

Safer Streets, Cosy Homes, Greener Choices and a Better Say: A Greenprint for Shropshire in 2029.



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A Better Say for Residents

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- Partnership panels to give residents a better voice.



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Behind the Headlines – some context

SUC current policy is for 20mph outside schools, this creates confusion and results in cars accelerating and braking in built-up areas. It has also been very slow and costly to implement. 20mph in all built-up areas is a safer and more cost-effective option.

Bus and rail travel in Shropshire is in decline. New bus routes and more frequent services are essential and changes to legislation will help. A new shuttle service is needed between Gobowen railway station and Oswestry town centre until the town is reconnected to the mainline. Re-opening the railway station at Baschurch would also reduce car journeys.

Shropshire Local Plan has been thrown out. Writing a new one will take 30 months. Let's use this time to ensure it delivers sustainable and affordable homes.

Shropshire already plans to be carbon neutral by 2030. This makes sure we keep to that course with no slippage.

SUC has a target of 345,000 trees (one for each resident) by 2050. Oswestry Town Council has achieved 17,000 (one for each of its residents) in 4 years. To reduce carbon trees need to be planted as soon as possible and our proposals reflect this.

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600 new council homes would be Shropshire's share of the 1.5 million new council homes that the Green Party have in their manifesto. It's the quickest way of building affordable energy efficient homes.

This is a Government programme which Shropshire can supplement using its own resources and working with Town Councils like Oswestry that have run a loft insulation scheme.

Green Councillors tried to get Shropshire to adopt a Compact based on a very successful model in Northumberland last year but the controlling group voted it down.

Shrewsbury Moves is an existing report that sets out how movement across the town can be improved by active travel and public transport.

Partnership Panels were introduced by Oswestry Town Council 3 years ago. They are thematic based on the Council's priorities (Climate Change, Youth and Police). Councillors, partners and members of the public sit as equals to work out, share resources and implement solutions to problems being encountered.