

CABINET – 8 JULY 2026

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

1. Councillor Rosie Radford

In light of the increased national focus on exploitation of vulnerable adults—including practices such as ‘cuckooing’ highlighted in the Crime and Policing Act 2026 and in the context of the additional challenges of rurality in Shropshire, can the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for community safety outline how the Council is working in partnership with policing, housing providers and community organisations to identify risks earlier to ensure that vulnerable residents are able to remain safe and independent in their own homes?

2. Colin Taylor

My ward of Bridgnorth South and Alveley is regularly being used as a fly tip area. In particular, the area of Six Ashes, Wotton and the BOATS off Wotton Ford and Hollow ash lane are having to be visited by our fly tip clearing up teams on a weekly basis.

What are council doing to deter this anti-social activity by means of putting in cameras at known “hot spots”. Inspecting of the tipped material to find evidence of who tipped the rubbish.

What are the deterrents being put in place and when will they commence?

How much is the antisocial behaviour costing council to visit, clear up and dispose of the detritus in actual finance terms.

Does council log long term environmental damage caused by the tipping of rubbish that may have contained Asbestos or other noxious substances that can have long term effects on health and the local environment?

3. Rosemary Dartnall

Residents in the south-east of Shrewsbury and the villages have complained about the planned closure of Meole Brace Park and Ride. The complaints come from people who choose to use P&R for varied reasons including convenience, cost, mobility issues, avoidance of town centre congestion and concern for the environment. Many have said they will probably have to drive into town if Meole Brace closes.

Falling user numbers is the stated reason for closure, so please quantify the reduced passenger numbers and the time period in which it occurred.

Substantial construction adjacent to the site has changed the access from the retail park to a newly constructed junction with no signage at all. I suggest the inconsistency of P&R signage on some approach roads, at the previous access and the complete absence of any signs at all at the new junction and entrance must be a contributory factor.

Park & Ride is an important part of how Shropshire Council might begin to reduce traffic within Shrewsbury – the service in all parts of Shrewsbury should be maximised rather

than reduced. It is a significant service with potential to bring much of the Shrewsbury Movement Strategy into being.

On behalf of residents and P&R users, current and future, I ask that you suspend the closure of the Meole Brace site, add appropriate signage on all approach roads and at the entrance to allow a six months or longer trial period with a wider programme of social media posts to increase passenger numbers.

4. Andy Boddington

In an announcement that it would “work closely with local councillors and town and parish councils throughout the process” of retendering bus contracts. Why was this not done?