

Shropshire Council
Legal and Democratic Services
Guildhall
Frankwell Quay
Shrewsbury
SY3 8HQ

Date: 28 January 2026

**Committee:
Audit & Governance Committee**

Date: Thursday, 5 February 2026

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: The Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury, SY3 8HQ

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

There will be some access to the meeting room for members of the press and public, but this will be limited. If you wish to attend the meeting please email democracy@shropshire.gov.uk to check that a seat will be available for you.

Please click [here](#) to view the livestream of the meeting on the date and time stated on the agenda

The recording of the event will also be made available shortly after the meeting on the Shropshire Council Youtube Channel [Here](#)

Tim Collard
Service Director – Legal, Governance and Planning

Members of Audit & Governance Committee

Duncan Kerr
Malcolm Myles-Hook
Rhys Gratton
Mark Owen
Duncan Borrowman

Carl Rowley
Sharon Ritchie-Simmons
Kate Halliday
Nigel Lumby

Jim Arnold (Independent Member)

Your Committee Officer is:

Michelle Dulson Committee Officer

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AGENDA

1 **Apologies for Absence / Notification of Substitutes**

2 **Disclosable Pecuniary 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 of the previous meeting held on the 27 November 2025** (Pages 1 - 14)

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 27 November 2025 are attached for confirmation.
Contact Michelle Dulson (01743) 257719

4 **Public Questions**

To receive any questions from the public, notice of which has been given in accordance with Procedure Rule 14. The deadline for this meeting is 12noon on Friday 30 January 2026.

5 **Member Questions**

To receive any questions from the public, notice of which has been given in accordance with Procedure Rule 14. The deadline for this meeting is 12noon on Friday 30 January 2026.

6 **First line assurance: Improvement Plan Update** (Pages 15 - 24)

The report of the Interim Chief Executive is attached.
Contact: Tanya Miles (01743) 255811

7 **First line assurance: Adult Social Care Outturn Management Update**

The report of the Interim Chief Executive is to follow.
Contact: Tanya Miles (01743) 255811

8 First line assurance: Supply Contracts Management Update (Pages 25 - 48)

The report of the Service Director for Commissioning is attached.
Contact: Laura Tyler (01743) 253178

9 First line assurance: Shirehall Decant Management Update

The report of the Head of Property and Development is to follow.
Contact: Steve Law (01743) 281017

10 Second line assurance: Strategic Risks Update

The report of the Strategy and Scrutiny Manager is to follow.
Contact: Tom Dodds (01743) 258518

11 Third line assurance: Report of the Internal Audit Review of Risk Management (Pages 49 - 54)

The report of the Internal Audit Manager is attached.
Contact: Katie Williams (01743) 255637

12 Second line assurance: Treasury Strategy 2026/27

The report of the Interim Director of Finance for Improvement is to follow.
Contact: Duncan Whitfield

13 Third line assurance: Internal Audit Performance Report and Revised Annual Audit Plan 2025/26 (Pages 55 - 72)

The report of the Head of Policy and Governance is attached.
Contact: Barry Hanson 07990 086409

14 Third line assurance: Internal Audit Plan 2026/27 (Pages 73 - 100)

The report of the Head of Policy and Governance is attached.
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15 Governance assurance: Draft Audit Committee Work Plan and Future Training Requirements (Pages 101 - 136)

The report of the Head of Policy and Governance is attached.

Contact: Barry Hanson 07990 086409

16 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Audit & Governance Committee will be held on the 25 June 2026 at 10.00 am.

17 Action Log (Pages 137 - 138)

A review of meeting actions.

18 Exclusion of Press and Public

To RESOLVE that in accordance with the provision of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, Section 5 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations and Paragraphs 2, 3 and 7 of the Council's Access to Information Rules, the public and press be excluded during consideration of the following items.

19 Exempt Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 27 November 2025 (Pages 139 - 140)

The Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on the 27 November 2025 are attached for confirmation.

Contact Michelle Dulson (01743) 257719

20 Third line assurance: Contract Rules Exemptions Update (Exempted by Category 3) (Pages 141 - 154)

The report of the Assistant Director of Legal and Governance is attached.

Contact: Tim Collard (01743) 252756