Shropshire Councillor Report

November 2026

This report provides a brief update on recent Shropshire Council decisions, consultations and service developments that may be of interest to parish councillors and local residents.

Children Achieving and Thriving in Education Strategy

At the Full Council meeting on 24 September, councillors endorsed the new three-year Children Achieving and Thriving in Education Strategy.

The strategy aims to ensure children and young people across Shropshire have access to high-quality education and appropriate safeguarding. It covers educational achievement, attendance, behaviour, inclusion and provision for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

The council will work with schools and other education settings to implement the strategy, which will run alongside its wider children's transformation programme.

Council finances

Full Council on 24 September considered the council's Exceptional Financial Support and the findings of an external assurance review carried out by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA).

The council continues to face a challenging financial position and is working through its wider improvement and financial recovery programme. This will continue to influence decisions about services, spending and how council assets are used.

Adult Social Care Transformation Programme

At its meeting on 14 October, Cabinet endorsed a major Adult Social Care Transformation Programme.

The programme brings together 11 projects intended to help people remain independent for longer through prevention and earlier intervention, improve access to support and help make adult social care financially sustainable.

The programme will build on existing services while new projects go through further development and assessment before detailed plans are confirmed. Some individual elements may therefore require further Cabinet decisions.

Parking and transport

During October, the council published proposals for a review of parking arrangements across Shropshire's market towns.

The proposals include potential changes to parking bands, charges and charging hours, alongside consideration of residents' parking schemes and alternatives to town-centre parking. The proposals could also see the return of Sunday Park & Ride services in Shrewsbury.

The council has said the aim is to balance affordability and demand while supporting the objectives of the draft Local Transport Plan and encouraging sustainable travel choices. The proposals are subject to consultation, and no changes were proposed to be introduced before Christmas. The consultation will be published shortly.

Local Transport Plan consultation

Residents and parish councils are being encouraged to comment on the new Shropshire Local Transport Plan. The public consultation opened on 5 October and runs until 16 November 2026. Shropshire Local Transport Plan consultation

For rural communities in particular, this is an opportunity to highlight issues around public transport, accessibility, road safety and the practical transport needs of villages and rural areas.

Local bus services

The council is also consulting residents about the retendering of bus services in 2027. The consultation opened on 16 October and is due to remain open until 11 December 2026.

Residents who rely on local bus services, or who believe improvements are needed in their community, are encouraged to respond. Retendering Bus Services in 2027 consultation

Have your say

A number of other council consultations available to comment on through the Shropshire Council Get Involved consultation portal.

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