

## **Economy & Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

**29 January 2026**

### **Public Questions and Responses**

#### **Question from Mr John Palmer**

Re weekly food waste collections, the council has prepared an Options Table (paragraph 7.9 of the report) where all three options clearly state that it is at risk of being fined, subject to financial redress or a judicial review, if any of the three options are scrutinised this evening and then chosen by Cabinet subsequently.

Shropshire Council have known the date parameters of this legislation - requiring all households to have a weekly food waste collection instigated from 31 March 2026 - for a long time.

So, Chair, not adhering to legislation is now in advance seen as a legitimate action, if there's been no money budgeted for it?

#### **Response**

Thank you for your question, the answer to which would be better served by the Portfolio Holder and Cabinet who set policy. However, raising the question is important for this committee because I am sure it is something that we will want to consider and discuss during that agenda item.