

## June2022 REPORT

Cllrs Gwilym Butler and Simon Harris: Cleobury Mortimer Division

### SHROPSHIRE UNITARY COUNCIL

1.the Council continues to support the Homes for Ukraine programme and has established a 'one stop shop' web page : [Homes for Ukraine | Shropshire Council](#) . 136 'hosts' have volunteered and the refugees have started to arrive. The Council is working its way through the property and DBS checks. A refugees hub has been established in Shrewsbury. The Hereford Diocese is working with an established charity that helps hosts identify potential refugee guests, and it seems that more hosts in the Cleobury area may be needed. Please contact Simon if you would like to be considered as a host.

2.Cllr Tremellen has resigned in our neighbouring Division of Highley and both of us have offered our assistance to his constituents and Highley Parish Council until his replacement is elected. The election is set for 23June22.

3.the Council Tax rebate programme (£150-) had been rolled out with approx. £10m being rebated across 65,000 households. People who do not pay by direct debit are being contacted now to get themselves validated and a payment to be made via various options. Please check to see if you qualify bands A-D .

4. A dedicated fly tipping response team will take to the roads on 1 April 2022 as Shropshire Council looks to clamp down on unsightly and illegally dumped waste. The team will be out and about five days a week in a new response vehicle, following up reports of fly tipping on public land, and looking for cases that have yet to be reported. They will clear fly tips – or arrange for them to be cleared – and will also look for, and record evidence, that will enable the offenders to be identified and prosecuted.

5. The Schools allocations team have issued their report for the new Autumn intake. It is noted that all our schools within the Division have vacancies.

6.Following a meeting with Highways we are pleased to report that the A4117 Cleobury High street, Church Street, Lower Street and Station Road will have a full repair and resurfacing in this financial year . The works are currently planned for October22 and a full communications brief will be forthcoming. There will be disruption and closure but the repairs are well over due. It is hoped to also surface dress the whole road from Newbridge to the county border at Far Forest. The caveat is that we are in unchartered waters in respect of supply chains and inflation and dates may slip but the council is committed to get the work done.

7. we are aware that there is considerable concern that the various diversions that are put in place when a road is closed for repair work have caused unnecessary journeys. These concerns have been elevated to the Cabinet portfolio holder and it is hoped that the contractors will work closely with the Council's Highways team to ensure that the most appropriate diversions are in place – covering all traffic types. If anyone encounters any rudeness from the contractors please let us know.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions

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