

CABINET 27 APRIL 2022

MEMBER QUESTIONS

Cllr David Vasmer

Given the recent drownings in Shrewsbury, could the Council undertake a review of safety alongside water throughout the County where it has responsibility. In particular could the Council investigate installing fencing where pedestrians and cyclists are close to the water.

Cllr Rosemary Dartnall

The ICS Green Plan identifies business travel and staff commuting as one of the major contributors to emissions - and this does not take into account patients' travel to health services. The ICS Green Plan suggests that location of services can be beneficial to reducing emissions. However in recent years health services in Shropshire have been increasingly centralised with the closure of local ambulance hubs and hospitals such as Bishops Castle. The ill-conceived proposal to centralise < 10 GP surgeries in Shrewsbury will lead to patients and staff travelling even further, leaving patients isolated from primary health care, particularly given the recent collapse in bus services in parts of the town and overall, increasing greenhouse gas emissions for staff and patient journeys.

Can Shropshire Council call on its health partners to ensure that care delivery models are based on;

- An acceptance that service centralisation is incompatible with emissions reductions
- The need to ensure that healthcare locations are not car-dependent but instead are served by good public transport and safe active travel routes
- Recognition that on-site biodiversity enhancement requires green corridors that link existing green areas on all sites