

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
3 SEPTEMBER 2025**

Officer: Helen Ball (Town Clerk)

BUDGET SETTING

Purpose of Report

To update the Committee on its involvement in establishing the 2026/27 Budget

The Responsible Financial Officer took a report to the last Policy & Resources Committee regarding the engagement of the standing committees in the 2026/27 setting the budget process.

This Committee has a meeting scheduled for the 5 November ahead of the Policy & Resources Committee starting budget setting on the 8 December. That meeting sets the policy direction for the budget and a draft budget is then prepared for consideration on the 12 January which then recommends the final budget to the Full Council meeting on the 26 January ahead of our 31 January 2026 deadline.

Over the next meeting of this Committee time will be set aside to consider any funding requirements this Committee has for the RFO to consider as he develops the budget.

At the request of the Communities & Environment Committee all Councillors were contacted to ascertain any individual ward specific requirements. Details of these requests will be presented to the standing committees.

In considering any budgetary item, Council needs to be mindful of its general powers to deliver and with the Town Council Corporate Plan and the six pillars, those being;

- Building Resilient Communities
- Supporting Shrewsbury residents to live active and healthy lives through the provision of quality services
- Preserving Shrewsbury's Heritage
- Creating a greener and better-connected Shrewsbury
- Advancing a sustainable, resilient and efficient organisation
- Taking Positive action to tackle climate change

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the Report be noted;**