

MOTION REQUEST FORM

Please note that motions for inclusion on the agenda must be submitted a minimum of 10 Clear days before the next meeting.(clear days do not include the day of the notice or the day of the meeting) before the date of the meeting under standing order 9b

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MOTION: INSERT PROPOSED WORDING TO APPEAR ON THE AGENDA.

Remember to make it clear what you are asking councillors to decide.

“To consider...” “To note...” “To review...” “To agree....”

To agree to establish a working party that would review the operation of the Wem Sports and Social Association (WSSA); paying particular attention to the annual financial contribution it receives from WTC and the cost in man-hours of the support provided by the town's groundsman and Town Clerk. The working party would gather evidence with a view to providing the Council with assurance that the operation and structure of the Association remains fit for purpose or, if not, propose alternative arrangements for further detailed investigation.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION - insert as much information as possible so that councillors have the detail that they need to make an informed decision.

During the recent time that I served as Trustee of the WSSA I became increasingly concerned about, in my opinion, a lack of transparency existing between WTC and WSSA. Various changes to the structure of WSSA, following the demise of the Wem Sports Social Club and to a lesser extent the employment status of the town's groundsman, have led to a blurring of finances and the objectives of the Association. As a serving Cllr I am obliged to raise this issue to Council to establish whether action is required to regain clarity and to ensure WTC funding is used to best effect.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS - list names of any documents or supporting information to be attached. All documents must be submitted 10 days before the meeting.

I understand WSSA financial reports are freely available on request. However, it is the complexity of the problem outlined in the background information that needs addressing in detail by the proposed working party. To direct Cllr's to specific documents at this stage would be confusing and counter-productive.

COSTS - insert detail of costs associated with the decision that you are asking the council to make (if known). Copies of quotations should be attached.

If a working party establishes problems that lie within the current structure or funding model of WSSA then it is possible significant resources may be diverted to other projects as determined by council. Therefore I submit that no costs would be incurred by simply establishing a working party to investigate this issue.