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COMMUNITY ACTION OFFICER'S REPORT

Shropshire Council Bus Strategy 2011-2016

Shropshire Council will be touring the county in January and February 2011 to find out your views and answer your questions about proposed changes to local bus services and a summary of the proposed changes across all areas is attached.

The Council will face some difficult decisions in the short and medium term as financial pressures increase on the budget for the provision of supported local bus services. This will affect the delivery and sustainability of bus services in all areas of the county. Therefore, it's vital that we ensure that the money we have available is targeted at bus services which are essential in enabling you to go about your daily lives.

The bus strategy has been drafted to define the principles and priorities on which the local bus network will be provided over the next five years - and we'd like you to help us shape this.

Copies of the Bus Strategy are available at the Shropshire Council website:

<http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/traveltransport>

or by calling the Council on 01743 253013 or emailing the Transport team at passtrans@shropshire.gov.uk

A series of road shows will also be taking place across the county in February, where you can meet public transport staff and ask them questions about your local bus services. The closest road show to this LJC area will be at **Pontesbury Parish Hall on Thursday 17th February between 9.30am and 1pm.**

Keeping it in the County - Securing the future of hospital services in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin
Consultation 9 December 2010 – 14 March 2011

The local NHS is keen to hear your views on proposals to change the way some services are arranged between the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and the Princess Royal Hospital at Telford. The purpose of the changes is to make sure patients receive safe, high quality care and that our two hospitals can continue to provide services to the people of Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin and Mid-Wales.

Over the past few years, hospital services have begun to leave our area, including some types of cancer surgery. These services are now provided from other hospitals, because it was not possible for us to keep the right quality of specialist treatment locally. We want to make changes to stop this happening in future to other services. Local senior doctors and clinical staff have been closely involved in helping to develop these proposals.

The Boards of all three local NHS organisations will take into account the feedback from the public consultation when they make a decision in March about whether and how far to proceed with the proposals.

You can find more information about the proposals and give your views by visiting the Shropshire NHS Trust website

www.shropshire.nhs.uk

or by e-mail at ournhsinsat@nhs.net

or by calling them on 01952 580478 or 0800 032 1107

Local Joint Committee Budgets

As a result of the savings Shropshire Council needs to make, there will be some changes to the Local Joint Committees in Shropshire.

Meetings will now take place 2-3 times a year, rather than the current 4, and the budgets will also be reduced by 50% which means that the Loton and Tern LJC will have a budget of £17,000 in 2011/12.

The LJC will also help to assess and distribute arts grants in Shropshire, so will have a further £1000 to spend on arts projects in the LJC area.

The Community Working team has now also been renamed the Community Action Team. If you are interested in applying to the LJC for funding, please contact the Community Action Officer:

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