

## Summary of decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 19 November 2025

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
3	Minutes	RESOLVED:  That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2025 be confirmed as a correct record.
7	Financial Monitoring Report Quarter 2 2025/26	A. To ensure emergency action is continued by all Officers in the second half of the financial year to improve further the Quarter 2 forecast of a projected spend over budget of £47.069m (30th September 2025). Such action should predominantly focus on reducing spend, increasing income, delivering remaining savings and significant mitigating actions to control in-year spending pressures.  B. To support the continued use of Operations Boards, which have been in place from August 2025, to challenge all in-year spending, and more recently have been further enhanced to bring greater Service Director scrutiny. Further details to be included in future Finance Monitoring reports.  C. To consider the Period 6 position (as at the end of September) forecast indicative level of savings delivery of £21.304m (36%),  D. To continue to review the projected General Fund Balance which is forecast to be negative (-£12.789m), indicating a potentially illegal financial position by the end of the financial year if proposed action does not improve this position.  E. To continue to support, in light of the Council's current financial position and ongoing engagement with MHCLG, the active discussions regarding Exceptional Financial Support (EFS) are continuing.
8	Performance Monitoring Report Quarter 2 2025/26	1. To note progress to date in achieving the outcomes of The Shropshire Plan, utilising the interactive Shropshire Plan Performance Dashboard  2. To collectively review and align Shropshire's Performance Management Framework and the associated suite of KPls with the new administration's priorities, Corporate Plan and the Local Government Outcomes Framework metrics.



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9	Annual H&S Performance Report 2024/25	RESOLVED:  To note the contents of the report, particularly noting:  Good progress has been maintained during 2024-2025 on managing health safety and wellbeing across the Council. Internal Targets for 2025-2026:  • Auditing/compliance checks across Directorates.  • Procurement and delivery of Management Training course.  • Review and respond to changes that arise from restructure of teams in light of the Resizing programme.  • Staff Protection Register – implementation of corporate system to coordinate and collate risk information relating to Potentially Violent Persons and premises of concern relevant to service areas.
10	Skateboard & BMX Pump Track Provision in Oswestry	<ol> <li>To agree that Oswestry Town Council undertake the final consultation to determine the preferred site.</li> <li>To agree that a lease will be put in place for the site OTC select from those shortlisted and delegates to the Head of Property and Development in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, to agree terms and finalise the lease for the agreed piece of land for a pump track and or skate park to be built based on the outcome of the consultation.</li> <li>To agree that Oswestry Town Council carry out detailed feasibility and design work to determine what the new facility will look like.</li> </ol>



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11	Update on Severn Valley Water Management Scheme	<ol> <li>To note the Council's role as part of the SVWMS Joint Project Board and in advocating for a water management approach which maximises benefits for the cross border communities in Shropshire and Powys.</li> <li>To endorse and support the next stage of public and stakeholder consultation for the SVWMS, undertaking this jointly through the Joint Project Board.</li> <li>To delegate to the Chief Executive, responsibility for progressing the Council's support for the SVWMS through the Joint Project Board and agree to embedding the programme within the Marches Forward Partnership, thereby ensuring a joined-up approach to cross border working between Shropshire and Powys.</li> </ol>
12	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
13	Exempt Minutes	RESOLVED:  To confirm the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2025 as a correct record.
14	Education Place Planning Phase 4	RESOLVED:  To agree recommendations 1 – 5 in the report.
15	Special Education Needs Provision - Capital Works	RESOLVED:  To agree recommendations 1 – 3 in the report.
16	Chief Executive and Chief Officer 2025/26 Pay Award Options	RESOLVED:  To decide on option A outlined in Section 8 of the report.