



Place Overview Committee
9 December 2020
2.00 pm

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**MINUTES OF THE PLACE OVERVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9
DECEMBER 2020
2.00 - 3.26 PM**

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Present

Councillor (Chairman)
Councillors Andy Boddington, Julian Dean, Rob Gittins, Simon Harris, Pamela Moseley, Paul Wynn, Roy Aldcroft (Substitute) (substitute for Paul Milner), Nicholas Bardsley (Substitute) (substitute for Dan Morris) and Claire Wild (Substitute) (substitute for Joyce Barrow)

85 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Joyce Barrow (Substitute: Councillor Claire Wild), Paul Milner (Substitute: Councillor Roy Aldcroft) and Dan Morris (Substitute: Councillor Nicholas Bardsley).

In the absence of the Chairman, it was **RESOLVED:** that Councillor Claire Wild be elected as Chairman for the duration of this meeting.

In the absence of the Vice-Chairman, it was **RESOLVED:** that Councillor Paul Wynn be appointed as Vice-Chairman for the duration of this meeting.

86 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Members were reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

With reference to item No. 7, Section 5 (Climate Change appraisal) Councillor Rob Gittins declared that he acted as Councillor Dean Carroll's deputy in such matters.

With reference to item No. 7, Councillor Simon Harris declared that he was the Deputy Portfolio Holder for Railways and the Rail Network and stated that he would remain in the room but take no part in the debate on this matter. (Prior to the consideration of this item and at the request of the Chairman, Councillor Simon Harris left the room and was not present during the consideration of this item.)

87 Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th November 2020

It was noted that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2020 will be presented to the next meeting of the Committee.

88 Public Question Time

Two questions were received from members of the public.

From: Bryan Payling

Mr Payling's questions related to the implementation of the Covid-19 safe arrangements in Shrewsbury and the experimental diversion of traffic in Shrewsbury town centre. A full copy of the questions and responses provided is attached to the web page for the meeting and also attached to the signed minutes.

From: Robin Gough

Mr Gough's question related to the safety of residents living in St John's Hill and Town Walls during the Covid High Street Closure. A full copy of the question and response provided is attached to the web page for the meeting and also attached to the signed minutes.

89 Member Question Time

There were no Member questions.

90 Re-opening our Highstreets safely and social distancing response for COVID-19

The committee received the report of the Head of Transport and Environment which provided an update on the approach, outcomes and activity undertaken to date to facilitate reopening of high streets safely.

Mr Steve Brown (Head of Transport and Environment), was in attendance on behalf of Shropshire Council to present this item and to respond to questions from the Committee.

Mr Seb Slater (Chair and Executive Director of Shrewsbury Business Improvement District [BID]) was in attendance, having been invited as a guest. He provided an update on behalf of the business community and responded to questions from the Committee.

During the discussion and responding to questions from the committee, it was explained as follows:

- A meeting regarding the Low Traffic Scheme for Shrewsbury has been arranged and invites have been circulated; Mr David Parry, Big Town Plan Board, has been invited to act as chair. Shropshire Council is working closely with a consultancy company and Mr Seb Slater to identify any future proposals and designs for the Low Traffic Neighbourhood.
- Further clarification regarding expenditure was provided regarding the "bounce back" grant of which Shropshire Council received £282,194. It was

noted that approximately £40,000 remained of the grant and staff time had not been reimbursed from this grant.

- Updates and further clarification were provided on high street footfall, car parking use, High Street Task Force data, future and current usage of the high streets and town centres, pedestrian safety and active travel.

RESOLVED: that,

- (i) The activity and outcomes to date be noted;
- (ii) Further reports to this Committee on current and post Covid-19 activity will be provided as the reaction to the virus impacts upon our high streets;
- (iii) The further work to be undertaken on capturing data in our wider market towns relating to footfall, anonymous mobile phone data to evidence and inform future responses be a piece of work that carefully needs to be considered and brought forward, be noted;
- (iv) The joint working across the Council particularly with colleagues in Economic Growth and Public Protection and with our Business Improvement Districts, Town Councils and Chamber of Commerce to facilitate this work in our towns, be noted; and
- (v) An email to be sent to staff thanking them for their hard work and commitment during these difficult times.

91 **Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4)**

The committee received the report of the Head of Transport and Environment which provided an update on the proposed approach for the development of the next Local Transport Plan for Shropshire (LTP4).

Mr Steve Brown (Head of Transport and Environment), was in attendance on behalf of Shropshire Council to present this item and to respond to questions from the Committee.

RESOLVED: that,

- (i) The proposed approach for the development of the next Local Transport Plan (LTP4) for Shropshire be supported;
- (ii) That the outline approach for engagement with stakeholders and the public be supported; and
- (iii) **The progress on the development of the Local Transport Plan (LTP4) be reviewed by this committee again in Spring 2021 in advance of the draft strategy being presented to Cabinet for further approval to consult.**

92 **Place Overview Committee Work Programme**

RESOLVED:

That, in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the proposed topics scheduled to be considered at the next meeting on 28 January be agreed, subject to the Chairman, Councillor Joyce Barrow, being consulted prior to the next meeting for her to suggest any changes to the work programme and/or recommend any other topics for consideration.

93 Date/Time of Next Meeting of the Committee

Members noted that the next meeting of the Place Overview Committee was scheduled for 10.00 am on Thursday, 28 January 2020 at 10.00 am.

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Signed (Chairman)

Date: