

Communities & Environment Committee

Membership: Eight members of Full Council

Quorum: Four

Reports to: Full Council

Role of the Committee: To maintain the Town Council's support our communities, and related activities. To protect and improve our natural environment.

1. To oversee the Council's commitment to its Climate Emergency Net-Zero Declaration by 2030, including identifying the high level strategic direction, opportunities, and goals that will address the climate emergency and provide advice to other Committees of the specific necessary measures for the Scope 1 & 2 emissions of the Town Council to reach net zero by 2030.
2. To oversee the wider community engagement on climate action
3. To oversee the Town Council's involvement in Team Shrewsbury and consider any other general matters relating to the community and welfare of the town, and to have regard for crime and disorder implications in relation to those matters within the committee's remit.
4. To encourage and sponsor, recreational, social and cultural activities throughout the town.
5. To oversee any contractual agreements for the provision of horticultural services to external organisations including Shropshire Council.
6. To be responsible for matters relating to the Council's community centres.
7. To oversee the Council's Youth Service including the development of its Youth Strategy, Youth Town Council and wider youth service delivery.
8. To consider the amenities of the town generally and to liaise as necessary with other bodies on tourism and to make recommendations for change as appropriate.
9. To oversee the events programme.
10. To oversee the Markets Rights and functions.
11. To receive and consider any representations or consultations in relation to the provisions of the Localism Act.
12. To provide support for the neurodiverse community within the town including the development of a neurodiverse friendly town scheme for Shrewsbury in order to promote awareness.
13. To oversee the Town Council's commitment to its Town of Sanctuary Status.
14. To oversee the Town's Bloom activities including entering the Britain in Bloom Campaign, the Shrewsbury in Bloom competition and wider community engagement.
15. To oversee the improvement of river quality in Shrewsbury's waterways, including the management of Bathing Water Status, representations with the Environment Agency and Severn Trent and wider public engagement.
16. To consider applications for grant funding.

- 17 To oversee the Council's Fishing Rights
- 18 To prepare Revenue & Capital Proposals for the following financial year for consideration by the Policy & Resources Committee during the formal budget setting process.
- 19 To consider actions as deemed necessary in the Local Nature Recovery Strategy.
- 20 To maintain a member-led Climate and Nature Recovery Forum, including partners from other organisations.