

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE
17 November 2021**

Officer: Helen Ball (Town Clerk) / Councillor Rob Wilson

SHORNCLIFFE DRIVE

Purpose of Report

To update the Committee on a desire to develop a vision for Shorncliffe Drive

Update

The Council has long-since had the need to develop a vision for Shorncliffe Drive on its Capital Programme. The site is complex in that both Shropshire Council and Shrewsbury Town Council have freehold interests in the site with the former having an aspiration for future education on site. Following discussions with the Head of Estates, the freehold interests of Shorncliffe are to be leased to the Town Council as part of the wider land lease proposals; this would help to facilitate a greater vision.

Councillor Wilson is keen to explore usage of the facility and sees Shorncliffe being something similar to Monkmoor Recreation Ground for the west of the town. Getting this aspiration into both the Shrewsbury Place Plan and any master planning work as the Local Plan evolves is crucial.

Visioning Work

To begin to establish a vision will require some specialist support to help inform the public and gather local needs and wants for the site. A similar exercise was costed out for potential purchase of the Wakeman School which is unlikely to come to fruition but the general principles could help to decide the course of action for Shorncliffe. A fee proposal of £4950 was received which covered the necessary survey work, stakeholder workshops, consultation, concept design and development of proposals.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the Report be noted;
- (ii) That the development of Shorncliffe as a key recreational facility for the west be factored into the capital plans for the Town Council;
- (iii) That Finance & General Purpose Committee be asked to identify a revenue budget to help design proposals.