**Council Meeting**

**17 October 2024**

**Appendix C091**

Forwarded, on behalf of  Shropshire Council, to Town and Parish Councils and Parish Meetings, Shropshire

Cc: SALC Executive

Dear Sir/Madam

Earlier this year, we contacted you as part of our engagement with all town and parish councils, to open a discussion about different ways to support services in your local area. We are grateful for all the responses we received.

In order to progress the project at the required pace, and following on from some early discussions, we contemplated a standard starting point of a uniform nominal uplift to the precept for town and parish councils, as unlike council tax, this charge is not capped by regulation and can be changed from time to time to meet local priorities. Any final uplift in charges is of course entirely at the discretion of each local council, and subject to their own local consultation

This suggestion was placed before a SALC Focus Group for initial discussion., However it was agreed that this approach, while simple, would not meet the range and complexity of local priorities and preferences.

Therefore, with thanks and appreciation to all who have been contacted and engaged with us to date, we have concluded that without the realistic potential to apply a uniform approach across Shropshire, the timescales we must work to make it too impractical to achieve significant benefits.

Therefore, we will suspend our current interactions with local councils on this subject.

Please note that if you are already in discussions with an officer about supporting a specific service or services in your areas, these will continue to explore longer term opportunities.

Kind regards,

Shropshire Council

Exploring Future Options