

JUNE 2025

OVERVIEW

The first full council meeting was held on the 22nd May at Guildhall where the new administration officially took control of the Shropshire Council. All cabinet positions and scrutiny committee members were adopted by the full council. I have taken the position of Deputy Cabinet Member for Children & Education with a specific focus on Education across the county. As previously mentioned, the committee panels are politically balanced to reflect the makeup of the full council. Information on the committees and council can be found via www.shropshire.gov.uk/committee-services

A reminder that all full council meetings and committee meetings are streamed live for the public and are available via the Shropshire Council YouTube channel.

Hopefully you will have received an email (forwarded via SALC) from council leader Cllr Heather Kidd giving a brief overview of our plans for the new administration and our priorities moving forward.

Deputy council leader Cllr Alex Wagner is working on the initial stages of our planned Shropshire Partnership as outlined in our election manifesto. I will share more on this over the next few months but it is an exciting opportunity for all town & parish councils to have more authority across each division of Shropshire.

As expected, the council finances are a priority for the administration. The current period 11 (year to March 2025) position is a predicted overspend of £33.889m which is actually a slight decrease from that predicted at P10. However, this is a significant amount of money that will have to be drawn down from the current budget which will put more additional strain on the council finances for the current year.

SURGERIES & PUBLIC MEETINGS

I will soon be starting to hold informal surgeries across the division, this will be an opportunity for members of the public to raise questions, ask for advice as well as a great way to 'meet your councillor'. I will share dates/times/locations with you in advance and would appreciate if this information was shared via your social networks and notice boards.

CASEWORK

As well as conducting a variety of case work across the division, I have listed below a few active pieces and actions taken so far.

Casework	Issue Raised / Portfolio	Actions
Dodecote Drive, Childs Ercall	HIGHWAYS: Road condition and promises made by previous administration and not acted on.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">NB raised with CEO as bad practice.Email chain forwarded to highways portfolio holder.Resident updated

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Ollerton Business Park, Childs Ercall	PLANNING: Various planning applications have been passed yet conditions not met (esp highways)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident communication shared with planning portfolio holder.
A41 Safety	HIGHWAYS/POLICE: Update on the installation of average speed cameras along the A41.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have contacted Mark Pritchard MP for an update but haven't yet received a response.

UPDATES

There are currently no specific updates.

PARISH COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

Here are questions posed by parish councillors across the division and updates/answers at present.

Question	Answer / Outcomes
Speed testing on Childs Ercall roads?	I will find out who proposed this and make contact - possibly John Campion PCC)
Eaton On Tern Solar Farm - Will residents benefit financially?	
Will SC develop their own definition of sustainability that will be taken forward to be used in the new local plan?	I have emailed Cllr David Walker with this suggestion as the portfolio holder for Planning.
Why are pickup vehicles classed as restricted at recycling centres?	I have emailed Cllr David Vasmer as the portfolio holder for Highways, Environment & Climate.
Green bin revenue raised v cost of fly tipping.	This is a scheme we are looking into as a whole administration and I hope to provide figures in the near future.