Shropshire Council report (Ted Clarke)

November 2023

Next full Council meeting is scheduled for 14th December. At time of writing, the agenda is still being finalised but preliminary proposals for 24/25 budget are likely to lead to some lively discussions.

Alternatives to cancelation of all free transport provision for children with special educational needs (SEND) are now being considered.

New funding has been secured for the provision of cycle training in our County primary schools.

A full RAAC survey of all school buildings in the County has found that all are of safe construction. However, Whitchurch library and Civic centre have now had to be vacated following similar survey.

Talks are underway with partners to explore possibilities for a pioneering hydrogen manufacturing and fuelling facility within the County.

Heritage specialists have been invited to suggest ways to encourage/design appropriate exhibitions that will encourage many more visitors into Shrewsbury castle and grounds.

Severn Trent have been fined £56K for misuse of emergency road closure powers around the County

Launch of the new "Connect On-Demand" bus service commences in early December and includes a stop at Beeches GP. Booking will be via Smart phone app or by phone call to 0345 678 9013 or email buses@shropshire.gov.uk. The Arriva service 27 (to/from Shrewsbury) will be continuing as normal.

Compliments of the season.

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