

The latest £62million shortfall in required revenue funding for 2024/25 is much occupying senior officers, and all staff and members. Serious cuts in the present provision of all non-statutory SC public services are being closely examined right across the board. An unprecedented invitation to all staff to consider applying for voluntary redundancy is now being vigorously promoted.

Current county wide library services are being closely scrutinised and a serious reduction in the present 5 waste/recycling centres is being suggested, along with withdrawal of the present free domestic green waste collection service.

Adding to the misery, University of Chester have announced their unexpected departure from well-established University Centre at Guildhall in Frankwell, Shrewsbury. They cite serious financial pressures on their own organisation.

More positively, a rail operator is hoping to introduce a new 5 a day train service to/from Wrexham to Euston, calling at Shrewsbury & stations enroute.

*Locally:* Our Parish Council have just embarked on ambitious plan to refurbish the sports pavilion at Lythwood.

The 27 bus service to/from S'bury is now, at last, much more reliable and the new "Connect-on-Demand" bus service via Lyth Hill Road is slowly bedding in. Thank you to all readers for sharing your experience of this new service . . .