



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

Date: 17 September 2026

Committee:
West Mercia Energy Joint Committee

Date: Friday, 25 September 2026

Time: 10.30 am

Venue: 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.

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Richard Phillips
Service Director – Legal and Governance (Monitoring Officer)

Members of West Mercia Energy Joint Committee

Peter Stoddart (Chairman)	Herefordshire Council
Graham Biggs	Herefordshire Council
Roger Evans	Shropshire Council
Alex Wagner	Shropshire Council
Zona Hannington (Vice Chairman)	Telford & Wrekin Council
Ollie Vickers	Telford & Wrekin Council
Josh Robinson	Worcestershire County Council
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Your Committee Officer is:

Shelley Davies Committee Officer

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When attending this meeting, Members are reminded of the three principles of the Jo Cox Foundation and Compassion in Politics Civility Pledge:

1. *Use a civil and constructive tone in debate*
2. *Act with integrity, honesty and compassion*
3. *Behave respectfully towards others, including those I disagree with*

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AGENDA

1 Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence.

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 (Pages 1 - 6)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 27th March 2026. [Minutes Attached]

Contact: Shelley Davies, Committee Officer.

4 Public Questions

To receive any questions from members of the public of which notice has been given. The deadline for this meeting is 12.00 p.m. on Monday 21st September 2026.

5 Supplier contracts

The Director of West Mercia Energy Joint Committee will provide a verbal update in line with the West Mercia Energy Joint Committee Standing Orders.

6 Statement of Accounts 2025/26 and Annual Governance Statement 2025/26 (Pages 7 - 62)

Report of Treasurer. [Report attached]

Contact: Duncan Whitfield.

7 External Audit - Audit findings report 2025/26 (Pages 63 - 76)

Report of the Head of Finance & Billing, West Mercia Energy. [Report attached]

Contact: Jo Pugh.

8 Distribution of Surplus (Pages 77 - 80)

Report of Treasurer. [Report attached]

Contact: Duncan Whitfield.

9 Risk Management Update (Pages 81 - 82)

Report of the Director of West Mercia Energy. [Report attached]

Contact: Nigel Evans.

10 Anti-Slavery and Human Trafficking Policy (Pages 83 - 88)

Report of the Director of West Mercia Energy. [Report Attached]

Contact: Nigel Evans.

11 Standing orders (Pages 89 - 102)

Report of the Director of West Mercia Energy. [Report attached]

Contact: Nigel Evans.

12 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.

13 Exempt Minutes (Pages 103 - 106)

To approve the exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 27th March 2026.
[Minutes Attached]

Contact: Shelley Davies.

14 Update on Business Plan and Trading Performance to Date 2026/27 (Pages 107 - 124)

Exempt Report of the Director of West Mercia Energy. [Report attached]

Contact: Nigel Evans.

15 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the West Mercia Energy Joint Committee will be held on Friday 12th March 2027 at 10.00 a.m. in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury, SY3 8HQ.