

## Summary of decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 15 October 2025

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
3	Minutes	RESOLVED:
		That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 September were a correct record.
	Scrutiny Item - Skateboard & BMX Pump Track Provision in Oswestry	<ul> <li>RESOLVED:</li> <li>3.1 that Cabinet accepts the need, demand and benefit of a skatepark and BMX Pump Track in Oswestry and will work to deliver a new facility in an appropriate location in partnership with Oswestry Town Council (contingent on the Town Council's support and funding.)</li> <li>3.2 to instruct the Head of Property and Development to complete an options appraisal of available sites within the Council's ownership, considering the most appropriate and beneficial location, and bring back a report to a future Cabinet meeting with a final recommendation.</li> <li>3.3 to instruct the Head of Property and Development that the work is to be undertaken rapidly with a report on the options appraisal brought back to the Cabinet meeting on 19 November 2025.</li> </ul>
7	CPC Action Plan	RESOLVED:
		To agree the CPC action plan and the plan's integration into the overarching improvement plan as the first section of the Council's Strategic Plan.



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8	Financial Monitoring Period 5	RESOLVED: that Cabinet Members:  A. Ensure emergency action is continued by all Officers between October and March to improve the forecast position (currently a projected spend over budget at Period 5 of £35.531m). Such action should predominantly focus on reducing spend, increasing income, delivering remaining savings and significant mitigating actions to control in-year spending pressures.  B. Note that Operations Boards, which have been in place from August 2025, continue to challenge all in-year spending.
		C. Note that the Period 5 position (as at the end of August) forecasts indicative level of savings delivery of £33.981m (57%),  D. Note the projected General Fund Balance is now negative (£1.251m), indicating a potentially illegal financial position by the end of the financial year if proposed action does not improve this position.  E. Note that, in light of the Council's current financial position and ongoing engagement with MHCLG, active discussions regarding Exceptional Financial Support (EFS) have commenced
9	Draft Financial Strategy 2026/27 - 2030/31	RESOLVED:  3.1 That Cabinet discuss the emerging pressures for the coming year and in the context of the new direction for Shropshire Council work alongside officers to identify and agree the decisions necessary to achieve a legal budget for 2026/27 and a balanced financial position across the medium term.  3.2. That Cabinet requires Officers to continue work to; • Reduce all non-essential spend for 2025/26 and review identified pressures • Prepare savings options for the coming year, to secure a balanced budget for approval by Council in February 2026. • Work with MHCLG to actively pursue options for Exceptional Financial Support over the MTFS Period



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10	Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman's Complaint Handling Code	RESOLVED:  3.1 That Cabinet support the application of the Code from 1st April 2026, focusing on compliance whilst acknowledging that resource challenges may lead to some practical challenges and delays and noting that action may be taken by the Ombudsman in respect of any failures to implement the Code in full from the new financial year.  3.2 That Cabinet acknowledges that collective effort will be required across the Council to ensure that complaints are prioritised appropriately.  3.3 That Cabinet support the requirement within the Code for Oversight and Scrutiny of the complaints handling processes and annual reporting to Elected Members (to include the Ombudsman's annual letter and performance data).
11	Exclusion of Press and Public	RESOLVED:  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
12	Scrutiny Item - EXEMPT Report of the Highways Contract Review Task and Finish Group	RESOLVED:  To consider and take into account the recommendations set out in the report to inform decisions regarding the highways future operating model.
13	Highways Future Operating Model Report	RESOLVED:  To agree recommendations 3.1 – 3.4 set out in the report.
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