

SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL

SLA WORKING GROUP

HELD AT LIVESEY HOUSE

20 FEBRUARY 2025

PRESENT

Councillors Pam Moseley, Alan Mosley (chair) & Alex Wagner

Helen Ball (Town Clerk, Clare Turner (Deputy Town Clerk), Andy Watkin (Head of Resources) Stuart Farmer (Operations Manager) & Danny Powell (Operations Manager)

50/24 DECLERATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

All Councillors present declared personal interests in being members of Shropshire Council

51/24 NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Notes from the previous meeting were not available. They would be presented at the next meeting.

52/24 MEETING WITH SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

The Town Clerk reported that Officers continued to meet with Shropshire Council Officers. A draft Memorandum of Understanding was distributing to set out the parameters for the joint working piece.

Twin hatted Working Group members updated on reports in preparation for the establishment of the 2025/6 budget. Papers were presenting a balanced budget in the Medium-Term Financial Plan for the next 5 years. It was also reported that despite challenging times, Shropshire Council wasn't on the Government Priority List for support.

A draft Service Delegation Agreement had been circulated to officers at Shropshire Council. Comments were awaited.

53/24 PROGRESS SO FAR

Discussions around service detail and mapping remained ongoing.

Formal instructions had been received from Shropshire Council regarding the transfer of maintenance of the Golf Course to Kier.

Working Group members noted the publicity by the BID around street cleansing in the town centre. It was reported that this was the result of UKSPF funding to target the town centre for 22 days over an 8-week period.

Working Group members also queried the painting of infrastructure. The Town Clerk reported that Highways had given the BID blanket approval to paint any infrastructure. Members asked Officers to clarify this with Highways.

54/24 STEPPING UP PROPOSALS

Job Descriptions – Job Descriptions were presented for further comment. These would again be amended.

Duplication of Work – STC Operations Managers would be attending the monthly operations meetings with the Kier Contract Manager.

Waste – Derek Furlong was arranging permission for STC to drop off any waste to the Waste Transfer Station.

Training – Members asked whether staff would receive any training on additional powers. This is being explored with Shropshire Council.

Key Contacts – Staff would be collating key contacts of key organisations.

Apprenticeships – The Deputy Town Clerk had spoken to Shrewsbury College about the potential of identifying an appropriate course for possible future Stepping Up Apprentices.

55/24 FUTURE MEETING DATES

Thursday 6th March 1pm