

Note of a meeting of the SALC Working Group

10am Tuesday 14 October 2020, Via Zoom

Attending:

Cllrs Rosemary Abbiss, David Beechey, Gwilym Butler, David Cooper, Duncan Fletcher, Paul Goulbourne, Charles Green, Greg Hickman, Sally Herbert-James, Jonathan Kemp, Robert Macey, Chris Mellings, Margaret Rowlands, Bob Welch, Ray Wickson (in the Chair) and Allan Wilson

Clerks: Carole Warner

Officers: Mark Barrow, Steve Smith, Edward West and Dianne Dorrell.

	Item	Lead
1	Welcome and Apologies RW (in the Chair) welcomed Cllrs Sally Herbert-James and Charles Green. Apologies were received from Cllrs Roger Evans and Paul Sharp: Clerks: Helen Ball and Denise Reynolds.	Ray Wickson
2	Notes of Last Meeting were circulated with the agenda.	Dianne Dorrell
3	Shropshire Council Local Plan Review EW reported that he had joined SALC area meetings to present the draft review and answer questions. Responses would be considered by Cabinet at the end of November before the final stage of consultation (Regulation 19) was implemented. He agreed to provide a schedule of changes with the final draft. Proposed development for the Bridgnorth area would take account of infrastructure. DD thanked EW and his officers for their help and attending meetings.	Eddie West
4	Planning White Paper/CIL EW presented the response from Ian Kilby, circulated with the agenda as agreed by Cabinet on 5 October which members considered helpful and a good response. Concerns were discussed about the number of housing Government was proposing, the right type of housing and options affecting the progress of development. On progress with CIL projects, CW reported on productive discussions with Ian Kilby, and she was more confident progress was now being made. GB was working with IK to keep on top of progress and asked that if there were now particular cases related to traffic schemes where progress had halted, to let him know. If there were wider Place Plan issues, then Place Plan officers should be notified for inclusion. These officers would be contacting members to see if CIL projects could be merged with highways issues.	Eddie West, Ian Kilby and Place Plan officers

5	River Severn Partnership MB reported on the background to the Partnership, its remit, funding and partner organisations. Various options were being explored involving land North West of Shrewsbury, the NW Relief Road project and farmland further upstream. MB was visiting parish councils potentially affected and would ensure Meverley PC was included. The need for more information was emphasized as was the need for feedback including that from Ironbridge. The RSP was meeting later in the week, following which MB would put something on the web and provide DD with a link.	Mark Barrow
6	North West Relief Road SS reported on factors that had resulted in delaying the planning application and SC were exploring a joint scheme with the Environmental Agency. SHJ was concerned that plans were not clear referring to any planned embankment put forwarded by the RSP that would impact on flooding upstream. SS said modelling work was continuing with the RSP to mitigate any risk upstream that the embankment supporting bridge work might affect.	Steve Smith
7	Pavement Parking SS reported that the Government consultation was out, closing on 22 November which would result in changes to legislation. GB stressed the need for other solutions for parking.	Steve Smith
8	Highways Customer Engagement Strategy SS reported on the work which the consultant, Tom Blackburne-Maze had undertaken, acknowledging the need to work more collaboratively with Parish and Town Councils. He spoke of the work on restructuring Highways and was hopeful for a new Highways Strategy to be in place by the end of the financial year. DD and CW emphasized the need for improved communications as T&PCs have been given conflicting information eg to report direct to Highways not Customer Service and vice versa. The Customer Service porthole was not proving effective. SS was working with Customer Services and the Contractors on improved reporting systems.	Steve Smith
9	Environmental Maintenance Grant DD asked for an update on the scheme on which she had worked towards improving with TBM. There was no information forthcoming for the next year which clerks were needing for budget setting. SS said he had not yet got up to speed with the scheme and DD agreed to send him an update on work with TBM.	Steve Smith
10	Community & Rural Strategy Update	Mark Barrow

	GB reported on the current consultation. The Strategy was due to go live in December followed by work on rolling this out across the County early in the new year, taking into account Place Plan areas and needs.	
11	Elections GB reported on options under consideration.	Returning Officer
12	AOB GB raised an issue of concern in that some parish councils were meeting face to face. DD was aware that in general most councils appeared to be meeting virtually but agreed a joint reminder would be useful.	D Dorrell
13	Next meeting 9 December, 10 am	All