

## **CABINET 18 JANUARY 2023**

### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

#### Question from Sally Stote

It was generally understood by council staff that the return of departments to Shirehall in 2014 was due to the failure and cost of the policy of dispersal to leased premises. In 2015 the new leader Malcolm Pate therefore considered on-going options for Shirehall which included basic refurbishment to acceptable current standards or else a total facelift.

The latter was put out to external architects but guidance on the former was sought internally from the council's Premises Services department who produced a report in January/February 2016 which was submitted to the cabinet. It is our understanding that this report and the associated cost estimates showed that Shirehall was fundamentally fit for purpose and could be upgraded to current standards of appearance and energy performance for a fraction of the facelift costs, making it attractive to potential tenants for areas not required by the council.

Will this report be found and published so that a balanced review of the options is available for Members of Shropshire Council to consider?