17 Appointment to Committees (Pages 259 - 260)

18 Motions

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

a Motion received from Councillor Ed Potter and supported by the Conservative Group

We all know that litter blights our roadside verges. This includes an increasing number of disused and broken temporary road signs which have been left behind and often over time lost in the undergrowth along our verges and roadside. In the Loton division this is a particular problem along the A5 and A458 as well as the more rural side roads. Once the growing season starts these signs often get covered by the vegetation and then are subsequently damaged by the hedge cutters which cut the verges. It would make sense when there are road closures on these busy roads that these disused highways signs, sandbags and traffic cones are removed. On the more minor roads and on traffic islands these could be collected by highways contractors whilst going about their daily routines and deposited back at highways depots for reuse or recycling. It is important to our residents that we all take civic pride in where we live and these simple actions of removing these discarded items will make a big difference.

1. Request that Shropshire Council Highways adopt a policy instructing all Highways works teams and contractors including utility companies who are permitted to work on the Highway remove disused and broken signs left behind by previous work schemes
2. Ask the Chief Executive to write to the Chief Executive of National Highways to request their work teams and contractors operating in Shropshire adopt the same approach.

**b Motion received from Councillor Julian Dean and supported by the Green & Progressive Independent Group
Planning for a better Shropshire**

Shropshire Council recognises the need:

- to deliver the right homes, at the right price, in the right places to address the housing affordability crisis
- to provide clean energy infrastructure to support the UK's future energy needs
- to rapidly deliver projects that will help our natural environment to recover such that the UK is no longer one of the most nature depleted countries in the world.

We believe these aims can all be delivered alongside robust local decision making given the right mix of regulation and funding.

Council notes:

- Revisions to the 'standard method' for calculating housing targets - which has increased the housing target for Shropshire from 1070 to 1994 - but with no target for social or affordable homes, and no significant change to viability assessments which result in affordable homes schemes being scrapped or reduced. The adopted 'stock based' Standard Method fails to properly assess this area's housing need or reflect the ability to grow and provide supporting infrastructure.
- The Planning and Infrastructure Bill currently passing through Parliament. Despite pleas from across the environmental sector and cross-party support for amendments, the Bill continues to include damaging changes to planning rules

such that the environmental movement has now come together to call on ministers to 'scrap part 3'.

- Proposed changes to planning decision making which will reduce the power of councils and councillors to act on behalf of their communities - this despite the fact that, nationally, 1.4 million homes had been granted planning permission since 2007 but not been built.

Council believes:

The combined effect of changes introduced by the government since last July, even when taking in to account the welcome additional funding for the Affordable Homes Programme (£39bn over 10 years), will in all likelihood fail to deliver the homes people need in Shropshire, damage efforts to recover our natural environment and further erode community trust in decision making.

Council resolves to:

1. Request the Leader of the Council to write to the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, relevant Secretaries of State, as well as local MPs, expressing these concerns, and calling for the withdrawal of part 3 of the Planning and infrastructure Bill.
2. Ask our MPs to oppose measures in part 3 of the Planning and Infrastructure Bill and, should these remain in the Bill, to vote against at final reading.
3. Request portfolio holders to accelerate completion of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy and Local Transport Plan and to ensure that these policies, together with Shrewsbury Moves, are made material considerations in planning as soon as possible, and ahead of any timetable for the revised Local Plan.
4. Request portfolio holders hold urgent meetings with Registered Providers to maximise the benefit to Shropshire from the uplift to the Affordable Homes Programme.
5. Share this resolution with neighbouring councils, local civic groups, nature organisations and the local press, to encourage wider opposition and coordinated advocacy.