

Shropshire Council
Legal and Democratic Services
Shirehall
Abbey Foregate
Shrewsbury
SY2 6ND

Date: Tuesday 13th September 2022

Committee: Council

Date: Thursday, 22 September 2022

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Council Chamber, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND

You are requested to attend the above meeting. The Agenda is attached

Members of the Council – a briefing note will be circulated by e-mail prior to the meeting with important housekeeping details and arrangements for the meeting.

Members of the Public – If you wish to attend the meeting, please e-mail democracy@shropshire.gov.uk to check whether a seat will be available for you.

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<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/council22september2022/>

Tim Collard
Assistant Director - Legal and Governance

Vince Hunt (Chairman)	Steve Davenport	Heather Kidd
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Caroline Bagnall	Roger Evans	Richard Marshall
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Bernie Bentick	Nat Green	Pamela Moseley
Thomas Biggins	Kate Halliday	Alan Mosley
Ed Bird	Simon Harris	Cecilia Motley
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Julia Buckley	Ruth Houghton	Kevin Pardy
Garry Burchett	Richard Huffer	Vivienne Parry
Gwilym Butler	Tracey Huffer	Tony Parsons
Dean Carroll	Kirstie Hurst-Knight	John Price
Steve Charmley	Mike Isherwood	Chris Schofield
Ted Clarke	Mark Jones	Dan Thomas
Gerald Dakin	Simon Jones	Robert Tindall
Rosemary Dartnall	Duncan Kerr	Edward Towers

Kevin Turley
David Vasmer
Alex Wagner

Claire Wild
Mark Williams
Rob Wilson

Paul Wynn

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AGENDA

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Disclosable Interests

Members are reminded that they must declare their disclosable pecuniary interests and other registrable or non-registrable interests in any matter being considered at the meeting as set out in Appendix B of the Members' Code of Conduct and consider if they should leave the room prior to the item being considered. Further advice can be sought from the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting.

3 Minutes (Pages 1 - 12)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 July 2022

4 Announcements

To receive such communications as the Chairman, Leader and Head of Paid Service may desire to lay before the Council.

5 Public Questions

To receive any questions from the public, notice of which has been given in accordance with Procedure Rule 14. Deadline for notification is 10am on Thursday 15th September 2022

6 Annual Treasury Report 2021/22 (Pages 13 - 30)

Report of the Executive Director, Resources is attached

Contact: James Walton. Tel. 01743 258915

7 Annual Assurance Report of the Audit Committee to Council 2021/22 (Pages 31 - 48)

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8 Alternative Budget Process

Report of the Executive Director, Resources is **TO FOLLOW**

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9 Modern Slavery Statement (Pages 49 - 64)

Report of the Executive Director, Resources is attached

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10 Update on Cornovii Developments Contracting Arrangements (Pages 65 - 74)

Report of the Assistant Director Homes and Communities is attached

Contact Jane Trethewey Tel: 01743 254917

11 Whitchurch Swimming and Fitness Centre (Pages 75 - 204)

Report of the Executive Director of Place is attached

Contact Mark Barrow Tel: 01743258919

12 Establishment of a Climate Change and Carbon Reduction Stakeholder Board (Pages 205 - 214)

Report of the Executive Director of Place is attached

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13 West Mercia Youth Justice Plan 2022 - 2023 (Pages 215 - 250)

Report of the Executive Director of People attached

Contact Tanya Miles Tel: 01743 255811

14 Interim Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations 2022

Report of Returning Officer is **TO FOLLOW**

Contact: Andy Begley, 01743 258675

15 Appointment of Statutory Scrutiny Officer

The Council is required, under the Local Government Act 2000, to designate one of its officers to discharge the functions of statutory scrutiny officer and that officer may not be the head of the authority's paid service, the authority's monitoring officer or the authority's chief finance officer. Council is asked to agree that Tom Dodds, the Council's Scrutiny Manager, is appointed as the Statutory Scrutiny Officer with immediate effect

16 Appointment to Committees

Communities Overview Committee

Councillor Mark Williams to replace Councillor Nigel Hartin as a member of the Communities Overview Committee.

Performance Management Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Chris Schofield to be appointed as a member of the Performance Management Scrutiny Committee

Southern Planning Committee

Councillor Richard Huffer to be appointed as a member of the Southern Planning Committee

Councillor Cecilia Motley to be appointed as a substitute member of the Southern Planning Committee

Councillor Viv Parry to be appointed as a substitute member of the Southern Planning Committee

Councillor Mark Williams to be appointed as a substitute member of the Southern Planning Committee

Councillor Paul Wynn to be appointed as a substitute member of the Southern Planning Committee

17 Motions

The following motions have been received in accordance with Procedure Rule 16:

1. The following motion has been received from Councillor Rosemary Dartnall and is supported by Councillor Kate Halliday and members of the Labour Group

Small Lots of Public Land and the Right to Grow Food

Shropshire communities face a perfect storm of escalating prices for food, for energy just as the evidence for the climate crisis is unfolding before our eyes. This motion requests the council to make available small plots of public land for community food growing.

This initiative seeks to help Shropshire neighbourhoods become more sustainable and increase resilience by making it easier for community groups to grow more food for local people on underused, or unused, public land, on plots as small as 4 – 5 m². Even contaminated land could be used for composting or beekeeping.

Under current rules, it can be complex and costly to access such land – for example, residents can request to take on responsibility for sections of road margin but this includes provision of public liability insurance and includes the obligation for costly tree and hedge management, if any are present.

However, there are great examples of groups that have pushed on with community growing despite the challenges, such as the Street Allotment Project* in Shrewsbury, Incredible Edible groups in Ludlow and Wem and Bridgnorth Community Garden Project, and this shows what can be achieved. The Shropshire Good Food Partnership is set up to support communities across the county to access the skills and resources they need to get started and sustain community growing activities. However, more small lots are needed to take this excellent initiative forward and get more fresh food to more Shropshire people.

The Right to Grow Food will help communities help themselves in really difficult times. Successful projects have potential for even more benefits than nourishment. Through common purpose, improved mental and physical health, reduced loneliness and isolation and more connected and supportive communities can be achieved and this comes with economic benefits far beyond helping out with shopping bills. This is linked to a national initiative on the Right to Grow Food with a proposed Community Food and Land Bill at

Westminster.

This council resolves to facilitate community growing in Shropshire as follows;

- Establish and maintain a list of small lots of public land suitable for cultivation or environmental enhancement by community groups, for the medium or even short term
- Community groups, locals and volunteer groups could apply for a certificate of lawful use to cultivate the land for an agreed period without rental charge or ownership change
- The certificate of use should contain a level of standards which, if found to be breached, would be removed or transferred to another community group
- Councillors would be able to seek out land in their division available for community food gardens
- Promote the initiative via the council's website and signpost residents to access advice and land plots, as well as connecting with The Shropshire Good Food Partnership and existing community growing groups

Weblinks

[Street Allotment Project](#)

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Before and after images of the Street Allotment Project's recent work in Monkmoor, Shrewsbury



18 Questions from Members

To receive any questions from Members, notice of which has been given in accordance with Procedure Rule 15.2.

Report **TO FOLLOW**

19 Exclusion of Press and Public

To resolve that, in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and Paragraph 10.4 [3] of the Council's Access to Information Rules, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items.

20 Exempt Minutes (Pages 251 - 254)

To approve as a correct record the exempt minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 July 2022

21 Shropshire Council Smallholding Estate

Exempt report of Executive Director of Place is **TO FOLLOW**

Contact: Mark Barrow 01743 258676