

The Chief Executive's team are ruthlessly exploring all possibilities to try and address the serious current £51m shortfall in the Council's revenue budget requirements.

A memo of understanding has now been agreed between Powys, Hereford, Monmouth and Shropshire councils to work closely together on all cross-border issues across Marches area.

Regrettably, the long established but non statutory Council service providing rat/vermin control wherever requested by individual residents/businesses has just been withdrawn.

To date no indications of any possible RAAC problems have been found/identified in any of the schools across the County. The testing/examination of our public buildings continues.

It is proposed to make Council investment in a Pyrolysis facility in the county. This would process green waste and other residual biomass into valuable biochar & renewable energy. This should assist the Council in meeting its sustainability and carbon reduction targets as well as being commercially viable. Three possible plant site locations have been identified.

**Locally:** SC environmental health officers are very much aware of the nuisance/discomfort caused to residents at the top of the village by recent field spreading of processed fertiliser.

*SC have now allocated priority funding for major refurbishment of our local library building. We hope SC may also convert the attached garage for a Parish Office and community space.*

The planning application for our Glebelands has been withdrawn and the Parish Council are now pressing the Diocese's agent to reinstate the previous long-standing lease of this much valued field for local community recreation.

The housing application for seven dwellings on the recently cleared Whitegate site behind our library has been refused by the planning officer delegated to consider those proposals.