

CABINET – 21 JANUARY 2026

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

1. Cllr Julian Dean (in person)

Question:

In 2023 the Marches LEP invited a partner to develop a Local Area Energy Plan. [The Marches Local Area Energy Plan \(LAEP\)](#)

Meanwhile the West Midlands Combined Authority is developing a LAEP.

Also in the pipeline is the development of 'Regional Energy Strategic Planning'.

Could the relevant portfolio holder provide an outline of strategic or area energy planning that is taking place for Shropshire? Can this help to determine appropriate sites for energy related development, in order to reassure communities that sustainable energy infrastructure proposals are not simply speculative but will make a well-planned contribution to the local and national transition to clean energy? Will strategic energy planning inform the development of the new Local Plan? What steps can and will Shropshire Council take to ensure maximum local benefit from future energy related developments, for example through partnerships, direct ownership or support for community owned energy developments?

2. Cllr Harry Hancock-Davies

Question:

Following the Fraud Investigation motion that was put forward at Full Council in September 2025, and noting that there has been little progress brought forward since then, can the Cabinet confirm whether they are committed to commissioning a Task & Finish Group to explore the Fraud Investigation options that were put forward to Audit Committee in November?

3. Cllr Craig Emery

Question:

Like many Shropshire residents I welcomed the administrations focus on tackling potholes across our road network however could Cabinet Members give an update specifically on when the same priority will be given to ensuring signage and white lining is available at all road junctions?

Several residents have contacted me in Selattyn & Gobowen concerned at the lack of both at accident hotspots where residents have witnessed cars driving straight over junctions such as Pentre Dafydd Crossroads and other crossroads in Hengoed.

At a recent Parish Council concerns were also raised that white lining is being completed on top of loose chippings meaning any white lines often disappear within a year.

What plans are in place to address these concerns as Fix My Street doesn't seem to be prioritising the concerns of residents