

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE
27 January 2021**

Officer: Helen Ball – Town Clerk

QUARRY POOL

Purpose of Report

To update Members on discussion taking place with Shropshire Council regarding the redevelopment of the Quarry Pool.

Background

Members are aware of the plans Shropshire Council has to redevelop the Quarry Pool. A recent Cabinet Paper sought approval for feasibility of the project incorporating two different swimming offers for the town, using the existing Quarry Pool Site and the Shrewsbury Sports Village.

The Council has appointed a Project Manager and the Town Clerk has had introductory conversations where ambitions of both Councils was shared and initial ideas around how mutually beneficial ancillary facilities might be constructed that could be used by both facilities' patrons.

It was evident from those discussions that there was a need for collaboration to ensure that the Quarry Park & Pool deliver a comprehensive and collective recreational offer for the town and continue to be high quality, well maintained assets. Communication with the wider public to ascertain what their aspirations for the area as a whole was crucial and there could be merit in exploring the commissioning of joint work to develop a strong Management Plan for area.

Quarry Site

The Head of Operations has been pulling together the makings of a Management Plan for the Park and with other officers has developed a priority list of works that are required to preserve and enhance the park.

The Park is the Town Council's Jewel in the Crown asset, the one that attracts the highest footfall of any public asset in Shrewsbury and one which is generally loved by all. The fact it has high footfall means that wear and tear is evident.

Officers therefore seek approval to explore the potential of commissioning external works to support the conservation and development of the park in association with works being carried out by Shropshire Council.

RECOMMENDED

That the report be noted

That Council supports Officers continued engagement with Shropshire Council on the development of the Quarry Pool

That Officers explore the potential for commissioning external support on the development of a Management Plan for the Park