

Clerk's Report to Full Council, 7th October 2026

Consultations

Shropshire Transport Plan - the Council has launched a consultation on its new draft Local Transport Plan, which sets out the vision, objectives and priorities that will guide future transport policies, investment and decision-making between 2027 and 2037. The consultation closes on 16th November - [Have your say on the future of transport in Shropshire](#)

In person event Weds. 14th Oct 26, 3 – 8pm at St Mary's Church, Shrewsbury

Shropshire Local Plan – Gateway 1: Commencement

On 30 September 2026, Shropshire Council formally commenced the process to prepare the next Shropshire Local Plan, by passing through 'Gateway 1'. This marks the start of the 30-month plan-making period.

Gateway 1 involves a self-assessment of readiness to start the 30-month plan process, summarised on the Council website at: <https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/planning-policy/next-local-plan/gateway-1-commencement/>

The Gateway 1 self-assessment follows completion of the statutory 'scoping' stage of plan-making, which the Council commenced on 8 May 2026 with the publication of a 'notice of intention to commence plan-making'. This stage included an early 'scoping' consultation during which the Council received responses from over 800 residents and organisations. These responses are currently being assessed and will be used to inform the next stage of plan-making, alongside wider evidence.

For more information on plan-making in Shropshire, please visit our Next Local Plan webpages via: <https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/planning-policy/next-local-plan/>

Road closures

C5150, Longden Road Nobold to A5 overbridge, Redhill – Resurfacing work 12th – 16th October, 9:30 – 3pm daily – diversions will be signed

National Grid, Annscroft stream crossings – January (to be confirmed)

Additional road closure in Plealey village to be arranged at Easter due to newly discovered culvert.

Conferences and events

SALC AGM – Tuesday, 3rd November, 4pm at Shrewsbury Town FC, Croud Meadow. Up to two representatives may be nominated to vote on motions, (which can include the Clerk).

Attendance is free and includes a buffet for up to two delegates but any number may attend, with additional buffets charged at £10 (booking required). Bookings and nominations for President's Achievement Award close on 10th October. This award recognises a council that has achieved a significant improvement for their community over the last three years. (Longden may wish to celebrate its improvements to Annscroft play area, replacement of noticeboards, provision of defibrillators and replacement of concrete streetlights as providing significant improvements for the community).

Community energy projects conference, 13th October, 10 -3pm, Twemlows Stud Farm, near Whitchurch (Free to attend) – Attendees will also hear about the exciting Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Solar and Battery Assisted Communities (SATBAC) initiative, which is exploring how solar panels and battery storage could help community buildings reduce energy costs, improve resilience and cut carbon emissions. Sign up [here](#).

Nature Recovery Conferences, Middle Marches Community Land Trust/SALC – 20th November, 9:15 – 4pm, Norbury Village Hall, near Bishops Castle, SY9 5DX (Free but £10 donation requested) or 27th November, High Ercall Village Hall, TF6, 9BA – Book through link conference@middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk

Devolution of Services

Clerks from neighbouring parish councils are meeting on 19th October to consider whether there is scope for partnership working. It would be helpful for the working party to meet prior to this date to discuss the scope of services we might wish to take responsibility for. (Suggest 13th or 14th for Working Group meeting).

Working party members: Cllrs Morgan, Ingham, Arnold, Carter and R Evans