



## WHAT IS A TOWN COUNCIL?

Not all Councils are the same. Ludlow Town Council is a completely different legal entity to Shropshire Council.

To start with Town Councillors are volunteers –they do not get paid.

Decisions made by Council inform the work of Council officers.

The Mayor receives an allowance up to £3,280 to cover the expenses of executing duties of office, and for Civic events promoting Ludlow.



OTHER MEETINGS: Councillors, staff and representatives from other organisations meet in 'working groups' to discuss Christmas lights, Ludlow Market, the Mayfair , Town Council Newsletter & Website, and Ludlow Town Plan.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

The Town Council's work is divided to committees. Some committee titles are transparent such as Accounts, and Staffing, but you may be wondering what Representation Committee is all about? (See below)

At any meeting, the public are able to speak during a 15 minute session at the beginning of the meeting and remain to observe the rest of the meeting, although occasionally, financial or other matters may be discussed in closed session.

### FULL COUNCIL – 15 Councillors

At full Council and all committees, councillors have equal voting rights and all proposals need a majority vote to be approved (the Mayor has an additional casting vote, if the initial vote is a draw). Council appoints other committees (below) and delegates limited powers to them. Full Council sets the annual precept (amount of council tax paid to town council), and ratifies recommendations and policy from other committees, as well as Council Standing Orders

### POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE - 10 Councillors

Has delegated powers for strategic planning & budget setting, as well as Council performance management and monitoring the 3 year business plan. It has responsibility for asset management and reviews & monitors Council operations and crisis management.

### SERVICES COMMITTEE – 10 Councillors

Has delegated powers for operational policy and funding issues relating to:

- Ludlow Market
- Henley Road Cemetery
- Recreational Spaces and Play Areas
- Street Lighting
- Street Furniture
- Direct Labour Force vehicles and equipment

### REPRESENTATIONAL COMMITTEE – 8 Councillors

Has delegated powers to comments on planning applications in Ludlow; considers applications for small Project Support Grants to local organisations; makes representations on health, education, and environmental issues, traffic and parking regulations; and receives representations from other local organisations

### ACCOUNTS SUB-COMMITTEE - 5 Councillors

Has delegated powers to approve accounts for payment and monitors Council income and expenditure. Some members are account signatories