



Shropshire Council
Legal and Democratic Services
Guildhall,
Frankwell Quay,
Shrewsbury
SY3 8HQ

Date: 19th March 2026

Committee: West Mercia Energy Joint Committee

Date: Friday, 27 March 2026

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

There will be some access to the meeting room for members of the press and public, but this will be limited. If you wish to attend the meeting please email democracy@shropshire.gov.uk to check that a seat will be available for you.

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Tim Collard
Service Director – Legal, Governance and Planning

Members of West Mercia Energy Joint Committee

Herefordshire Council - Councillors Graham Biggs & Peter Stoddart (Chairman)

Shropshire Council - Councillors Roger Evans & Rob Wilson

Telford & Wrekin Council - Councillors Zona Hannington & Ollie Vickers

Worcestershire County Council - Councillors Ian Cresswell & Rob Wharton

Your Committee Officer is:

Shelley Davies Committee Officer

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AGENDA

1 **Apologies for Absence**

To receive apologies for absence.

2 **Minutes** (Pages 1 - 4)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2025. [Minutes Attached]

Contact: Shelley Davies

3 **Public Questions**

To receive any questions from members of the public of which notice has been given. The deadline for this meeting is 12.00 p.m. on Monday 23rd March 2026.

4 **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.

5 **Supplier contracts**

The Director of West Mercia Energy Joint Committee will provide a verbal update in line with the West Mercia Energy Joint Committee Standing Orders.

6 **External Audit - Audit Findings Report 2025/26** (Pages 5 - 18)

Report of the Head of Finance & Billing, West Mercia Energy. [Report Attached]

Contact: Jo Pugh.

7 **Internal Audit Annual Report 2025/26** (Pages 19 - 30)

Report of the Head of Policy and Governance [Report Attached]

Contact: Barry Hanson

8 **Internal Audit Strategic Plan 2026/27** (Pages 31 - 34)

Report of the Head of Policy and Governance [Report Attached]

Contact: Barry Hanson

9 Anti-Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement 2025/26 (Pages 35 - 38)

Report of the Director of West Mercia Energy. [Report Attached]

Contact: Nigel Evans

10 Risk Management Update (Pages 39 - 50)

Report of the Director of West Mercia Energy. [Report Attached]

Contact: Nigel Evans

11 Exclusion of Press and Public

To consider a resolution under Section 100 (A) of the Local Government Act 1972 that the proceedings in relation to the following items shall not be conducted in public on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by the provisions of Schedule 12A of the Act.

12 Exempt Minutes (Pages 51 - 54)

To approve the exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2025. [Minutes Attached]

Contact: Shelley Davies

13 Annual Business Plan and Budget 2026/27 including review of 2025/26
(Pages 55 - 88)

Report of the Director of West Mercia Energy. [Report Attached]

Contact: Nigel Evans

14 Energy Governance, Accountability, Risk and Reporting Policy (Pages 89 - 140)

Report of the Director of West Mercia Energy. [Report Attached]

Contact: Nigel Evans

15 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the West Mercia Energy Joint Committee will be held on Friday 25th September 2026 10.30 a.m. in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Shrewsbury.