



Committee and Date

Cabinet

8 MARCH 2023

CABINET

Minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2023

**In the Shrewsbury/Oswestry Room, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6ND
2pm**

Responsible Officer: Amanda Holyoak

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Present

Councillor Lezley Picton (Chairman)

Councillors Ian Nellins, Gwilym Butler, Dean Carroll, Rob Gittins, Kirstie Hurst-Knight, Cecilia Motley and Richard Marshall

148 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Ian Nellins

149 Disclosable Interests

None were declared

150 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2023 be confirmed as a correct record.

151 Public Question Time

There were no public questions

152 Member Question Time

A Member question was received from Councillor Julia Buckley in relation to the library service. The full question and response provided by the Portfolio Holder for Culture and Digital is attached to the webpage for the meeting: [response to Member Question Cab 1 March 23.pdf \(shropshire.gov.uk\)](#)

In response to a supplementary question the Portfolio Holder said it was not possible to make any promises about redundancies as a restructure was planned.

153 Scrutiny Items

There were no scrutiny items.

154 Levelling-Up and Regeneration Bill: Reforms to National Planning Policy Consultation

The Portfolio Holder for Highways and Regulatory Services introduced the report which set out the proposed responses from Shropshire Council to the government consultation on national planning policy which had a closing date for submission of 2 March 2023.

The proposed response to the majority of the government’s proposals was largely positive and a number of briefing sessions for all members had been held, with a meeting of the cross party Local Plan Member Group held to discuss the response. In particular, the emphasis on reducing the expectation for Councils to demonstrate a five year supply of housing land where plans are up-to-date was seen as a positive move, which would further reduce the prospect of speculative and unplanned development. Suggestions had been made in the consultation responses where it was felt that further clarity was required, or a more localised approach would be better aligned with good decision making.

During discussion it was suggested that other issues relating to neighbourhood plans and drainage issues be referenced but it was felt that these did not fit into the structure of the consultation questions.

The Portfolio Holder thanked officers for the work undertaken in drafting the response.

RESOLVED:

2.1. To approve the response to the Government’s consultation on reforms to national planning policy as set out in Appendix 1 to this report.

2.2. That authority be given to the Executive Director of Place to agree, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Highways and Regulatory Services any additional minor changes to the Council’s response to the consultation ahead of its submission to the Government on 2 March 2023.

155 Shropshire LCWIP Consultation

This item was deferred to the meeting on 8 March

Signed (Chairman)

Date: