

## **CABINET – 14 JULY 2026**

### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

1. Jonathan Owen

What is the Council's estimate of annual cost savings achievable if its operations were consolidated into the Shirehall?

2. David Kilby, Shropshire Playing Fields Association

Would members state clearly what the intended future is for the Shropshire Unison (NALGO) Sports Club at the Shirehall, Shrewsbury and associated Car-Park and whether the whole sports area is currently protected from future development, by way of a covenant or Fields in Trust deed of dedication.

In answering this question could members be clear as to what is included within the sites boundary line, for example social club, cricket pitch, tennis courts, bowling green and car-park and be clear on future access points to the grounds?

3. Phillip Scoggins

The Shirehall is the major monument to post-war modernism in the county, and Shrewsbury Civic Society believes it should be retained and reused in its entirety. However, we and many others, including in our experience most of those who otherwise disparage the building, see the Council Chamber as particularly noteworthy; a quirky structure of great character that enlivens the streetscape and acts as a symbol of local democracy. If Shropshire Council were to make the disastrous decision to allow the Shirehall to be demolished, what safeguards would the Council put in place to secure the retention of the Council Chamber for the public use and enjoyment of this much-admired feature of the town and to allow it to enhance any future development on the Shirehall site?

4. John Crowe

If SC decides to sell the Shirehall and its site; a) will SC accept the valuation as determined by a Red Book valuation and b) what is the minimum sale value that SC will accept?