



## Report

Officer: Clare Turner - Town Clerk  
Date: 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
Meeting: Town Council meeting - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023

### Borrowing Consultation Update

The Borrowing Consultation Timeline:  
Open – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 to 12 noon 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

The Consultation has been completed in various ways to enable the Town Council to engage with members of the public who pay the precept, which is the amount of money they require from Council Tax payers in the area. These are:

- Leaflet drop to 6233 houses within the Town Council boundary. This will be completed over the weekend 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023. As at 13/12/2023 there were 1,000 deliveries outstanding to be made.
- Town Council website has been updated to include information regarding the retaining wall project and the borrowing consultation. A number of open public consultation days have been completed and are due to be completed. These have been attended by members of the public have raised good questions, with a mix of positive and negative comments. Naturally, nobody wants to pay more but most people seem to appreciate and understand the complexity of what we are doing and why.
- Regular communication with the Shropshire Star regarding the progress.
- Updates and information provided via socials ie Facebook.

The Town Clerk has answered a number of questions and FOI's raised by email.

The remaining open public sessions are:

- Town Hall Market - 15 December 2023 - 9am to 12noon
- Annexe at College House - 19 December 2023 - 11am to 2pm
- St James's Hall - 4 January 2024 - 6pm to 8pm
- Innage Lane Youth Centre - 5 January 2024 - 6pm to 8pm

At this stage we can not indicate how people are voting.