

Shropshire Association of Local Councils

Annual General Meeting – 3rd November 2023

Motions for Debate

To be posted to Shropshire Association of Local Councils, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND or emailed to alc@shropshire.gov.uk no later than 20th October 2023.

If your Council wishes any motion(s) to be put forward, then please complete the details below giving the name of the person/member/clerk, who will move the motion(s).

Please note that they will be expected to join the AGM and speak.

.....**Wem**..... Town Council or Area Committee wishes to propose the following motion(s) for debate at the Annual General Meeting of the Association on [Insert date].

That SALC be asked to request that Shropshire Council consider the creation of a joint communication charter between Shropshire Council and Town and Parish Councils in order to improve response times to emails, telephone messages and letters, as current response times are unacceptable .

Please state the reason why you are submitting this motion with evidence if applicable:

Currently the response time to emails from some departments at Shropshire Council is unacceptably slow and at times non existent. Town and Parish Clerks are currently spending a significant amount of time each week recontacting Shropshire Council officers for responses to emails, letters and phone messages. The time spent on this duplication of work amounts to a significant waste of tax payers money and must be addressed. One way to deal with this matter is the creation of a communication charter to ensure that responses are received in a timely manner.

Please state what action you would like SALC to take if this motion is adopted:

To raise this at a senior level at Shropshire Council to develop a communication charter.

ProposerWem Town Council..... Date...28.9.23.....

Your Council should find a council willing to second the motion and may wish to seek the support of the other Parish Councils in its Area, or have the motion proposed by the Area Committee.

**SeconderWhittington Parish Council ... Date ...17.10.23 minute 145.23
(Parish/Town or Area Committee)**