

Shropshire Council
Legal and Democratic Services
Guildhall,
Frankwell Quay,
Shrewsbury
SY3 8HQ
Date: Wednesday, 8 July 2026

Committee: Council

Date: Thursday, 16 July 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

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.

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

Duncan Borrowman
(Chairman)
Gary Groves (Vice-Chair)
Heather Kidd (Leader)
Alex Wagner (Deputy Leader)
Sho Abdul
Caroline Bagnall
Elizabeth Barker
Bernie Bentick
Neil Bentley
Ed Bird
Jeremy Blandford
Andy Boddington
Thomas Clayton
Susan Coleman
Rachel Connolly
Tom Dainty
Jamie Daniels
Rosemary Dartnall
David Davies
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Julian Dean
Joshua Dickin
Mandy Duncan
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Duncan Kerr
Christopher Lemon
Nigel Lumby
Brendan Mallon
Sarah Marston
David Minnery
Vicky Moore
Mark Morris
Alan Mosley
Malcolm Myles-Hook
Chris Naylor
James Owen
Mark Owen
Wendy Owen
Vivienne Parry
Ed Potter
Rosie Radford
Sharon Ritchie-Simmons
Carl Rowley

Charles Shackerley-Bennett
Colin Stanford
Jon Tandy
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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

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 - 12)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 May 2026

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 12.00 noon on Friday 10 July 2026

PETITION

A petition, bearing over 1000 signatures has been received from Marianne Aitken requesting a debate under the Council's Petition Scheme.

The petition requests that Shropshire Council withdraw its proposal to close the Day Care Service at Ludlow's Helena Lane Centre

PETITION

A petition, bearing over 1000 signatures has been received from Christine Hart requesting a debate under the Council's Petition Scheme.

The petition requests that the Council overturn the closure of the Meole Brace Park and Ride

6 Questions from Members

To receive any questions from Members, notice of which has been given in accordance with Procedure Rule 15.2. Deadline for notification is 12.00 noon on Friday 10 July 2026

7 Financial Outturn 2025-26 (Pages 13 - 56)

Report of the Interim Executive Director (S151) is attached

Contact Duncan Whitfield Tel 01743 254928

8 Annual Treasury Report 2025/26 (Pages 57 - 72)

Report of the Strategic Finance Manager is attached

Contact Cheryl Sedgley Email: cheryl.sedgley@shropshire.gov.uk

9 Corporate Peer Challenge Progress Review (Pages 73 - 96)

Report of the Service Director - Strategy & Change is attached

Contact: Paul Clarke Email – paul.clarke@shropshire.gov.uk

10 Audit and Governance Committee Annual Assurance report to Council 2025/26
(Pages 97 - 112)

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11 Political Balance and Allocation of Committee Seats (Pages 113 - 118)

Report of the Service Director – Legal & Governance (Monitoring Officer.) is attached

Contact Richard Phillips Tel 01743 256603

12 Localism Act 2011 - Appointment of Independent Persons (Pages 119 - 122)

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13 Motions

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

a Motion received from Councillor Alan Holford and supported by Councillors Bernie Bentick, Neil Bentley, Gary Groves, Ben Jephcott, Sarah Marston and Chris Naylor
This Council:

1. Celebrates the homecoming performance of William Shakespear's 'As You Like It' by the Shropshire Youth Theatre, which took place at Soulton Hall on 8 May 2026.
2. Recognises the deep historical and literary importance of this production, which returns the play to the specific North Shropshire landscape that influenced its creation.
3. Observes that Soulton Hall was the childhood home of Thomas Lodge, whose work Rosalynde served as the primary source for the play; and was the estate of Sir Rowland Hill, the individual who inspired the character of Old Sir Rowland.
4. Acknowledges the significant cultural heritage of the site, including the ancestral connections between the Hill family and Mary Arden, the mother of William Shakespeare.
5. Applauds Soulton Hall for its continued dedication to the arts, specifically its

support of youth performance groups and its achievement in staging a substantial portion of the Shakespearean canon within the county.

6. Supports the ongoing collaboration between charitable organisations and the private sector as a powerful method for driving civic renewal and economic vitality in rural areas.
7. Resolves to promote and celebrate the unique international literary legacy of Shropshire, ensuring that the contributions of our local heritage continue to inspire future generations of residents and visitors.

14 Report of the Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority (Pages 123 - 126)

To receive the report of the Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority arising from its meeting held on 24 June 2026