



Committee and Date

Cabinet

7 June 2021

CABINET

**Minutes of the virtual meeting held on 29 March 2021 in the Council Chamber, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND
1.00 - 1.50 pm**

Responsible Officer: Amanda Holyoak
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Present

Councillor Peter Nutting (Chairman)
Councillors Steve Charmley (Deputy Leader), Gwilym Butler, Dean Carroll, Lee Chapman, Steve Davenport, Robert Macey, David Minnery, Lezley Picton and Ed Potter

242 Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence were received.

243 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared.

244 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 8 March 2021 and 11 March 2021 be confirmed as correct records.

245 Public Question Time

The Legal Services Manager confirmed that all preamble, statements of fact and opinions submitted with questions had been circulated and read by Cabinet Members but that he would only be reading out the questions submitted.

Questions were submitted by the following members of the public:

Paul Gill (and a similar question also submitted by Susan Coleman) – regarding the continued use of digital technology (Zoom, Teams) to hold Parish and Town Council meetings.

Ian Burgess – regarding the implementation of Integrated Care Systems in line with Government and NHS proposals.

Ian Burgess – regarding the timescales for resurfacing of Abbey Foregate (between Bell Lane and the Column) as the current condition poses a danger to both cyclists and motorcyclists.

Susan Coleman – regarding improvements to cycleways used by pupils of both Meole Brace and Priory Schools in Shrewsbury before the start of the Autumn term 2021.

Leslie Maguire – regarding the possibility of CCTV coverage at the skate park in Eastern Oswestry and the Future Oswestry Partnership to give consideration to the improvement of skate park facilities in the town.

Louis Katz – regarding the introduction of a new funding/grant scheme for job creation by the support of business start up and small business expansion.

The full questions and answers provided are available from the webpage for the meeting: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/committee-services/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=130&MId=4150&Ver=4>

246 Member Question Time

Member Questions were received from the following Councillors:

David Turner – regarding making strong representations to Government on the continued use of technology for Council meetings stressing the associated cost savings and increased engagement of the public.

Ed Bird – regarding the Local Plan and Shifnal not being used for any unmet housing need from the Black Country.

David Vasmer – regarding plans to support sufferers of Long Covid in Shropshire.

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247 Scrutiny Items

There were no scrutiny matters for consideration.

248 Rectory Wood and Field - Local Nature Reserve Designation

The Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure, Waste and Communications presented the report supporting the delegation of powers to Church Stretton Town Council to enable the designation of Rectory Wood and Field as a Local Nature Reserve. She drew particular attention to the positive impact of this initiative; including increased visitor usage, raised public profile and a myriad of health and wellbeing benefits.

RESOLVED

That the Council delegates power to Church Stretton Town Council to enable the designation of Rectory Wood and Field as a Local Nature Reserve.

249 Oswestry High Streets Heritage Action Zone Update Report

The Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Assets, Economic Growth and Regeneration presented the report providing detail on the successful bid to Historic England for Oswestry to become a High Street Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ). He drew attention to the total budget of the HSHAZ scheme of £1.25m, including a contribution from Oswestry Town Council and anticipated private investment.

RESOLVED

To authorise the Executive Director of Place in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Assets the ability to formally agree the governance structure and management of the Oswestry High Street Heritage Action Zone programme as set out within the Partnership Agreement with Future Oswestry partners.

To authorise the Executive Director of Place in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Assets to agree variations within the HSHAZ budget and seek any additional funds from Historic England as the opportunity arises.

Authorise the Executive Director of Place and Director of Finance, Governance and Assurance, in consultation with the Portfolio Holders to negotiate and accept the anticipated contract from Historic England to act as the accountable body for the delivery of the Cultural Consortium programme.

250 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 item.

251 Exempt Minutes

RESOLVED

That the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

Signed (Chairman)

Date: