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3	Minutes	**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2026 be confirmed as an accurate record.
7	Crisis & Resilience Fund – 6-month Progress Update	**RESOLVED:** That Cabinet: 1. Endorsed the summary of the wider economic environment and the Council's borrowings and investments set out in Appendix A. 2. Reviewed and endorsed the performance within the prudential indicators for quarter 2, 2026/27 (Appendix B).
8	Council Tax Support - Proposed Changes 2027-28 Consultation Responses	**RESOLVED:** That Cabinet: 1. Considered the responses received to the statutory consultation. 2. Agreed the following changes to the Council Tax Support scheme with effect from 2027-28 subject to formal approval by full Council on 10 December 2026. • Retain the current tapered scheme with the following adjustments • Disregard Child Benefit as an income at an estimated cost of £800k per year • Retain current minimum payment and maintain current protections for vulnerable groups • Continue to support those impacted by 20% minimum payment with a top up from the Crisis Resilience Fund as follows ▪ 2026-27 (current year) up to £80 ▪ 2027-28 – up to £90 ▪ 2028-29 – up to £100

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9	Financial Monitoring Report Quarter 2 2026/27	**RESOLVED:** That Cabinet: A. Supported the Q2 favourable revenue outturn forecast of £0.051m. B. Supported the significant adverse variation forecast for Children's Services and the mitigations in place to contain and reduce this over the remainder of the financial year. C. Instructed the Chief Executive and s151 Officer to continue to take all necessary steps to ensure that directorates remain within their budgets and appropriate mitigating action are taken where adverse variations are arising. D. Supported the forecast level of savings achieved of £4.052m to date and £5.368m to be delivered by the end of the financial year. E. Supported the forecast General Fund Balance as at 31 March 2027 of £15.051m and the strategy to continue to restore this balance over time. F. Noted work in progress through the officer led Budget, Transformation and Change Panel (BTCP) and Workforce Review Board to give provisional approval to projects designed to transform the Council, achieve further savings and to rebuild capacity and capability, subject to further oversight by Cabinet and the Finance and Improvement Scrutiny Committee. G. Approved the provisional allocations of transformation funds to date of £3.532m for 2026/27. H. Supported the Capital programme and forecast outturn position at quarter 2. I. Approved the adjustments necessary to the Capital Programme. J. Approved the Revenue and Capital budget virements as set out in Appendix B and D. K. Agreed that a provisional Q3 report will be submitted to Cabinet in January 2027, based

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10	Treasury Management Update Quarter 2 2026/27	**RESOLVED:** That Cabinet: 1. Endorsed the summary of the wider economic environment and the Council's borrowings and investments set out in Appendix A. 2. Reviewed and endorsed the performance within the prudential indicators for quarter 2, 2026/27 (Appendix B).

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11	Draft Medium Term Financial Plan 2027 - 2032	**RESOLVED:** That Cabinet approved, supported and noted: A. The continued uncertainty surrounding local government finance in spite of last year's medium term settlement and that the Council has been a net loser from the fair funding review with further risks of losses in funding through business rate retention and grants and unclear conditions relating to the rollout of an overnight levy. B. That the quarter two monitoring report for 2026/27 is currently forecasting a balanced position for the year at outturn and is subject to a separate report on this Cabinet agenda. C. That the current estimated EFS requirement for 2026/27 stands at around £87m subject to a balanced budget position at year end, significantly less than the £121m originally projected. D. The updated budget assumptions for 2027/28 and 2028/29 as set out in Section 4 and the latest forecast position to 2030/31. E. That a further update of the MTFP with final budget and council tax proposals for 2027/28 will be presented to Cabinet in February 2027. F. Provisional growth and savings set out in Appendix B and C that will be subject to further due diligence before formal approval by Cabinet in February. G. The current estimated budget shortfall for 2027/28 of £108.424m, which is subject to further economic assumptions and budget adjustments throughout November and December and the provisional funding settlement that will be announced in December. H. That Cabinet will not be continuing with the previous policy of being a 'Commissioning Council' adopted in 2018 and due process will be followed in reaching decisions in the best interests of residents and whatever provides the best outcomes.

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12	Draft Capital Strategy 2027 – 2032	**RESOLVED:** That Cabinet: A. Supported the extension of the programme to give a ten year horizon of funded projects and unfunded projects that will remain subject to affordability. B. Supported the current Capital Programme as set out in Appendix A; C. Supported the proposed sources of financing set out in Appendix B, with delegated authority given to the s151 Officer to ultimately determine the most appropriate source of financing for each scheme for subsequent approval by Cabinet. D. Approved subject to agreement from Council in February 2027 the addition of proposed new projects to the Capital Programme in Appendix C. E. Supported the continued pausing and deferral of prior year schemes as set out in Paragraph 4.4 subject to further due diligence. F. Supported the continued flexible use of capital receipts for 2027/28, as set out in paragraph,4.6 in accordance with statutory guidance in place until 2030, with use subject to agreement by the s151 Officer and reported through in-year monitoring reports to Cabinet and Council, as appropriate. G. Instructed the Chief Executive and s151 Officer in consultation with other officers to update of the Council's CIL policy and related procedures in order to expedite the allocation of CIL and s106 funds to appropriate capital projects for approval by Cabinet. H. Supported that a further update to the Capital Strategy including any revisions to funding and new schemes will be submitted to Cabinet in January 2027 for approval in advance of agreement to the Strategy by Council in February 2027.

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13	Q2 Performance Report	**RESOLVED:** That Cabinet: • Reviewed performance at Quarter 2 and confirmed any areas in the report that need action to address them. • Provided further feedback on the performance report that can be taken forward in further refinements to the report format. • Proposed emerging topics or issues as appropriate to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider for inclusion in their work programme.
14	Review of Highways Maintenance Strategy and Highways Inspection Policy	**RESOLVED:** That Cabinet • Approved the proposed Highway Safety Inspection Manual and Car Park Addendum at Appendices C and D; • Approved the Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Policy and Strategy at Appendices A and B; and • Noted the recommendations of the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee at Appendix E and endorsed the officer responses and proposed actions set out in this report • Noted the comments in section 12 of this report and content of the Equality, Social Inclusion and Health Impact Assessment at Appendix F.

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15	Shaping the future of Shropshire Libraries - Consultation	**RESOLVED:** That Cabinet: 1. Noted the updated needs assessment for the Shropshire Libraries Service (October 2026) at Appendix A, which presents demographic information for Shropshire, the profile of Shropshire Library users, the service demand and usage analysis, library costs and individual library profiles. 2. Approved a public consultation for 12 weeks on the future of Shropshire libraries based on the proposed changes outlined in the report. 3. Endorsed the approach presented in the report to undertake a targeted review of physical assets and locations of libraries. 4. Endorsed the approach to continue to explore mitigations and alternative delivery options with Town & Parish Councils, voluntary sector and community groups to support the delivery of Libraries. 5. Instructed Council Officers to prepare a pre-decision report to the Economy & Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the outcome of the public consultation for libraries, for consideration of any recommendations or feedback to Cabinet based on the consultation responses.

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16	Asset Strategy & Corporate Landlord Review Transformation Programme	**RESOLVED:** That Cabinet: 1. Supported the £3 million approved by the Budget, Transformation and Change Panel for 2026/27 and 2027/28 to fund the Asset Strategy and Corporate Landlord Review Transformation Programme, from the £15 million provision for transformation and change approved by Full Council on 26 February 2026. 2. Supported the new governance arrangements in place since June 2026, set out in Appendix A, including the Asset Transactions Group, chaired by the Section 151 Officer, which oversees two workstreams: (a) the Council's asset disposal programme; (b) the Asset Strategy and Corporate Landlord Review Transformation Programme. 3. Supported the 2026/27 General Fund asset disposal pipeline of £5,900,120 as at 25 October 2026, comprising £2,637,700 received from completed sales, £1,409,000 from sales agreed but not yet completed, and an indicative £1,853,420 from disposals in preparation or on the market. 4. Supported that £3 million of transformation funding has been approved by the Budget, Transformation and Change Panel for the Asset Strategy and Corporate Landlord Review Transformation Programme across 2026/27 and 2027/28, from the £15 million provision for transformation and change approved by Full Council on 26 February 2026. 5. Agreed that provision of up to £3 million for the Asset Strategy and Corporate Landlord Review Transformation Programme be reflected in the Medium-Term Financial Plan across 2026/27 and 2027/28, with the final profiling of expenditure between financial years determined in accordance with programme requirements and the Council's financial planning arrangements. 6. Delegated authority to the Section 151 Officer and the Interim Service Director – Place Shaping, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, to commission and incur expenditure required to deliver the initial phase of the programme within the approved funding envelope, including the award of commissions and additional staffing resource.

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17	Shirehall Marketing Proposals	**RESOLVED:** That Cabinet: A. Noted the progress made since the Cabinet decision of 14 July 2026 in preparing Shirehall for disposal. B. Noted the requirements arising from the Best Value Notice and CIPFA External Assurance Review, including the recommendation for a clear and short deadline for feasibility work relating to Shirehall and for the Council to seek to sell the asset as soon as possible. C. Agreed that officers continue discussions with Homes England and relevant Government partners during November and December 2026 to establish whether available support could materially improve the feasibility, marketability and delivery of Shirehall. D. Agreed that this engagement is progressed alongside completion of the work required to prepare Shirehall for disposal, including outstanding due diligence, decommissioning requirements and preparation for marketing.
20	Chief Executive and Chief Officer Pay Award	**RESOLVED:** That Cabinet considered the options presented in section 4.2 and recommended to Full Council the preferred option for the 2026/27 pay award for the Chief Executive and Chief Officers.