

SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
10 JUNE 2025

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CORPORATE LANDLORD UPDATE – Location Ditherington Community Centre

Purpose of Report

To receive an update and consider actions relating to Ditherington Community Centre.

Introduction

This report updates and provides information for Shrewsbury Town Council in relation to their corporate landlord responsibility for Ditherington Community Centre. The 4 All Foundation occupy the Community Centre and operate a range of community activities within the centre. The centre is seen as a valued part of the local community and a hub for daily activities taking place which are run by staff and volunteers.

Background

The 4 All Foundation is an independent charitable organisation delivering local accessible activities, project and initiatives to support the needs and aspirations of the community within Ditherington, as part of a wider organisation who also delivers through out reach, schools and other community hubs.

Ditherington Community Centre is owned by Shrewsbury Town Council with a Services Level Agreement between the two organisation which details the commitment and support Shrewsbury Town Council will provide to the 4 All Foundation.

Shrewsbury Town Council are the corporate landlord for the building with the responsibility for the strategic management of the property and asset including its use and ensuring it is a fit-for-purpose platform for service delivery.

Other Meeting and Resolution Information

Resolution number 61/24 - Finance & General Purpose Committee held on 2nd December 2024

- (i) The Town Council reaffirms its support for 4 All Foundation developing Ditherington Community Centre as a Community Hub
- (ii) The Town Clerk agrees the term of a 10 year SLA with 4 All Foundation
- (iii) The proposed works as detailed above to be added to the Capital Plan

Currently

A very positive meeting was held in May 2025 between 4 All Foundation, the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk where a number of discussions were held relating to the fabric of the building, future plans and building work required to help in the delivery of services.

An update was provided by 4 All Foundation on the investment made by them in the replacement kitchen area, outside garden area and general work within the building.

An action has been developed following this meeting, this is attached to the report for information.

Financial Considerations

Shrewsbury Town Council has provision within the Capital Plan and existing budget to complete R&M for the building. Full costs will be sorted to ensure any works carried out are within these existing budgets.

Conclusion and Recommendation

To continue the support and commitment made by Shrewsbury Town Council within the SLA to work with 4 All Foundation to provide a community hub for the local community within Ditherington.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the report is noted;
2. That Officers work with 4 All Foundation for the delivery of the actions raised and detailed within the action plan;
3. That Council allocates the necessary budget for implementing the actions detailed within the action plan and commences any tender process required to complete the works;
4. The Council agree the implementation of the Service Level Agreement (SLA) for the future use of Ditherington Community Centre.