

Cabinet Meeting: Monday, 01 September 2025

Question from: Cllr Blagbrough

Question to: Councillor Durrans, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Public Services and Communities

QUESTION

Given the serious concerns raised by residents over inadequate consultation, delayed equality impact assessments, inconsistent financial reporting, and lack of transparency surrounding the proposed disposal of The Shay Stadium, will the Cabinet please review this decision and the process to ensure these concerns are addressed.

Response

We are satisfied that the Council has acted properly, correctly and fairly in its plans for disposal of the Shay. We have acted in accordance with our standard approach to the disposal of property. Both the proposal by the Shay Stadium Working Group and that submitted by Mr Davy were deemed to be commercially confidential, which is usual in such circumstances.

Consultation took place as part of the budget process for 2024/25 - 2026/27, with findings reported to Cabinet on 12th February 2024. Budget Council approved the recommended budget at their meeting on 26th February 2024.

Equality Impact Assessments were carried out as part of the budget proposals process and again ahead of the report to Cabinet on 17th March 2025. These were documented and published with the papers.