

CABINET 8 JUNE 2022

MEMBER QUESTIONS

1 From Cllr Kevin Pardy

With reference to the postponement of the development of the Quarry and Sports Village swimming pools;

How much money, in total, has been spent on the pools since 2013? Please include consultant's fees and architect's fees plus any other fees paid to agencies and for council officers' time. In addition, can you tell me the original estimated cost of refurbishment of the Quarry Pool circa. 2013/14?

2 From Cllr Peggy Mullock

Whitchurch Railway Station - Lack of access to the South platform
Could Cabinet ask the relevant rail authority to look yet again at the problem of being a disabled user, a parent with pram or any resident who has difficulty climbing over the bridge with cases?
Surely with the Disabilities Act in force this situation cannot be fair to these people.

3 From Cllr David Vasmer

There are growing concerns about the discovery of microplastics within our blood, the air breathe and even within the placentas of unborn babies.

There is a plastic covering to the blue paper and card recycling bags that are used by Veolia but the older bags are deteriorating and the plastic is flaking off to join other microplastics in the environment.

1. Is the Council aware of the problem?
2. For those who do not request a purple bin for recycling, could Shropshire residents be given new blue bags and the old ones collected to be disposed of without more microplastics being added to our environment?

4 From Cllr David Vasmer

I believe that discussions are taking place about introducing a late night bus service in Shrewsbury similar to the one operating in Oswestry. What involvement has Shropshire had with these discussions, particularly involving the Town Council and Shrewsbury BID?

5 From Cllr Rob Wilson

Shropshire Council is currently developing the long delayed update to the Local Transport Plan - LTP4. On 13th May 2022 The Department for Transport sent a bulletin to all Local Transport Authorities saying that it will be updating its guidance on Local Transport Plans, "providing a much-needed holistic view of what the government is expecting LTAs to deliver." Early drafting of the new guidance has already commenced and they have already stated that quantifying carbon reductions will be a key requirement. This new guidance is expected to be published in Autumn 2022, and updated LTPs should be in place by Spring 2024. Is Shropshire Council working closely with the DfT to ensure that LTP4 complies with the new guidance, and doesn't require further work and more delay to make it compliant?"

6 From Cllr Andy Boddington

Shropshire Council is introducing ANPR cameras in Shrewsbury.

What plans does it have to assess sites that would benefit from ANPR across the county?

As one example, the Lower Corve Street in Ludlow is designated no vehicles except for access because it is a historic residential street. But it has become a rat run for hundreds of vehicles daily, a situation that is getting worse due to new housing developments.

What is the council's timetable for assessing the results of the Shrewsbury ANPR, assessing sites across the county where ANPR might make a significant difference to traffic management, safety and quality of life?