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Financial Monitoring Period 10

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1. Synopsis

The overall financial position of the Council is largely consistent with previous reporting, deteriorating or improving within a low range. Work is in hand to manage the position in the final two periods through to the end of the year.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1. The key issues highlighted by this report are:
 - a) Based on the information available to the end of January 2024 (period 10) a forecast position at 31 March 2025 of £34.767m over budget is projected. This compares to a forecast outturn at P9 of £35.561m.
 - b) The projection overall has improved from P9 due to forecasting a drawdown from the financial strategy reserve and forecasting discharge funding from the ICB. This has offset a deterioration in staffing and savings projections following a comprehensive review at Period 10.
 - c) Work has been undertaken to optimise the forecast within acceptable practice. This has included review of the estimated levels of activity in social care to the

- end of the year (including the winter period), taking account of the pattern in recent years which have seen a deterioration in November and December which improves in February and March. Current indications are that a similar pattern will be seen this year.
- d) The retained General Fund Balance of £38.821m exceeds the projected overspend, retaining overall balance despite the pressures being experienced.
- 2.2. The financial position of the council remains highly challenging. The key overall indicator of financial health for the Council is the General Fund Balance. However, a wide range of factors impact on that value. As such, the overall financial position has been analysed into seven separate areas that underpin the strategic risk "Inability to Contain overall committed Expenditure within the Current Available Resources within this Financial Year".
- 2.3. This table highlights the uncertainty of the situation and represents a range of possible outcomes summarised in table 1. A description of the 7 risks and the current perspective on these is set out in the table below, supporting the data in table 1.

Table 1 – Forecast as at 31 January showing the central forecast in a range of favourable to adverse outcomes

Scenario	Potential variation to budget
Favourable	£30.77m
Central	£34.767m
Adverse	£49.07m

		P10					
factor	MTFS assumption	Fav		Central		Adv	
Savings delivery	Budget and MTFS assume 100% delivery of all savings each year on a recurrent basis. Target for 2024/25 is £62.5m, plus £6.7m demand mgt, plus £20.7m found in 23/24 but only on a one-off basis - these are different amounts arising separately, but aggregate to £90m.		assumes £2m improvement in savings delivery by year end, including additional benefits from supplier engagement	43,382	tracker reds @ 31 Oct now include the estimated PYE benefits of resizing.	44.382	Assumes £1m deterioration arising from uncertain resizing benefits.
Social care demand pressure beyond budget estimates	Demand reduction measures assumed to support delivery within budget. Excess demand beyond that will impact overall financial performance.	5.467	Assumes £1m improvement in the forecast costs for Children's before year end.	6.467	£6.3m activity pressure forecast in Children's Social Care; £0.9m pressure in Adults operational activity.		Assumes additional £1m pressure arisin through winter social care and other pressures.
3. Other unbudgeted pressures	The budget assumes all material considerations are included in the estimates. Other pressures outside those estimates are not included, hence the provision of a general fund balance (although other Councils include a revenue contingency budget).	-16.08	Assumes further £1m improvement in income.	-15.08	Base budget is not seeing pressures outside of social care. Income budgets are over-achieved in a number of areas. The value included is the over-achievement of income in areas including Client Contributions to social care and government grants for Home to School Transport.	-14.08	Assumes £1m deterioration in income.
Capital receipts sufficiency	Capital receipts are generated at a level that, when added to "in-hand" and 'de-committed" amounts, will cover VR costs plus transformation costs (capitalised). Gap at year start identified as £33m.		Assumes all projected capital receipts are secured by 31 March.		Assumes all projected capital receipts are secured by 31 March. Review of capital receipts including those earmarked for this year's capital programme, and transformation costs anticipated have reduced estimated value still to be secured. Significant additional receipts from alternative approaches are no longer anticipated in		Current Target for capital receipts is £26.9m. Known receipts expected befor 31 March currently £14.8m. Potential shortfall of £11.3m, and alternative mitigations being identified.
5. External factors	A number of factors are known to be able to impact the financial position indrectly, but the timing or likelihood of these is unknown at the time of setting the budget. The GFB level is set on the basis of being a fund of last resort in the face		Assume no in-year costs arising from regulator reports.		Assume no in-year costs arising from regulator reports.		Assume no in-year costs arising from regulator reports.
6. Project risks	of such pressures. No direct or indirect implications are assumed in the budget. Possible risks include the withdrawal of funding for major capital projects which may lead to revenue pressure as 'sunk' costs are written off.		No indications of any unidentified additional in-year costs likely to arise before March.		No indications of any unidentified additional in-year costs likely to arise before March.		No indications of any unidentified additional in-year costs likely to arise before March.
7. Cash position (Liquidity)	The MTFS assumes that day-to-day liquidity is planned for an maintained. Failure to do this, or a rapid deterioration in the council's financial position may lead to unbudgeted finance costs, and reputational damage as staff and supplier payments are placed in jeopardy.	30.77	Detailed day-to-day cash forecasting place. Link engaged and advising on externalisation of previous internal borrowing. Clear management with £20£30m cash buffer.	34.77	Detailed day-to-day cash forecasting place. Link engaged and advising on externalisation of previous internal borrowing. Clear management with £20—£30m cash buffer.	49.07	Detailed day-to-day cash forecasting place. Link engaged and advising on externalisation of previous internal borrowing. Clear management with £20-£30m cash buffer.

Table 2 – 7 key financial factors and estimated values in a favourable to adverse range

3. Recommendations

- 3.1. To note that the Period 10 position (as at the end of January) forecasts a projected spend above budget of £34.767m for 2024/25 and indicative savings delivery of £46.642m (51.8%).
- 3.2. To note the projected General Fund Balance of £4.054m arising if no further action were taken.

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4. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

- 4.1. A more regular review of the emerging financial position for the year is an essential part of the risk management approach of the council during the current year.
- 4.2. The level of savings delivery and financial pressures in the current year are a recognised risk for the 2024/25 budget.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. Shropshire Council is currently managing an unprecedented financial position as budgeted for within the Medium Term Financial Strategy approved by Council on 29 February 2024 and detailed in our monitoring position presented to Cabinet on a monthly basis. This demonstrates that significant management action is required over the remainder of the financial year to ensure the Council's financial survival. While all Cabinet Reports provide the financial implications of decisions being taken, this may change as officers review the overall financial situation and make decisions aligned to financial survivability. Where non-essential spend is identified within the Council, this will be reduced. This may involve
 - · scaling down initiatives,
 - changing the scope,
 - delaying implementation, or
 - · extending delivery timescales.
- 5.2. This report sets out the financial projections for the Council in the 2024/25 Financial Year as at Period 10. A summary of the key elements for managing the Council's budget are detailed elsewhere in this report.

6. Climate Change Appraisal

6.1. The Council's Financial Strategy supports its strategies for Climate Change and Carbon Reduction in several ways. A specific climate change revenue budget is held. The climate change schemes involving the Council's assets or infrastructure

- are included within the capital programme. These two areas of expenditure are anticipated to have a positive contribution towards climate change outcomes.
- 6.2. Securing a robust and sustainable financial base will help the Council meet the challenges of climate change this is not separate to our budget management, but integral to it, as set out in the objectives of The Shropshire Plan and our aim to secure a Healthy Environment.

7. Financial Summary at P10 (to the end of January 2025)

7.1. Table 3 below summarises the position by directorate (see also Appendix 1), including latest projections on funding. It shows that Core Funding is forecast to be as per the budget. Service spending is expected to represent a £36.6m overspend at the end of the year (a deterioration of £743k from the previous report. Corporate budgets are anticipated to underspend by £1.850m, an improvement of £1.538m from the previous report (P9). This improvement is to do with a combination of the pay award being lower than anticipated (allowing release of budget provisions), reductions in the anticipated level of MRP (capital financing costs), and release of part of the provision retained against winter pressures based on latest activity data in all services.

Table 3: Projected Outturn by Directorate

P9 (Q3) forecast (under)/ overspend (£'000)	3 d. 110jedica Guitani sy Biredioraio	Revised Budget (£'000)	Projected Outturn (£'000)	P10 (Under)/ Overspend (£'000)	change P9>>P10
	Directorate				
-407	Health & Wellbeing	5,962	5,622	-340	67
17,345	People	214,668	230,583	15,915	-1,430
14,487	Place	51,602	67,152	15,550	1,063
3,939	Resources	3,782	8,723	4,941	1,002
510	Strategic Management Board	24	574	550	40
35,874	Service Delivery Budgets	276,037	312,654	36,617	743
-312	Corporate	-14,340	-16,190	-1,850	-1,538
35,562	Net Expenditure	261,697	296,464	34,767	-795
	Funded By:				
	Council Tax	-205,104	-205,104	0	
	Business Rates	-41,306	-41,306	0	
	Top Up Grant	-10,925	-10,925	0	
	Revenue Support Grant	-7,974	-7,974	0	
	Collection Fund (Surplus)/Deficit	3,612	3,612	0	
	Total Funding	-261,697	(261,697)	0	

8. Additional Information

8.1. The 2024/25 budget includes a £30.584m contribution to the General Fund Balance. Table 4 details the projected General Fund Balance following this budgeted contribution, but also includes the impact on the Balance should the forecast spend over budget materialise.

Table 4: General Fund Projection

General Fund Balance	£'000
Balance Brought Forward 1 April 2024	8,237
Budgeted Contribution 2024/25	30,584
2024/25 estimated spending above budget (as projected at P10)	(34,767)
Balance as at 31 March 2025	4,054

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

Financial Strategy 2024/25 - 2028/29, Council 21st March 2024

Financial Monitoring Period 1, Cabinet 5 June 2024

Financial Monitoring Period 2, Cabinet 17th July 2024

Financial Monitoring Quarter 1, Cabinet 11th September 2024

Financial Monitoring Period 4

Financial Monitoring Period 5, Cabinet 16th October 2024

Financial Monitoring Quarter 2, Cabinet 20th November 2024

Financial Monitoring Period 8, Transformation & Overview Scrutiny Committee 20th January 2025

Financial Monitoring Quarter 3, Cabinet 12th February 2025

Financial Rules

Local Member: All

Appendices [Please list the titles of Appendices]

Appendix 1 – 2024/25 Projected Revenue Outturn by Service

Appendix 2 – 2024/25 Savings Delivery

APPENDIX 1 2024/25 PROJECTED REVENUE OUTTURN BY SERVICE

Directorate	Service Area	Forecast Variance @ P10	Forecast Variance @ P9	Analysis of Variance	Movement P9-P10	Explanation of Movement from P9 to P10
Corporate Budgets						
	Corporate Budgets	(1,850)	(312)	 £5.301m Corporate MTFS savings targets yet to be realised £0.187m reduction in forecast interest receivable (£0.195m) savings against PFI Unitary Charge (£0.300m) Reduction in interest payable due in year (£0.319m) release of Development Fund budget (£0.380m) release of Invest 2 Save Reserve (£0.652m) increased income and profit share WME estimates (£1.376m) pay award agreement less than budgeted (£1.400m) drawdown from Financial Strategy Reserve (£2.750m) MRP requirement for borrowing related to Capital Projects less than budgeted 	(1,537)	£1.400m drawdown assumed from the Financial Strategy reserve £0.195m savings against PFI Unitary Charge
Corporate Budgets Total		(1,850)	(312)		(1,537)	
Health and Wellbeing						
	Integration & Healthy People - Non-Ringfenced	(340)	(407)	 £0.145m Spend over budget – Business Intelligence due to reduction in transformation funding. £0.036m Spend over budget - Regulatory Services (£0.048m) Spend under budget - Library Services (£0.241m) Spend under budget – Planning services, mostly due to additional fee income. (£0.232m) Spend under budget – Business and Consumer Protection, mostly due to VR posts contributing to corporate savings, vacant posts, and restructure. 	67	 Reduction in forecast income from Planning Services (£0.019m) Reduction in Consumer Protection income (£0.034m)

	Integration & Healthy People - Ringfenced	(0)	(0)	No variance to budgets as at Period 10	(0)	No variance between Period 9 and Period 10
Health and Wellbeing Total		(340)	(407)		67	
People						
	Adult Social Care	1,960	4,018	 £3.944m Corporate MTFS savings targets yet to be realised £0.102m Enable reduction in forecast income and additional premises rental expenditure £0.060m Spend over budget Transport services (£0.772m) Capitalisation of posts for transformational projects (£1.440m) Spend under budget on purchasing due to additional hospital discharge funding from health 	(2,058)	£0.350m Reduction in achieved savings projection RC086 (£0.119m) increased income provider services (£2.309m) reduction in purchasing due to additional Discharge Funding from Health

Childrens & Families	8,067	7,538	 £4.377m forecast spend over budget on External Residential Placements. There have been a number of new external residential spot placements in recent months. £2.130m forecast spend over budget on Fostering. The majority relates to External Fostering (£1.778m), partly explained by a portion of £1m savings target which was not achieved on an ongoing basis in 2023/24. £1.581m forecast spend over budget on staffing across the Social Work Teams, largely relating to Agency Social Workers. £0.791m savings target unachievable relates to efficiency savings targets across the whole of Children's Social Care and £0.343m forecast unachieved savings are organisational savings relating to rightsizing the organisation, third party spend and efficiency savings across the whole of Early Help. £0.605m forecast spend over budget relates to other costs such as transport recharges and taxi costs, childcare payments, parenting assessments and interpreting fees. £0.338m forecast spend over budget relates to Disabled Children's budget area with £0.349m of the value explained by DCT prevention and Support payments £0.270m "low value efficiencies" savings target is currently forecast to be unachieved. £0.206m forecast spend over budget relates to Adoption Services. There is a £0.292m spend over budget on Adoption Allowances but this is partially offset by a spend under budget on Intra-Agency adoption placements. (£0.105m) net under spend against budget on Internal Residential Placements. (£0.154m) net under spend against budget on Public Law Outline support packages. (£0.254m) forecast spend under budget against Early Help staffing. The service implemented a new staffing structure from 1st June so staff turnover has been high and a number of posts have remained vacant as the service has restructured (£0.535m) forecast spend under budget against Early Help Nonstaffing, including the maximisation of Supporting Families Grant <!--</th--><th></th><th>• £0.555m increase against staffing budgets across the Social Work teams • £0.118m increase against Fostering Placements with £0.092m relating to External Fostering • £0.050m increase against Internal Residential Placements. • £0.040m increase against External Residential Placements. • £0.263m decrease against Early Help general due to increased use of external funding</th>		• £0.555m increase against staffing budgets across the Social Work teams • £0.118m increase against Fostering Placements with £0.092m relating to External Fostering • £0.050m increase against Internal Residential Placements. • £0.040m increase against External Residential Placements. • £0.263m decrease against Early Help general due to increased use of external funding
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po	There is a credit of (£1.337m) relating to the capitalisation of osts as a one-off working on transformational projects (Stepping cones Project).	

	Education & Achievement	2,043	1,943	 £3.297m forecast spend over budget against Home to School Transport. £2.182m of this relates to SEND Transport where there has been a significant increase in the number of children with EHC Plans requiring transport. The remaining variance relates to mainstream transport and the Children's transport Fleet. £0.102m forecast spend over budget against the fully-traded Schools Library Services (£0.058m) relating to the capitalisation of a post as a one-off working on transformational projects within Learning & Skills Business Support plus savings on IT licences of (£0.065m). (£0.147m) one-off efficiencies across both staffing and non-staffing budgets within Learning & Skills Business Support. (£0.380m) forecast spend under budget on Public Transport (£0.770m) Release of DfT Transport Grants 	100	• School Library Service - now reporting a £0.102m deficit (a £0.089m increase)
	Shire Services	(45)	(35)	Minor variance as at Period 10	(10)	Minor variance between Period 9 and Period 10
	People Directorate Management	3,890	3,881	• £3.890m relates largely to efficiency savings delivery	g	Minor variance between Period 9 and Period 10
People Total		15,915	17,345		(1,429)	
Place						

Growth and Infrastructure	10,309 10,69	 £4.984m Corporate MTFS savings targets yet to be realised. £2.850m Asset rationalisation savings of £3.000m yet to be realised in full £1.397m Winter Maintenance transfer from reserve (Budget £1.561m only £164k available) £1.220m Corporate Landlord unrealised income including Mardol House student accommodation, Shirehall and Ptarmigan £1.174m Highways Maintenance Programme £1.138m Parking income target not fully achieved £0.205m Expenditure relating to Ash Die Back £0.146m Shrewsbury Town Council SLA £0.140m Expenditure relating to backdated utility bills on PFI buildings offset by some saving £0.139m Corporate Landlord Rates charges (Courts & Guildhall) (£0.956m) Street works additional net income (£0.763m) Capitalisation of Highways expenditure (£0.500m) Additional draw from Pension Reserve (£0.381m) Streetlighting Energy saving from LED rollout (£0.250m) savings on Rates (£0.194m) various minor savings over budgets 	• £0.350m Reduced asset rationalisation savings offset by savings and efficiencies across the Corporate landlord Estate • £0.064m Other minor variances • (£0.250m) Savings on Corporate landlord rates costs • (£0.220m) Reduction in Corporate landlord Utility Costs • (£0.195m) savings on Shirehall & Guildhall running costs • (£0.133m) Increase in StreetWorks Income
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	Homes and Communities	5,055	3,948	 £2.698m Corporate MTFS savings yet to be realised £2.500m shortfall on Waste PFI contract re-negotiation based on delayed implementation £2.500m shortfall on Green Waste charges (Oct implementation and 70% initial take up) £0.433m delayed implementation of Pyrolysis Plant & Maesbury Solar Farm £0.330m Activity higher than budgeted for Temporary Accommodation £0.210m shortfall on savings from Household Recycling centres based on delayed implementation dates £0.145m overspend on Leisure centres (additional casual staff & utility costs) (£2.317m) variance on Waste PFI contract (£0.622m) Theatre Services additional Income. (£0.408m) Housing additional one-off income projected (£0.398m) Museums savings in salaries due to Voluntary Redundancy (VR) & vacancies: plus additional Income generated (£0.019m) various minor savings over budgets 		• £0.750m reduction in Garden Waste Income as a result of lower take up (58% as opposed to 70%) • £0.500m reduction in Energy share contribution from Waste Contract • (£0.142) Other minor variances from increased income (Theatre & Museums)
	Place Directorate Management	185	(153)	Corporate MTFS savings yet to be realised	338	£0.338m Service review savings removed and reflected in service Areas
Place Total		15,550	14,487		1,062	
Resources						
	Workforce and Improvement	896	875	 £1.032m savings relating to right sizing the organisation, third party spend, Target Operating Model (TOM) activity and income generation. £0.130m income generation shortfall in Service Level Agreement contracts £0.055m shortfall on Internal Training Income (£0.338m) savings achieved from VR programme and vacancy management 	21	• Minor variance between Period 9 and Period 10

	Finance and Technology	1,643	1,768	 £3.499m savings not yet achieved in full relating to right sizing the organisation, third party spend, Target Operating Model (TOM) activity and income generation. A big proportion of these are offset against other variances as below to mitigate in-year. £0.525m change in anticipated savings delivery in in year HB subsidy loss (£0.279m) reduction across various IT contracts (£0.809m) additional capitalisation of staff (£1.286m) Vacancy management across all areas and other reductions in spend against supplies and services. 	(125)	• Improvements on projections against staffing in relation to vacancy management across a number of services.
	Legal and Governance	410	358	• £0.351m MTFS savings yet to be realised • £0.312m projected spend above budget in relation to legal childcare costs, this spend is demand driven. • £0.158m reduced income from the Matrix rebate due to transfer of service to OPUS which should deliver wider organisational savings • (£0.102m) savings against members allowances mostly due to pay award being confirmed • (£0.126m) savings achieved from VR programme and vacancy management • (£0.201m) reduced expenditure relating to staffing and medical fees within Coroners Services and Registrars combined with additional fee income	52	Minor variance between Period 9 and Period 10
	Pensions	2	2	No variance as at Period 9	(0)	No variance between Period 9 and Period 10
	Resources Directorate Management	1,990		 £2.030m savings showing unachieved where budget is set against directorate, some of this is offset in service areas against savings in relation to service review implementation. (£0.030m) one-off reduction in spend against training across the directorate. 		£1.054m removal of saving assumption previously identified for specific savings targets which will be projecting against individual service areas.
Resources Total		4,941	3,939		1,002	
Strategic Management Board						
	Chief Executive and PAs	120		£0.166m MTFS savings yet to be realised (£0.042m) savings achieved from voluntary redundancy programme and reductions across supplies and services expenditure	(18)	Minor variance between Period 9 and Period 10

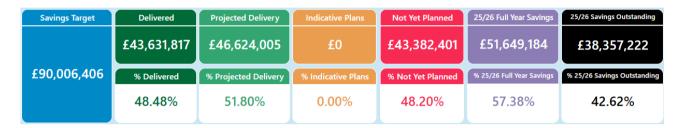
	Programme Management	217	/14	• £0.206m spend relating to Transformation that is not able to be capitalised		Minor variance between Period 9 and Period 10
	Communications and Customer Services	213	157	 £0.334m unachieved savings yet to realised £0.103m Lost SLA Income re changes to CCTV Service (£0.224m) balance of vacancy management and voluntary redundancy programme savings achieved through delivery of service review outcomes negating wider savings targets across the area. 		Minor variance between Period 9 and Period 10
Strategic Management Board Total		550	510		40	
Council Net Spending		34,767	35,561		(795)	

APPENDIX 2 2024/25 SAVINGS DELIVERY

2.1 Summary

The savings projections for 2024/25 are being tracked monthly with savings delivery being mapped against projected delivery during the course of the year.

The table below summarises the position as at 31st January 2025.



Projected delivery for 51.8% of the savings identified. Some of these savings may be being achieved through one off means rather than an ongoing basis, hence the 25/26 full year delivery currently showing 57.38%. Work continues to progress to ensure that savings proposals delivered can be delivered on an ongoing basis in order to reduce any further savings pressures into 2025/26.

The table below shows the projected delivery of each saving proposal.



Shropshire Council 24/25 Individual Savings List

Savings Name	Savings Target	Delivered to Date (One-off)	Delivered to Date (Ongoing)	Delivered to Date Total	Projected Delivery (One- off)	Projected Delivery (Ongoing)	Projected Delivery Total	Indicative Plans in Place	Not Yet Planned	2025/26 Full Year Savings Delivery (Ongoing)
CM003 - Increase fly tipping charges	£20,000	£0			£0	£20,000	£20,000		£0	£20,000
CM007 - Increase wider Fees and	£2,000,000	£0	£61,342	£61,342	£0	£61,342	£68,484		£1,931,516	£43,270
charges above those mentioned	l									
specifically elsewhere										
EFF03 - Removal of budgets for	£61,420	£61,420		£61,420	£61,420	£0	£61,420		£0	£61,420
vacant posts (avg. 3%) EFF09 - Removal of budgets for	£1,247,980	£138.068		£138.068	£789.172	£0	£789.172		£458,808	£0
vacant posts (avg. 3%)	11,247,300	£130,000		£130,000	2/03,1/2		2103,172		1430,000	10
EFF101 - Target Operating Model	£3,514,980	£867.980	£10.850	£878,830	£867,980	£10,850	£878,830	£0	£2.636.150	£10,850
- staffing budget turnover and	,,								,,	,
wastage increase by 5% (year-end	l									
review).										
EFF103(a) - Target Operating	£770,523				£0	£0	£0		£770,523	£0
Model - Transformation partner	l									
delivers 4 x end-to-end process reviews yielding £0.5m per	l									
project.	l									
EFF103(b) - Target Operating	£1,229,477	£0			£0	£0	£0		£1,229,477	£0
Model - Transformation partner	,,									
delivers 4 x end-to-end process	l									
reviews yielding £0.5m per	l									
project.										
EFF105 - Target Operating	£1,403,190				£87,310	£63,500	£150,810		£1,252,380	£142,870
Model/Workforce Strategy - Getting Leadership Right -	l									
cashable benefit of improved	l									
organisation-wide performance	l									
management										
EFF107 - Contract Spend Analysis	£250,000	£0			£0	£0	£0		£250,000	£0
and Contract Management Review										
EFF108 - Application of corporate	£2,000,000				£437,000	£0	£437,000		£1,563,000	£0
grants										
EFF18 - Decreased use of B&B	£162,000				£0	£162,000	£162,000		£0	£162,000
accommodation as temporary accommodation for 2022/23	l									
(including associated costs) in	l									
view of current action to reduce	l									
or divert demand.										
EFF44(a) - As per the PFI contract	£2,000,000	£0	£1,500,000	£1,500,000	£0	£1,500,000	£1,500,000	£0	£500,000	£2,000,000
- Increased share from the sale of										
energy and recyclates	50 000 000								50.000.000	50.000
EFF44(b) - Review and negotiate	£2,000,000				£0	£0	£0		£2,000,000	£2,000,000
key supplier contracts including the Waste PFI contract to secure										
cost reductions										
EFF44(c) - Reduce from five to	£286,000	£0	£70,000	£70,000	£0	£70,000	£70,000		£216,000	£286,000
three Household Recycling										
Centres – Anticipated to deliver										
£0.300m therefore £0.014m										
included within 2024/25 savings										
Proposals										

EFF45 - Charge staffing costs to capital budgets where possible and appropriate (capital project	£2,019,310	£1,044,774	£519,310	£1,564,084	£1,469,374	£94,710	£1,564,084	£0	£455,226	£1,564,084
support or transformation of revenue services). EFF49 - Removal of budgets for	£895.870	£0	£81,587	£81,587	£0	£81,587	£81,587	£0	£814,283	£176,780
vacant posts (avg. 3%)	,						·			
EFF78 - Review of customer contact teams across the Council - Channel shifting to promote more streamlined and cost-efficient responses.	£1,112,000			£0	03	£0	£0	£0	£1,112,000	
EFF80 - Removal of budgets for vacant posts (avg. 3%)	£717,730	£698,168		£703,158	£698,168	£4,990	£703,158	£0	£14,572	£424,538
EFF81 - New Operating Model - Charge staffing costs delivering transformation to capital budgets where possible and appropriate	£645,222	£401,737		£401,737	£401,737	£0	£401,737	£0	£243,485	
(Workforce and Improvement). EFF82 - Legal and Governance restructure to include deletion of some vacant posts and the movement of others into transformation	£67,000			£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£67,000	
EFF83 - New Operating Model - Charge staffing costs to capital budgets where possible and appropriate (Legal and Democratic).	£57,330			£0	03	£0	£0	£0	£57,330	
EFF84 - New Operating Model - Charge staffing costs to capital budgets where possible and appropriate (Finance and IT).	£20,740		£20,740	£20,740	£0	£20,740	£20,740	£0	£1	
EFF86 - Contract rebates and spending reductions	£28,000			£0	£0	£28,000	£28,000	£0	£0	£28,000
EFF87 - Operating Model - Digital County - Reduce/remove uneconomical Service Delivery	£100,000	£0		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£100,000	£0
EFF88 - Review of single person discount and housing benefit applications against data warehouse to reduce error and fraud.	£100,000			£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£100,000	
EFF89 - CCTV provision and management - Seek partner funding contributions	£75,000			£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£75,000	£0
MD001 - Further increase funding of public health reserves to support preventative initiatives at the children's, adults and customer front-door.	£200,000	£200,000		£200,000	£200,000	£0	£200,000	£0	£0	
MD004 - Transfer of a leisure asset	£100,000	£0	£100,000	£100,000	£0	£100,000	£100,000	£0	£0	£100,000
to an appropriate provider. MD006 - Introduce a booking system for household recycling centres	£200,000		£70,000	£70,000	£0	£70,000	£70,000	£0	£130,000	£200,000
MD007 - By increasing the use of technology, community and voluntary support reduce the need for formal care by maximising independence	£2,215,811	£0	£2,215,811	£2,215,811	£0	£2,215,811	£2,215,811	03	£0	£2,215,811

MD008 - Increase the number of people supported by START inhouse reablement service to maximise independence, preventing readmission and the	£1,596,510	£0	£1,807,151	£1,807,151	£0	£1,807,151	£1,807,151	£0	-£210,641	£1,807,151
need for long term social care MD009 - Reduce the need for long term residential care - Shropshire Council is committed to supporting peoples	£1,512,664		£1,583,338	£1,583,338	£0	£1,583,338	£1,583,338	£0	-£70,674	£1,583,339
independence by ensuring they return home from hospital MD010 - Provider market	£1,600,000		£1,828,017	£1,828,017	£0	£1,828,017	£1,828,017	£0	-£228,017	£1,600,000
sustainability - Shropshire Council is continuing to work with the market to commission sustainable services that meet need whilst delivering value										
MD011 - Reducing the need to long term residential care - Ensuring that Shropshire Council commission the right care for people in line with their needs	£129,314		£129,314	£129,314	£0	£129,314	£129,314	£0	£0	£129,314
MD012 - Supported living - Reduce the need for 24 hour provision and increase independence through alternative resources such as technology	£1,200,000	£878,929	£326,816	£1,205,745	£878,929	£326,816	£1,205,745	£0	-£5,745	£326,816
MD013 - Working with partners to identify health needs to ensure the right support is given at the right time	£650,000	60	£650,000	£650,000	£0	£650,000	£650,000	£0	£0	£650,000
MD014 - Enabling the use of wider travel options to increase independence and reduce isolation	£200,000	£200,000		£200,000	£200,000	£0	£200,000	03	£0	£0
MD015 - Deliver efficiencies though review of service delivery	£300,000			£300,000	£0	£300,000	£300,000	£0	£0	£300,000
MD016 - Night time care and support service enabling people to stay at home	£522,000			£522,000	£0	£522,000	£522,000	£0	£0	£522,000
MD017 - Supporting people to have Direct payment rather than agency care	£110,000			£173,950	£0	£173,950	£173,950	60	-£63,950	£173,230
MD018 - Stepping stones - Reduce numbers of childcare placements in long-term residential placements, where appropriate	£3,000,000		£3,198,978	£3,198,978	£0	£3,243,130	£3,243,130	£0	-£243,130	£5,649,408
NI001 - Increase in income through the Minimum income guarantee national announcement.	£1,500,000	£0	£1,261,147	£1,261,147	£0	£1,500,000	£1,500,000	£0	£0	£1,500,000
NI002 - Reconciliation of any variance to care hours provided.	£2,300,000	£0	£1,788,892	£1,788,892	£0	£2,300,000	£2,300,000	£0	-£0	£2,300,000
NI003 - Set up a charging structure for recipients of telecare	£100,000			£100,000	£0	£100,000	£100,000	£0	£0	£100,000
NI004 - Expand the Handy Person service to a wider range of customers, including fee payers, supporting independent living	£10,000	£0	£10,000	£10,000	£0	£10,000	£10,000	£0	£0	£10,000

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NIOOT Innovation	670 700	co	C30 700	630.780	-50	C30 700	630 700	co	co	520 700
NI005 - Increased income from	£39,720		£39,720	£39,720	£0	£39,720	£39,720	£0	£0	£39,720
countryside maintenance contracting activity. Review green										
asset maintenance arrangements										
NI006 - Increase income from	£150,000	£0	£150,000	£150.000	£0	£150.000	£150.000	£0	£0	£150,000
Museums and Archives services	£130,000		£ 130,000	£130,000	20	£130,000	£130,000	20	10	£130,000
NI007 - Increase income from an	£60.000	£0		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£60.000	£60.000
enhanced memorial and	100,000			10	20		Ξ.0	10	200,000	100,000
ceremony offer at Council sites										
NI008 - Increase income from an	£68,000	£0	£68.000	£68.000	£0	£68,000	£68,000	£0	£0	£68,000
improved range of wedding and	200,000			200,000			200,000		-~	200,000
partnership ceremony packages										
NI009 - Development of	£295,000	£0	£295,000	£295,000	£0	£295,000	£295,000	£0	£0	£295,000
commercial model for theatre and	· ' I			1			· ·			
cinema income to achieve net										
zero budget										
NI010 - Introduce charging for	£4,000,000			£1,500,000	£0	£1,500,000	£1,500,000	£0	£2,500,000	£4,400,000
fortnightly green waste collection										
NI012 - Charge housing	£70,000			£70,000	£0	£70,000	£70,000	£0	£0	£70,000
developers for new bins										
NI013 - Review options for car	£100,000			£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£100,000	£100,000
parking charges at Council offices										
RC001 - Redesign the delivery of	£105,000		£105,000	£105,000	£0	£105,000	£105,000	£0	£0	£105,000
the statutory service including										
managing demand.	550 500		550 500	650 600		550 500	550 500			550 500
RC002 - Redesign the delivery of	£58,600		£58,600	£58,600	£0	£58,600	£58,600	£0	£0	£58,600
the statutory regulatory (ecology) services including managing										
demand.										
RC003 - Further increase	£90.000	£0	£90.000	£90 000	£0	£90.000	£90.000	£0	£0	£90.000
allocation of the public health	250,000			230,000	20	230,000	230,000	20	20	250,000
grant to support preventative										
initiatives at the children's, adults										
and customer front-door.										
RC004 - Capitalisation of reserves	£1,000,000	£1,000,000	£0	£1,000,000	£1,000,000	£0	£1,000,000	£0	£0	£0
as one off for staff and projects										
relating to transformation work to										
further increase funding of public										
health reserves to										
support preventative initiatives.										
This is for 2024/25, in										
addition to 1,000,000 in 23/24.	5400.000			5400447		5400 447	5400 447	50	50.447	5400 447
RC006 - Increase income through charging for training.	£180,000		£188,147	£188,147	£0	£188,147	£188,147	£0	-£8,147	£188,147
RC007 - Review of our in house	£105.000	£0	£105.000	£105.000	£0	£105,000	£105,000	£0	£0	£105,000
day service provision.	2103,000		2103,000	2103,000	20	2103,000	2103,000	20	20	2103,000
RC008 - Review and reduce 3rd	£2,600,000	£0	£2,608,000	£2,608,000	£0	£2,608,000	£2,608,000	£0	-£8,000	£2,608,000
party spend	22,000,000		22,000,000	22,000,000		22,000,000	22,000,000	- 20	20,000	
RC009 - Review and reduce the	£300,000	£0	£89,950	£89,950	£0	£300,000	£300,000	£0	£0	£300,000
need for 24 hour provision										
through the use of technology to										
increase independence										
RC011 - Review and resize	£375,000			£375,000	£0	£375,000	£375,000	£0	£0	£375,000
business support functions										
RC012 - Review of external day	£180,000		£181,248	£181,248	£0	£181,248	£181,248	£0	-£1,248	£181,248
service provision										
RC013 - Improve efficiencies of	£1,600,000		£1,925,152	£1,925,152	£0	£1,925,152	£1,925,152	£0	-£325,152	£1,600,000
commissioned services across										
children's services contracts and										
secure overall reduction in demand.										
demand.										

RC014 - Review & resize senior staffing structure in Children's Services against projected activity	£87,000	£87,000	£0	£87,000	£87,000	£0	£87,000	£0	£0	£0
RC016 - Agency Staff - reducing use of agency staff; promote permanent staffing.	£85,000			£0	£0	£0	£0		£85,000	
RC017 - Review & resize Supported Board and Lodgings (17 & 18 year olds) to ensure full capacity	£30,000		£30,000	£30,000	£0	£30,000	£30,000		03	£30,000
RC020 - Ensure that funding for the most complex of children is equitably shared with Health as an equal partner responsible for the safe care of children.	£156,000			£257,728	£0	£257,728	£257,728		-£101,728	£208,221
RC023 - Focus residential property acquisitions on priority housing needs	£50,000		£50,000	£50,000	03	£50,000	£50,000		£0	£50,000
RC024 - Optimise the use of existing Council residential properties	£20,000			£0	£0	£20,000	£20,000		£0	£20,000
RC025 - Review and resize the Housing Services team	£60,000	£0	£60,000	£60,000	£0	£60,000	£60,000		£0	£60,000
RC029 - Review staffing and resize the Rights of Way team	£19,395		£19,395	£19,395	£0	£19,395	£19,395		£0	£19,395
RC030 - Review staffing and resize the Outdoor Partnerships team	£41,250		£41,250	£41,250	£0	£41,250	£41,250		£0	£41,250
RC031 - Removal of Arts Development funding	£17,120			£17,120	£0	£17,120	£17,120		£0	£17,120
RC035 - Review staffing and resize the Culture Leisure and Tourism management team	£350,000	£0	£350,000	£350,000	£0	£350,000	£350,000	£0	£0	£350,000
RC036 - Service efficiencies from Registrars service digitisation	£50,000	£0	£50,000	£50,000	£0	£50,000	£50,000	£0	£0	£50,000
RC038 - Review staffing and resize the Business and Consumer Protection Team	£35,000	£768	£34,232	£35,000	£768	£34,232	£35,000		£0	£35,000
RC040 - Dispose of Shirehall quicker and relocate services	£325,000		£130,000	£130,000	£0	£130,000	£130,000		£195,000	£1,181,000
RC043 - Review and resize staffing in Property and Development Services	£550,000		£550,000	£550,000	£0	£550,000	£550,000		£0	£614,190
RC044 - Review and resize the Climate Change team	£200,000		£200,000	£200,000	£0	£200,000	£200,000		£0	£200,000
RCO45 - Review and re-size staffing in Strategic Transport	£70,000			£70,000	£0	£70,000	£70,000		£0	£75,680
RC046 - Review staffing and secure workforce reductions in tree work, conservation, and	£175,000			£175,000	£0	£175,000	£175,000		£0	£175,000
historic environment teams. RC047 - Review and re-size staffing in Planning Policy team	£160,000			£160,000	£0	£160,000	£160,000		£0	£160,000
RC048 - Review and re-size staffing in Planning team.	£230,000	£0	£230,000	£230,000	£0	£230,000	£230,000		£0	£230,000
RC049 - Review and re-size staffing in Highways Development team	£100,000		£100,000	£100,000	£0	£100,000	£100,000		£0	£100,000
RC050 - Review and re-sizing staffing in Planning Enforcement	£35,000		£35,000	£35,000	£0	£35,000	£35,000		£0	£35,000
RC051 - Review and re-sizing staffing in Broadband team.	£30,000	£0	£30,000	£30,000	£0	£30,000	£30,000	£0	£0	£30,000

RC052 - Capitalise post in Strategic Infrastructure.	£37,000	£0	£37,000	£37,000	£0	£37,000	£37,000	£0	£0	£37,000
RC053 - Capitalise part of posts in Economic Growth.	£50,000	60	£50,000	£50,000	£50,000	£0	£50,000	£0	£0	£50,000
RC054 - Review and re-size staffing in the economic development team, including options to capitalise posts.	£77,000		£77,000	£77,000	£0	£77,000	£77,000	£0	£0	£77,000
RC055 - Change in percentage split of chargeable/non- chargeable receipts in Building Control	£70,000		£70,000	£70,000	£70,000	£0	£70,000		£0	£70,000
RC057 - Cessation of LEP contribution further to government guidance.	£36,000		£36,000	£36,000	£0	£36,000	£36,000		£0	£36,000
RC058 - Stop payment of subscription to "Midlands Engine" partnership.	£20,000	£0	£20,000	£20,000	03	£20,000	£20,000	£0	£0	£20,000
RC059 - Review contractor provisions relating to pensions costs (one off).	£300,000	£300,000	£0	£300,000	£300,000	£0	£300,000	£0	£0	£0
RC060 - Review contracts and secure cost reductions in current 'Green Asset' contracts.	£250,000			£250,000	£0	£250,000	£250,000		£0	£250,000
RC061 - Review contract and secure cost reductions in reactive drainage operational team.	£200,000			£200,000	£0	£200,000	£200,000	£0	£0	£200,000
RC062 - Review and resize through highways restructure	£600,000			£600,000	£0	£600,000	£600,000	£0	£0	£600,000
RC063 - Cross Directorate structural efficiencies & synergies alongside framework utilisation reductions.	£2,000,000			£2,000,000	£0	£2,000,000	£2,000,000		£0	£2,000,000
RC064 - Review and re-size staffing HR/OD Team (1)	£100,000	£0	£80,302	£80,302	£0	£80,320	£80,320	£0	£19,680	£100,000
RC065 - Review and re-size staffing HR/OD Team (2)	£100,000		£4,514	£4,514	£0	£4,514	£4,514		£95,486	£37,660
RC066 - Review and re-size staffing in the Improvement Team	£75,000			£52,028	£0	£52,028	£52,028		£22,972	£34,250
RC068 - Review and re-size staffing in the Overview and Scrutiny Function	£100,000			£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£100,000	
RC071 - Review contract, fleet, and secure cost reductions in use of mobile phones.	£114,000			£114,000	£0	£114,000	£114,000	£0	£0	£114,000
RC072 - Review and resize staffing in ICT (includes systems maintenance and development (hardware and software), user support and helpdesk, and corporate network security).	£1,000,000	£791,299	£206,243	£997,542	£791,299	£206,243	£997,542		£2,458	£399,017
RC073 - Review and resize staffing in Revenues and Benefits (council tax and business rates collection and council tax support and housing benefits payments)	£500,000	£201,811	£103,379	£305,190	£201,811	£103,379	£305,190		£194,810	£162,258
RC074 - Anticipated cost reductions in Revenues & Benefits arising from improvement of in- house Temporary Accommodation provision.	£1,000,000	£0	£475,042	£475,042	£0	£475,042	£475,042	£0	£524,958	£1,476,672

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RC077 - Centralisation and efficiencies of external legal spending.	£100,000	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£100,000	£100,000
RC078 - New model for future delivery of the Council's Out of Hours calls triage and Shrewsbury	£334,000	£95,420		£95,420	£95,420	£0	£95,420		£238,580	£228,420
Town Centre CCTV monitoring RC080 - Review and re-size overall council staffing beyond those	£8,500,000	£222,060	£543,235	£765,295	£222,060	£543,235	£765,295		£7,734,705	£909,058
RC081 - Senior Management	£710,000	-£13,280	£149,050	£135,770	£13,280	£169,750	£183,030		£526,970	£388,950
review RC082 - Review and re-size staffing in executive support across the council.	£50,000		£25,242	£25,242	£0	£25,242	£25,242		£24,758	£33,890
RC083 - Review and secure cost reductions in the pooled training budget	£50,000		£32,580	£32,580	£0	£32,580	£32,580		£17,420	£23,030
RC085 - Reduce Third Party Spend. The proposal is to identify opportunities to reduce third party spend in a sustainable, recurrent way.	£1,267,600				£0	£0	£0		£1,267,600	£0
RC086 - Efficiency Savings across all areas of the Council, including paying attention to securing reduced carbon emissions within the supply chain.	£12,400,000	£52,180		£52,180	£52,180	£35,000	£87,180		£12,312,820	£1,414,743
SC002 - Review education transport arrangements - changes to policy (mainstream and SEND)	£350,000	£27,000	£323,000	£350,000	£27,000	£323,000	£350,000		£0	£350,000
SC003 - Review education transport arrangements - changes to efficiency and delivery models (mainstream and SEND)	£650,000	£650,000		£650,000	£650,000	£0	£650,000		03	£650,000
SC004 - Decommission block contract and move to SPOT provision.	£200,000	£0	£200,634	£200,634	£0	£200,634	£200,634	£0	-£634	£200,634
SC005 - Review the development of a solo children's home to enable discussions about a joint funded model with Health. 24/25 and 25/26 only	£400,000	£0	£400,000	£400,000	£0	£400,000	£400,000	£0	£0	£400,000
SC008 - Review staffing and resize the Empty Homes service	£44,650	£26,046	£18,604	£44,650	£26,046	£18,604	£44,650		£0	£44,650
SC010 - Service efficiencies and increased income from Registrars delivery focus on enhanced venues	£50,000	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£50,000	£50,000
SC012 - Reduce from five to three Household Recycling Centres	£14,000		£14,000	£14,000	£0	£14,000	£14,000		£0	£14,000
SC013 - Rationalise property and buildings to secure revenue savings (e.g. utilities, security, repairs and maintenance etc). Use reductions to secure additional capital receipts.	£3,000,000	£0		£0	£0	£500,500	£500,500	£0	£2,499,500	£500,500
SC014 - Review the provision of school crossing patrol service (Schools may opt to pay for the	£20,000				£0	£20,000	£20,000		03	£20,000
_service). SC018 - Review subscription and secure cost reductions in membership of West Midlands Employers	£30,000			£30,000	£0	£30,000	£30,000		£0	£30,000
TO001 - Explore shared emergency planning resource and resilience with partners.	£15,000		£15,000	£15,000	£0	£15,000	£15,000	£0	£0	£15,000
TO002 - Review the use of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) to maximise grant funding	£60,000	£0	£60,000	£60,000	£0	£60,000	£60,000	£0	£0	£0
TO003 - Review the use of external grant funding for preventative SEND services across the People Directorate.	£50,000			£50,000	£0	£50,000	£50,000		£0	£50,000
TO004 - Review funding arrangements and contributions from external sources to higher cost placements	£500,000	£500,000		£500,000	£500,000	£0	£500,000		£0	£0
TO006 - Limit access to the Housing Register for a fixed period to focus upon priority need cases.	£100,000			£0	£0	£100,000	£100,000		£0	£0
Total	£90,006,406	£8,431,380	£35,200,437	£43,631,817	£10,177,954	£36,438,909	£46,624,005	£0	£43,382,401	£51,649,184