

## Appendix C – Asset transfers and devolution of services

The following email has been sent to those councils who have previously signed the Memorandum of Understanding sent out by Shropshire Council. It includes a link to a non-binding Expression of Interest form to allow Shropshire Council to provide more detailed information on what Street Scene services are delivered in Longden Parish and what the existing cost is. If there is an interest in taking on some of these services a more detailed discussion will be arranged with Shropshire Council Street Scene team.

**Decision required** – *Whether to complete the Expression of Interest form?*

### **Shropshire Council partnership working with xxx Council – The next steps**

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,

Shropshire Council Partnership Team