

## Councillor Report to Prees ward, July 2025

### Councillor Updates

- Schools visits on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July:
  - Prees CE Primary School
  - Adderley CE Primary School
  - Lower Heath CE Primary School
- Selected casework:
  - Supporting residents in various planning and issue reporting

### Council Updates

- The new administration will focus on issues that directly affect residents. The initial focus will be on three main priorities which will also help to shape the Council:
  - **Potholes and road repairs:** the state of Shropshire's roads is a major issue for residents, and one which we will work hard to improve.
  - **Making it easier to transact and deal with the Council:** How our residents contact the Council and request services matters hugely to our residents. They expect to be able to contact the Council about the services that make their lives better, and for the Council to respond and resolve requests and questions quickly and fully.
  - **Resetting the relationship with key partners:** Shropshire Council works closely with a wide range of external partner organisations, in particular Town and Parish Councils, to provide services for residents. It is vital to improve these services that we build and maintain strong relationships with our partners, based on mutual respect and trust, where they feel involved and listened to, not done to.
- Transformation and Scrutiny Committee have agreed their first priorities; terms of reference are being drawn up:
  - Shropshire Partnership, with the aim to have recommendations to Cabinet by November;
  - Review of scrutiny and committee structures;
  - The process for distributing Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – see below;
  - Review of budget and medium term strategy process.
- The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is paid by developers of new residential development and spent on infrastructure priorities necessary to support development identified through the Place Plans. Shropshire Council has agreed to make Neighbourhood Fund payments to Town and Parish Councils once a year in April, in order to coincide with precept payments. This year, it is anticipated any Neighbourhood Fund payments will be made on or around 30 May 2025.
- Shropshire Council has paused all work on the proposed Shrewsbury North West Relief Road (NWRR) following a meeting with one of the scheme's main funding bodies. Shropshire Council's Leader Heather Kidd and Deputy Leader Alex Wagner met with officers from the Department for Transport (DfT) 23 June 2025 to discuss the scheme, seek clarity about funding and explore options with regards to its future. See also [Work paused on the Shrewsbury North West Relief Road - Shropshire Council Newsroom](#)
- Shropshire Council is inviting residents, health professionals, and community organisations to take part in a public consultation on the draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2025, see [Have your say on the future of pharmacy services in Shropshire - Shropshire Council Newsroom](#)

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- Eighteen Shropshire schools are to receive a share of £30,000 to help enable children to cycle, walk or scoot to and from school, see [Schools awarded share of £30,000 to enable walking or wheeling to school - Shropshire Council Newsroom](#)
- As part of the early evidence collection work for the new Local Plan process, the Council are commencing a 'Call for Sites' process today. This process will run until the 2nd October. The 'Call for Sites' invites landowners, site promoters, businesses, organisations, developers and any other interested parties to promote sites for consideration as potential allocations for development to meet the future needs of Shropshire. This is important as the Council needs to understand what development options are open for consideration. Sites can be promoted for a range of uses, including but not limited to, new housing, large scale sustainable urban extensions or new settlements, mixed use development, employment, retail and leisure, renewable energy generation and mineral extraction. The 'Call for Sites' is a standard process to inform the commencement of a Local Plan review, and importantly it should be recognised that not all of the sites promoted to the Council will be allocated in the Plan. Once the Council has an understanding of the site options, it will undertake site assessment work early next year and prepare a first draft Plan for consultation in autumn 2026. See also [Call for sites as work set to begin on new Local Plan - Shropshire Council Newsroom](#)

### Other News

- [Digital switchover resources | Local Government Association](#)
- [Rural Services Network funding digest July 2025](#)
- [Rural Services Network current Government consultations](#)

### Upcoming Road Works

Date / Time	Location	Reason	Link
21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Adderley	Installation of vehicle safety barrier at bridge	<a href="https://one.network/?tm=143758732">https://one.network/?tm=143758732</a>
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Adderley Road	National Grid traffic control	<a href="https://one.network/?GB143528769">https://one.network/?GB143528769</a>
27 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> August	Unnamed road at Steel Heath	Road closure to enable bridge parapet repairs	<a href="https://one.network/?tm=143782232">https://one.network/?tm=143782232</a>
8 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Bletchley Road, Calverhall	Multivo carriageway repairs	<a href="https://one.network/?tm=143751432">https://one.network/?tm=143751432</a>
29 <sup>th</sup> September – 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Longford	New water connection	<a href="https://one.network/?tm=144237932">https://one.network/?tm=144237932</a>

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