

County Councillors Report for July 2020

1. Change continues daily from all directions.
 2. HEALTH Future Fit, Sustainable Transformation Plan, ICS Intergated Community Services continue to evolve as there was widespread acceptance by Staff and Officers that Covid 19 has changed many of the ways services are delivered to our population some of which are staff are keen to retain when Covid 19 is under control.
 3. FULL COUNCIL on July 16th resulted in the following information :-
There was an overspend of £1.692 for year ending March 31 2020, the Capital Account underspent by £11.73m Reserves stand at £13.5m which is too low. Housing Revenue Account underspent by £4.1m Housing Account Reserves at £10.1m.
 4. CIL money at £8.142m and it was agreed to spend £5.9m on more school places for Shrewsbury and £2.9m on the Oswestry Mile End roundabout.
 5. Homeless Solution, there were 70 homeless and families in B&B's, cost has risen from 15/16 £700,802 to 19/20, £2,235,116 Agreed to purchase/lease property upto the value of £1.5m plus associated costs from Section 106 monies.
 6. Sale of Shirehall to investigate a move into the centre of Shrewsbury.
 7. Virtual Planning meetings, procedures went well and will continue.
 8. Ombudsman decision re Cricket Club.
 9. Battlefield Energy Recovery disposed of 68,600 tonnes of waste which generated electricity for 10,000 homes.
 10. HIGHWAYS A major review of all aspects the Keir Contract and the Shropshire Highways Alliance has been formed with WSP and KEIR with Shropshire taking a stronger lead especially for emergency responses.
 11. ADULT SOCIAL CARE public and staff recommended to access the multifunctional team through First Point of Call 03456789044. Access to personal development at all levels including voluntary sector and SPIC (Care Homes) costs continue to rise with an overspend of £885k.
- CHILDRENS SERVICES again best to access for multi disciplinary needs First Point of Call as above. Need continues to rise with an overspend of £6,668,000 19/20.
12. PUBLIC HEALTH Health Visiting and School Nursing now cover 0-25yrs. The Link programme to bring together education and Mental health with NHS funded teams going into schools for Drug and Alcohol abuse, sexual health and extra staff with closer co operation between all Partners.
- The Director of Public Health is responsible for all Covid 19 outbreak control.
13. CLIMATE CHANGE requirements are embedded into all Council policies and projects with alternative forms of energy on all Council owned buildings, trial electric busses in Shrewsbury and replacement street lights to LED.

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