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**To:** Town Clerk <info@wem.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Shropshire Council partnership working with Wem Town and Council – The next steps

Dear Penny

Shropshire Council remains committed to working with town and parish council to deliver services and outcomes to residents. We are keen to build on our engagement with you to date, including the interest you expressed last year through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding and discussions with the Councils asset team. We would like to explore that interest further in a way that is practical, proportionate and focused on local opportunities.

Our aim is not to duplicate earlier exercises, but to identify where there is local appetite and mutual benefit of closer joint working that supports better outcomes for residents and communities. This might include:

- the new Town and Parish Council Asset Transfer Policy, which provides a clear and transparent framework for considering the transfer of suitable Shropshire Council-owned land and buildings
- opportunities regarding street scene services, where we are continuing to learn from pilot arrangements in a number of town and parish council areas, and have a range of information on current service provision we can now provide to councils
- other service areas where you think there is potential for your council to play a greater role

### **What happens next**

If your council would like to continue these conversations, please let us know by responding to this email and completing the form on the link below. We will arrange a meeting to share further information, understand examples of collaboration already under way, consider what support may be needed to develop any proposals, and agree the most appropriate next steps with you.

### [Expression of Interest \(EOI\) – Town and Parish Councils](#)

We are keen to continue building strong and trusted relationships with town and parish councils, and to work with you in a way that reflects local ambition, local capacity and the needs of your community.

We have listened to feedback from councils, including through our recent Overview and Scrutiny Task & Finish Group, and have established a single point of contact. You can reach us at: [partnerships@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:partnerships@shropshire.gov.uk)

Regards,

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