

## **CURRENT CONSULTATIONS (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

### **1. Bus Strategy for Shropshire 2011 - 2016 - Consultation**

Shropshire 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. Shropshire Council must ensure that the money it has available is targeted at bus services which are **essential** in enabling people to go about their daily lives.

The bus strategy defines the principles and priorities on which the local bus network will be provided over the next 5 years and meets the Council and Communities objective of a flourishing Shropshire.

Shropshire Council is consulting with people across Shropshire about proposed changes to local bus services. These changes are laid out in the Bus Strategy for Shropshire Council 2011 – 2016 and a summary of the proposed changes across all areas is attached.

The consultation will be undertaken during January to March 2011. Comments from the consultation process will be considered in the final Bus Strategy which will be submitted to the Council in April 2011.

The Strategy and details on how to respond to the consultation can be viewed at: [www.shropshire.gov.uk/transportconsultation](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/transportconsultation)

In addition, a series of consultation events will be held where council officers will be available to answer any queries on the bus strategy and record any comments in response to the consultation. Provisional dates for these events are attached. It is unlikely that these dates will change but if you wish to attend then please keep an eye on local press.

### **2. Local Transport Plan for Shropshire - Consultation**

The bus strategy forms part of a wider Local Transport Plan (LTP) which covers all aspects of Transport and Highways. The Council is currently consulting on a new LTP which sets out our policies and priorities for the next 15 years. LJC's, the public and stakeholders can get involved by:

- Completing a simple web based survey on spending priorities available now at [www.shropshire.gov.uk/transportconsultation](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/transportconsultation)
- Commenting on the draft LTP which includes area based strategies, which will be available in mid January at [www.shropshire.gov.uk/transportconsultation](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/transportconsultation)

For further information on the LTP please contact Jan Cook (jan.cook@shropshire.gov.uk, Tel: 01743 253066)

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### **3. West Midlands Ambulance Service - Consultation**

The West Midlands Ambulance Service is currently undertaking a public consultation exercise on its plans to become an NHS Foundation Trust.

The consultation process continues until 6<sup>th</sup> February 2011 and consultation documents are available here tonight explaining what a Foundation Trust is; how they operate; and how you can let the West Midlands Ambulance Service have your views on the proposals.

Further information is available at [www.wmas.nhs.uk](http://www.wmas.nhs.uk)