Committee and Date
Finance and Improvement Overview and Scrutiny Committee 30 November 2026

FINANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2026
In the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury, SY3 8HQ
2.30 pm

Responsible Officer: Ashley Kendrick Democratic Services Officer
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Present
Councillors Chris Naylor (Chair), Dawn Husemann (Vice-Chair), Ed Bird, Duncan Borrowman, Rosemary Dartnall, Gary Groves, Malcolm Myles-Hook, Mark Owen and Charles Shackerley-Bennett

28 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Bernie Bentick and Councillor Sam Walmsley (who attended remotely).

29 **Disclosable Interests**

No declarations were received.

30 **Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2026 be confirmed as an accurate record.

31 **Public Question Time**

No public questions were received.

32 **Members' Question Time**

No Members' questions were received.

33 **Adult Social Care Transformation Plan**

The Service Director for Adult Social Care, together with the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care & Public Health, presented the Adult Social Care Transformation Plan, focussing on financial stabilisation, proposed transformation investment, delivery assurance and the approach to identifying and validating future savings.

Members noted that it responded to rising demand, increasing complexity of need, workforce pressures and affordability challenges, whilst bringing together 11 identified programmes across four strategic themes: Access, Prevention and Community Support; Independence and Recovery; Complex Care and Accommodation; and Commissioning and Financial Sustainability.

Members welcomed the emphasis on prevention and independence but sought greater clarity on anticipated savings, investment requirements, performance measures and delivery timescales.

Concerns were also raised regarding capacity, partnership working with health and voluntary sector organisations, and the opportunities and risks associated with increased use of technology. Officers confirmed that investment would be supported by business cases and evidence of anticipated benefits, with progress and financial information brought back for scrutiny.

Members noted the Transformation Plan and agreed that they wished to remain engaged as the programme developed, particularly in relation to expenditure, benefits realisation and financial assurance.

34 **Work Programme**

Members considered its future work programme and discussed the need to balance several significant forthcoming items with sufficient time for effective scrutiny. Members emphasised the importance of focusing on key issues in greater depth, keeping presentations concise and allowing adequate opportunity for questions and challenge.

It was agreed that the Chair, together with officers, would finalise the agenda for the next meeting and circulate the proposed arrangements to members. Consideration would also be given to how forthcoming budget, financial and performance matters should be prioritised within the available meeting time.

35 **Date of Next Meeting**

Members noted that the next meeting is scheduled for 30 November 2026.

Signed ..... (Chairman)

Date: .....