



Committee and Date

Council

10.00am

20 September 2018

**ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018
PLACE OVERVIEW COMMITTEE**

1.0 Summary

1.1 The annual statement of the Place Overview Committee provides a brief review of the committee's work during the previous year, as well as an overview of its work for the year ahead.

2.0 Place Overview Committee

2.1 During 2017/2018 the Place Overview Committee has looked at topics from across its remit. The following have been the main areas of focus:

- **North West relief road**

The committee scrutinised work done to date on developing the Outline Business Case for this project. It discussed environmental issues and considered issues around rights of way and access to green space.

- **Business rates**

The committee sought to understand the current business rate profile in Shropshire and how this feeds into the work of Shropshire Council in enabling growth of both existing businesses and attracting new businesses.

- **Brexit Task and Finish Group**

This task and finish group has looked at the implications of Brexit, with particular regard to economic growth. The group identified skills and labour force, and agriculture and land based industries as two key topics that would benefit from further detailed consideration.

- **Apprenticeship Levy**

The committee sought assurance that Shropshire Council maximised its use of the Apprenticeship Levy to provide apprenticeships for local authority staff.

- **Shrewsbury town centre development and the Shrewsbury Big**

Town Plan

Following the consultation on the Shrewsbury Big Town Plan, the committee has scrutinised work to develop and implement the plan.

3.0 2018-2019 onwards

3.1 Significant topics emerging for the coming year include:

- Place shaping – balancing housing and economic growth
- Local Plan
- Place shaping – households and accessible green space
- Place shaping – maintaining a clean and attractive space
- Local Transport Plan
- Place shaping – diversification of the local economy
- Highways winter service
- Highways customer services and complaints

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

None

Human Rights Act Appraisal

The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights act 1998
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Environmental Appraisal

There are no environmental issues relating to this report.
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Risk Management Appraisal

There are no risks associated with this report.

Community / Consultations Appraisal
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Consultation is a component of Scrutiny work to collect information to support the development of conclusions and recommendations.
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Cabinet Members

Cllr Joyce Barrow

Cllr Steve Davenport

Cllr Nic Laurens

Cllr Robert Macey

Local Member/s

All

Appendices

None