

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
3	Minutes	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2026 be confirmed as an accurate record.</p>
6a	Scrutiny Item - Partnership Working Task and Finish Group Update	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That Cabinet endorse the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group set out below:</p> <p>Recommendation 1 – A collaborative approach to a data audit between town and parish councils and Shropshire Council is essential to understanding expectations of one another. This needs to include clarity over what the statutory minimum is, a joint mapping of services and a clear understanding of service provision.</p> <p>Recommendation 2 - Ensure that work undertaken with town and parish councils is transparent and honest, with the aim of reaching a mutually beneficial arrangement that doesn't risk erosion of any previous good will arrangements by imposing too much bureaucracy and oversight.</p> <p>Recommendation 3 – Allow Town and Parish Councils to be involved in the joint development of any proposed Partnership arrangements, working together to provide clear benefits for local communities, alleviating some of the town and parish concerns highlighted in this report.</p> <p>Recommendation 4 – Provide regular communication with town and parish councils and look to improve ways in which they can communicate more easily with Shropshire Council officers and service areas.</p>

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7	Estimated Collection Fund Outturn For 2025/2026	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted the overall Collection Fund estimated deficit of £4.022m for the year ending 31st March 2026, comprised of an estimated deficit of £1.465m for Council Tax and an estimated deficit of £2.557m for Non-Domestic Rates (NDR). 2. Noted the distribution of the Collection Fund estimated deficit for Council Tax and NDR to the major/relevant precepting authorities and the Secretary of State. 3. Noted Shropshire Council's share of the overall estimated deficit of £2.446m, comprised of an estimated deficit of £1.206m for Council Tax and an estimated deficit of £1.240m for NDR. 4. Noted the inclusion of Shropshire Council's share of the overall estimated deficit for Council Tax and NDR in the 2026/27 budget.

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8	Fees and Charges 2026/27	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That Cabinet members agreed and recommended to full Council the recommendations below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To note the breakdown of the total income for 2025/26 and 2026/27 and in particular that the proposed 2026/27 charges for discretionary services represent £50.868m of the £104.981m of income derived from Fees and Charges. 2. To approve the charges for 2026/27 as detailed in Appendix 3 to be implemented from 1 April 2026. 3. To note that as previously agreed, any changes to fees and charges proposed by Shropshire Community Leisure Trust Ltd. in relation to the outsourced leisure facilities will only be referred to Cabinet and Council for approval if the proposed increases exceed Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the preceding November. 4. To note that the fees chargeable for hackney carriage, private hire vehicle and operator's licences, and drivers' licences are currently under consultation, with the proposed new charges to take effect from 9 February 2026. 5. To note that the proposed new charges for Adult Social Care Deferred Payment Policy, are detailed in a separate report which is also being considered in this meeting. 6. To revise housing rents as follows (subject to restrictions or exemptions identified in the Welfare Reform and Work Bill): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6.1 Social Housing and Affordable rents for 2026/27 are increased by 4.8% from 6th April 2026. 6.2 Shared Ownership rents continue to be calculated at 2.75% of the landlord's share at the time of purchase. From the following April, rents are reviewed annually in line with the terms set out in the lease. As additional shares in the property are purchased, rent will decrease proportionally, based on the original property value.

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9	Treasury Strategy 2026/27	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That Cabinet recommends that Council:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Approve, with any comments, the Treasury Strategy for 2026/27 set out in appendix 1 (parts 1-3). b) Approve, with any comments, the Prudential Indicators, set out in Appendix 1 (parts 4), in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003. c) Approve, with any comments, the Investment Strategy, set out in Appendix 1 (part 5) in accordance with the DLUHC Guidance on Local Government Investments. d) Approve, with any comments, the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy Statement, set out in Appendix 1 (part 6). e) Authorise the Section 151 Officer to exercise the borrowing powers contained in Section 3 of the Local Government Act 2003 and to manage the Council's debt portfolio in accordance with the Treasury Strategy. f) Authorise the Section 151 Officer to use other Foreign Banks which meet MUFG Corporate Markets' creditworthiness policy as required.
10	Financial Strategy 2026/27 - 2030/31	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Cabinet note that the final settlement has been received in line with the provisional statement and in particular the special permission for Shropshire to raise an additional 4% supplement above the Council Tax limit of 4.99%. 2. That the S151 Officer be requested to make amendments to the budget report to be presented at Council on the 26th February to include a recommended supplement of 4% on Council Tax with a compensating reduction in the Exceptional Financial Support. 3. That the S151 Officer be requested to ensure that appropriate officer support is available within the Council Tax team to provide advice and guidance to those who may be most impacted by this increase. This is to ensure they are receiving all financial support available to them through benefits and the Government Crisis Resilience scheme.

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11	Treasury Management Update Quarter 3 2025/26	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That Cabinet reviewed the position as set out in the report –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Noting the summary of the wider economic environment and the Council’s borrowings and investments set out in Appendix A b) Noting the performance within prudential indicators for quarter 3, 2025/26 (Appendix B)
12	Performance Monitoring Report Quarter 3 2025/26	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Noted progress to date in achieving the outcomes of The Shropshire Plan, utilising the interactive Shropshire Plan Performance Dashboard 2) Collectively review and align Shropshire’s Performance Management Framework and the associated suite of KPIs with the new administration’s priorities, Corporate Plan and the Local Government Outcomes Framework metrics.

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13	Financial Monitoring Report Quarter 3 2025/26	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That Cabinet Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Ensured emergency action is continued by all Officers during the last quarter of the financial year to improve further the Council's projected year end position. Such action should predominantly focus on reducing spend, increasing income, delivering remaining savings and significant mitigating actions to control in-year spending pressures. B. Supported the review of the Operations Boards, which have been in place from August 2025, to ensure these are delivering the greatest impact in terms of challenging spend across the Council. The impact of these boards will continue to inform future Finance Monitoring reports. C. Considered the projected spend over budget at Period 9 of £53.261m, adjusted to £50.745m following the release of £2.516m from the Financial Strategy Reserve. D. Considered the indicative level of savings delivery at Period 9 of £18.177m (30%). E. Considered the projected General Fund Balance of £5m if the Council secures Exceptional Financial Support in 2025/26. F. Cabinet Members noted the projected deficit on the Dedicated Schools Grant and the approach to reviewing this

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14	Adult Social Care Deferred Payment Policy	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Cabinet notes and recommends to Council the approval of the updated Deferred Payment Policy in appendix 1; 2. Cabinet noted the following main proposed changes within the policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased one-off setup fee from £610 to £750; • The introduction of an annual administration charge to reflect the work undertaken during the lifetime of the DPA in notifying interest rate changes and supplying statements; • Introduce legal charges to reflect the work done in entering the DPA, registration at Land Registry and removing the charge once repaid. • Maintain the application of interest from contract signing. • Implement process improvements to reduce completion timelines and strengthen compliance. • The charges income is used to reinvest in critical staff roles to manage the increasing demand and complex process, this will ensure efficiencies and clear oversight, providing a more consistent approach and improved experience for clients.
15	Determination of Admission Arrangements 2027/28	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That Cabinet determined the proposed admission arrangements 2027 - 2028 for Shropshire's community and voluntary controlled schools as set out in Appendix A to this report and further approved the publication of those arrangements in accordance with the School Admissions Code 2021 and to the notification of this to parties specified in the Code.</p>

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16	Dedication of a Local Nature Reserve at Eardington	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved the declaration of Eardington Local Nature Reserve • Offered thanks to the work of John Box, the Friends of Eardington Nature Reserve and all other volunteers for their work on the consultation report and for managing this important site.
17	Devolution of Local Services to Town & Parish Councils	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That Cabinet approved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The delegation of full or part operational and managerial responsibility for Street Scene services to participating pilot areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Broseley Town Council - Oswestry Town Council - Shifnal Town Council - Shrewsbury Town Council <p>Delegation of the final terms of the individual arrangements, (to be agreed by the 31st March 2026) to the Service Director for Infrastructure in consultation with the Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Communities and the Portfolio Holder for Highways and Environment. The commercial terms of the individual arrangements are detailed within section 5 of this report.</p> 2. That an Operations Board is established to meet a minimum of once a year to monitor the operation of the delegated services with joint membership from Shropshire Council and Town Council.

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18	Town and Parish Councils Asset Transfer Policy and Process	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Cabinet approved the Town and Parish Council Asset Transfer Policy, as it provides a transparent and structured framework for transferring suitable council owned assets to Town and Parish councils. (Please see appendix 1 – Town and Parish Council Asset Transfer policy) 2. To delegate to Head of Property and Development, in consultation with the portfolio holders' for Finance and Communities, to authorise the transfer of land and property, in accordance with the policy as set out in 1.
19	Application by Oswestry Town Council for Oswestry Parish to be considered as a Neighbourhood Area	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That Cabinet agreed the designation of the proposed Neighbourhood Area identified on the map in Appendix A, covering the Parish of Oswestry as an appropriate basis for the development of a Neighbourhood Development Plan and notifies Oswestry Town Council accordingly.</p>
20	Shropshire Schools Funding Formula 2026/27	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That Cabinet accepted the recommendation of Shropshire Schools Forum on the funding formula for Shropshire schools for the financial year 2026-27 for maintained schools, and the academic year 2026-27 for academies.</p>
22	Exempt Minutes	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2026 be confirmed as an accurate record.</p>