

Cabinet Meeting: Monday, 01 September 2025

Question from: Richard Walsh

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

QUESTION

- The Shay Stadium is a **Council-owned asset**. The risk of displacement arises directly from the Council's decision on its disposal.
- Under **Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972, Public Sector Equality Duty**, and the **Gunning Principles**, the Council must consider the impact of its decisions on existing users.
- The Council's own **Asset Disposal Policy** requires assessment of community impact and continued viability of current tenants.

I therefore request this question is accepted and answered at Cabinet, or that you provide a written response confirming:

- What assessment has been made of the risk of displacement;
- What steps will be taken to mitigate this risk.

If no assessment exists, please confirm this explicitly.

Response

It was agreed by Cabinet that as part of any disposal, a restrictive covenant is to be included in the transfer as part of this disposal, which will restrict the use of the Shay Stadium as a Sporting Stadium.

The terms of the disposal are still in the process of being negotiated, however, we are discussing the terms of the future occupation of the sporting clubs to ensure that the council is satisfied that a suitable agreement is put in place between the purchaser and the sports clubs.

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.