



PEOPLE OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2022
10am in the Shrewsbury/Oswestry Room, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6ND

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Present

Shropshire Councillors

Councillor Peggy Mullock (Chairman)

Councillors Claire Wild (Vice Chairman), Roy Aldcroft, Peter Broomhall, David Evans, Nat Green, Ruth Houghton, Hilary Luff and Kevin Pardy

71 **Apologies and Substitutions**

Apologies were received from Sian Lines, Diocesan Board of Education.

72 **Disclosable Interests**

Nil

73 **Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 28th September 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

74 **Public Question Time**

One public question had been received from Andy Stelman in relation to the Crowther Report.

The full text of the question and written answer provided are available from the web page for the meeting: [Agenda for People Overview Committee on Wednesday, 16th November, 2022, 10.00 am — Shropshire Council](#)

75 **Members' Question Time**

There were no members questions.

76 **Criminal Exploitation**

Members received an in-depth briefing session from the multi-agency partnership looking into child exploitation in Shropshire. These included the role of the Chairman of the Shropshire Safeguarding Partnership, West Mercia Police, various teams

within Shropshire Council, NHS Midlands Partnership and West Mercia Youth Justice Service. Each organisation gave an overview of their role within the partnership and their progress since the last presentation to committee in 2019. This multi-agency approach aims to achieve best practice and to build a safer community.

Members were also provided with the response of the Shropshire Safeguarding Partnership to the Telford enquiry in child sexual abuse and the way in which the services have developed in line with national learning, not just the Telford enquiry.

Several case studies were provided to demonstrate how the different partners work together for one outcome.

It was felt that there was a gap when it came to a specialist in psychological trauma and members noted that this was an aspiration of the partnership to include such a role in the near future.

Members were advised that training was available for licensees; whether that be a taxi driver or takeaway restaurant owner, to identify vulnerable people and refer them for further support from the relevant partner. An offer was made for a similar training session to be held for members so they gain an understanding of what it entails.

Members noted that scrutiny of partnership arrangements to identify and tackle all forms of child exploitation and arrangements to support the victims of exploitation and to raise awareness of exploitation would be take place at the meeting held in January.

A number of lines of inquiry were suggested, which would be discussed at the next meeting as part of the overall scrutiny of the arrangements.

77 Work Programme

The work programme had been circulated prior to the meeting.

78 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 18th January 2023 at 1.30pm.

Signed (Chairman)

Date: