

Shropshire Council
Legal and Democratic Services
Shirehall
Abbey Foregate
Shrewsbury
SY2 6ND
Date: Tuesday 2 May 2023

Committee: Council

Date: Thursday, 11 May 2023

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Council Chamber, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND

You are requested to attend the above meeting. The Agenda is attached

Members of the Council – a briefing note will be circulated by e-mail prior to the meeting with important housekeeping details and arrangements for the meeting.

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Tim Collard
Assistant Director - Legal and Governance

Vince Hunt (Chairman)	Rachel Connolly	Kirstie Hurst-Knight
Brian Williams (Vice Chairman)	Gerald Dakin	Mike Isherwood
Lezley Picton (Leader)	Rosemary Dartnall	Mark Jones
Ian Nellins (Deputy Leader)	Steve Davenport	Simon Jones
Roy Aldcroft	Mary Davies	Duncan Kerr
Jeff Anderson	Julian Dean	Heather Kidd
Caroline Bagnall	Geoff Elner	Christian Lea
Nicholas Bardsley	David Evans	Hilary Luff
Joyce Barrow	Julia Evans	Nigel Lumby
Bernie Bentick	Roger Evans	Elliott Lynch
Thomas Biggins	Paul Gill	Robert Macey
Ed Bird	Rob Gittins	Richard Marshall
Andy Boddington	Nat Green	David Minnery
Peter Broomhall	Kate Halliday	Dan Morris
Julia Buckley	Simon Harris	Pamela Moseley
Garry Burchett	Nigel Hartin	Alan Mosley
Gwilym Butler	Nick Hignett	Cecilia Motley
Dean Carroll	Ruth Houghton	Peggy Mullock
Steve Charmley	Richard Huffer	Kevin Pardy
Ted Clarke	Tracey Huffer	Vivienne Parry

Tony Parsons
John Price
Ed Potter
Chris Schofield
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AGENDA

1 Election of Chairman

To elect a Chairman for the ensuing year

2 Apologies for Absence

3 Election of Vice Chairman

To appoint a Vice Chairman for the ensuing year

4 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Members are reminded that they must declare their disclosable pecuniary interests and other registrable or non-registrable interests in any matter being considered at the meeting as set out in Appendix B of the Members' Code of Conduct and consider if they should leave the room prior to the item being considered. Further advice can be sought from the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting.

5 Minutes (Pages 1 - 12)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 March 2023

6 Announcements

To receive such communications as the Chairman, Leader and Head of Paid Service may desire to lay before the Council.

7 Public Questions

To receive any questions from the public, notice of which has been given in accordance with Procedure Rule 14. Deadline for notification is 5.00 pm on Thursday 4 May 2023

8 Constitution of Committees and Allocation of Seats to Political Groups (Pages 13 - 18)

Report of the Assistant Director – Legal and Governance is attached (**Appendix 2 TO FOLLOW**)

Contact Tim Collard Tel: 01743 252756

9 Scheme of Delegation

To resolve that the Responsibility for Functions, set out in Part 3 of the Constitution and the Scheme of Delegations, set out in Part 8 of the Constitution be agreed. There have been no substantive changes since the updates approved by Council on 15 July 2021

10 Update on Scrutiny Arrangements (Pages 19 - 48)

Report of the Chief Executive is attached

Contact: Andy Begley, 01743 252756

11 Motions

The following motions have been received in accordance with Procedure Rule 16:

a **Motion received from Councillor Joyce Barrow and supported by Councillors David Evans, Simon Harris and Chris Schofield**
Dark Skies

Preamble:

Shropshire Council has a Statutory Duty to address issues of pollution, and a Statutory Duty to determine applications for planning. In carrying out that latter duty, considerable care, and attention is given to the environmental impacts (including pollution) of proposed development. Developers are required to submit assessments of the impacts of development on wildlife, and mitigation measures for dealing with any pollution which may be generated by the development.

A 2016 study found that 80 percent of the world – and more than 99 percent of the US and European populations – live under skies polluted by artificial light, impairing their views of the stars above them.

Artificial lighting, particularly in residential areas, can adversely affect people's ability to sleep and ability to view the night sky. The two main causes are the general loss of night sky from the cumulative effects of urban lighting, and the nuisance caused by single sources that emit high levels of glare. The visibility of the night sky is most affected by artificial lighting that is projected upwards and excessive lighting that is reflected upwards, in particular by lighting that creates more blue light (cooler colour temperatures).

The welfare and enjoyment of Shropshire is associated with its character, including its night-time ambience. Shropshire also values the practice of energy conservation, and therefore sustainable outdoor lighting practices should be encouraged to decrease the human impact on the environment since light pollution represents a waste of energy, contributing to our carbon footprint.

The need for outdoor light at night may be appropriately met by considering the purpose of the light, targeting it appropriately to that purpose, using the correct illumination level, limiting the duration of its use to legitimate need, and choosing lights that emit lower amounts of harmful blue light into the night-time environment. Properly designed electric lighting at night can be beautiful, healthy, and functional; saving energy and money, reducing light pollution, and minimizing wildlife disruption.

MOTION:

1. In accordance with its aim of promoting the health and well-being of the residents of Shropshire: AND as part of its statutory duties in relation to pollution control AND planning, the Council will promote sustainable outdoor lighting, through both direct action where the Council has control of lighting sources, through planning policy in relation to new developments, and by advocacy with businesses and residents to encourage more consideration of the need for light during hours of darkness and alternative solutions e.g. use of motion sensors or infra-red sensors for security purposes.
2. The aim will be to eliminate or reduce wherever possible, instances of light pollution throughout Shropshire. As part of this policy for sustainable lighting, the

Council will examine ways to reduce light pollution from both urban and rural settlements and consider areas which might be designated as 'dark sky' places suitable for the enjoyment of the night sky. To further this aim the Council will liaise with other Local Authorities in England and Wales seeking examples of best practice, and with Parish Councils within Shropshire for their views and suggestions as to how the aim might be achieved.

b Motion received from Councillor Lezley Picton and supported by Councillors Ian Nellins, Dean Carroll, Simon Harris, Brian Williams and the Conservative Group

Motion – Time for the Fair Game manifesto in football

Shropshire Council believes that football, the national game in the UK, is currently in crisis.

COVID-19 devastated the revenue of many lower-league clubs, and the cost-of-living crisis could be the knock out blow for dozens of clubs.

Frequently bad management has gone unnoticed or ignored and clubs are run unsustainably, putting at risk all the history, heritage, and economic benefit they bring to an area – often in pursuit of short-term gain.

Shropshire Council believes that football clubs are not ordinary businesses; they are historic sporting institutions that are both a civic and community asset, and a source of pride and unity, in their hometown or city.

Shropshire Council therefore supports Fair Game, a national campaign that seeks radical reform of the way football is managed and run, specifically its call for:

- An independent regulator for the sport.
- A refocus on 'values' rather than profit.
- Football clubs to be recognised as key parts of local communities.
- The establishment of a Sustainability Index, which will reallocate the payments made to clubs to reward those which are run well, respect equality standards and properly engage with their fans and their community.
- Fans to be given the final say on any proposed change to a club's 'crown jewels', including the club's name, nickname, colours, badge and the geographical location from where the club plays.
- Council also notes that the Government has published a White Paper developed from a Government-commissioned fan-led review into football governance led by former Sports Minister Tracey Crouch MP, and that a vast majority of its findings mirror Fair Game's aspirations.

Shropshire Council therefore resolves to:

- Declare its support for the Fair Game manifesto, 'Solutions for our National Game', and calls on other councils to join us in our support.
- Ask the Council's representatives to encourage other like-minded councils to support Fair Game
- Ask the Leader and the Chief Executive to write to the Minister for Sport, our local Members of Parliament, and the Chair of the Local Government Association Culture, Tourism and Sport Board, to lobby for the following to be included in the

new remit of the Independent Regulator as proposed in the White Paper:

Football's Financial Flow (particularly over: proportion of broadcast revenues given by the Premier League, the abolition of parachute payments, and the allocation of funds from the Premier League);

Owners' and Directors' Test to include an 'ethics' dimension, particularly around human rights;

Implementation of a Sustainability Index to accurately measure club's progress;

To include National League North and South clubs under their control;

To have stronger powers to implement and enforce governance; and

Measurement of equality standards.

c **Motion received from Councillor Bernie Bentick and supported by the Liberal Democrat Group**
Filling the Cavities of Dental Services in Shropshire

This Council notes that:

- 1) A recent YouGov survey shows that one in five Britons (22%) are currently not registered with a dentist. It also shows that the majority of the unregistered are unable to access or afford treatment. More than a third 37% say it's because they cannot find an NHS dentist to take them on, with a further 5% on a waiting list, while another 23% say they're not registered because they don't think they can afford to be treated.

<https://yougov.co.uk/topics/politics/articles-reports/2023/03/22/one-ten-britons-have-performed-dentistry-themselve>
- 2) The Great British Oral Health Report – which combines a public attitudes survey with national data – found that 24% of people had not had a dental check up in the last 2 years. Of those who had not had a dental check up in the last 2 years, 56 per cent said this was because they could not get access to a dentist

<https://dentistry.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/the-great-british-oral-health-report-2021.pdf>
- 3) Figures show nearly one-in-three youngsters aged five in England has tooth decay. In a survey of 5-year-olds in England, the number of children with enamel and/or dentinal decay was 29.3%. In Shropshire, the number is 15% compared with 4% in Cannock Chase.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/oral-health-survey-of-5-year-old-children-2022/national-dental-epidemiology-programme-ndep-for-england-oral-health-survey-of-5-year-old-children-2022>
- 4) Currently there are 68 NHS general dental practices across our ICS area. However, on 17th April 2023 there were only 50 NHS Dental Practice listed for Shropshire. <https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-dentist>. Of these 19 were not accepting new patients, 18 had not provided a recent update on availability, 7 were only accepting patients from other dentists and just 6 were accepting children aged 17 or under with the nearest to Shrewsbury being Bayston Hill followed by Much Wenlock; only 5 were accepting adults or those entitled to free dental care, the nearest site being Telford; however, access to a dental practice was offered in

Walsall and Oldhill, both 33 miles away from Shrewsbury. The response to my Question to HASC on 27th March 2023 included “a clinically led Shropshire Dental Advice Line which can be accessed by dialling 01743 237916” However, upon dialling this number, I received an automated response to phone back later. 5 minutes later, I phoned again and entered a queue, estimated at 43 minutes.

This not an adequate service.

This Council resolves to:

1. Liaise with Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin Integrated Care System (STW ICS) to ensure that there is sufficient funding and dentist availability to guarantee that all eligible Shropshire residents are able to register with an NHS Dentist within their locality or nearest town and;
2. Demand that STW ICS keep an updated dashboard of Dentist availability, new patient registrations and those without a registered dentist, to ensure compliance and;
3. Regularly scrutinise the provision of dental service by using Shropshire’s Health Scrutiny Committees (HASC & Joint HOSC)

12 Questions from Members (Pages 49 - 68)

To receive any questions from Members, notice of which has been given in accordance with Procedure Rule 15.2.

13 Dates of Future Meetings

To agree that the meetings of the Council in 2023 – 2024 will be held on the following Thursdays, commencing at 10.00 am.

6 July 2023
21 September 2023
14 December 2023
29 February 2024
21 March 2024
9 May 2024

14 Exclusion of Press and Public

To resolve that, in accordance with the provisions of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and Paragraph 10.4 [3] of the Council’s Access to Information Rules, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items

15 Exempt Minutes (Pages 69 - 72)

To approve as a correct record the exempt minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 March 2023

16 Cyber Security Proposals (Pages 73 - 86)

Report of the Chief Executive is attached

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