



Date: Wednesday, 14 December 2016

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Shrewsbury/Oswestry Room, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6ND

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2016

10.00 - 11.31 am in the Shrewsbury/Oswestry Room, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6ND

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Present

Shropshire Councillors

Councillor Joyce Barrow (Chairman)

Councillors Peggy Mullock (Vice Chairman), Andy Boddington, Hannah Fraser, Vince Hunt, Nic Laurens, Kevin Pardy, John Price and Robert Tindall

Co-Opted Members (Voting)

Sian Lines, Carol Morgan

27 Apologies and Substitutions

27.1 Apologies for absence were received from Kevin Turley and Peter Cherrington

The Chairman advised that Item 8 – Shropshire Children’s Centre Update would be taken after Members Questions

28 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

28.1 There were no interests declared

29 Minutes

29.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2016 had been circulated

29.2 RESOLVED:-

That the minutes of the meeting of the Young Peoples Scrutiny Committee held on 20 July 2016 be accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman

30 Public Question Time

30.1 There were no public questions

31 Members' Question Time

31.1 The following questions had been received from Councillor Roger Evans

1. I have recently been sent a copy of a message sent to certain selected Councillors in July. I was not on the list and have only seen this message in the last few days.

I note in the message it says the LA is fully supportive of this application. Can it be confirmed if this is the case or not. If the statement is true why the "LA is fully supportive" of this application and the confirmation that the LA will "commission 50 places with an additional 10 nursery places being available".

Response

The Children and Families Act places a duty on local authorities to 'keep under review its education provision.... made in its area for children and young people who have special educational needs or a disability.' (DfE. (2014). Children and Families Act 2014 c. 6 Part 3 Section 27)

As part of this review the LA is supportive of the Shrewsbury Academy Trust (SAT) free school bid to develop specialist provision in Shrewsbury. Working with the SAT to develop this provision will be a cost effective means ensuring that the LA is able to meet its statutory duty.

It is anticipated that the LA will commission between 50 and 60 places across the 5 to 16 age range by the end of the second year of operation. The LA will keep this under review and adjust, if necessary, to ensure both sufficiency of places and value for money. The LA will also quality assure its full range of SEND provision through monitoring of outcomes for children and young people with SEND, particularly with regard to outcomes relating to Preparation for Adulthood (PFA). This is in line with the duties placed on local authorities within the Children and Families Act.

Recent discussion between the LA and SAT has meant that there are currently no plans to develop nursery provision at this stage. The LA does not believe that there is a need for centralised specialist provision for this age group with this level of need. The LA are seeking to place children aged between 0 and 5 years within mainstream nursery/early years provision within local communities where possible.

The Parent and Carer Council (PACC) are supportive of this application and have been informed of, and are involved in, the initial planning of this development. This is in line with the duty placed on local authorities to involve parents (and young people) in strategic decision making when planning provision for SEND.

The provision is intended to meet the needs of children with complex SEN. It will cater mainly for children with a moderate to severe learning difficulty whose needs cannot be met appropriately in a mainstream setting. This may be because of very

low levels of cognitive functioning and/or because they have additional needs that mean that they are not able to function independently within a mainstream environment. These pupils require a curriculum that provides opportunity to develop independence and that may have a vocational focus in order to develop the work related skills that will enable them to fully participate within their community as adults. Currently this profile of pupil is likely to attend Severndale Academy.

Health data demonstrates that within Shropshire there is an increase in the number of children with very complex needs. As these children reach school age this will place further demand on places at Severndale Academy. A specialist free school for children with moderate to severe learning difficulties will mean that Severndale will have the capacity to meet increased demand for children with severe learning difficulties as well as those with profound and multiple learning difficulties.

2. Can we be told if this is likely to affect any other school in Shropshire, have these schools been informed, and will the LA be paying in full any transport costs incurred by parents in transporting their children to this new free school. Have the LA any further details on this application that can be shared with the scrutiny Committee.

Response

The only school that is likely to be affected within Shropshire is Severndale Academy. The principal of Severndale Academy is a member of the core planning group and is therefore informed.

The LA transport pupils who meet the criteria for transport for SEND. It is not anticipated that there will be an increase in transport costs to either parents or the LA as the majority of children attending this provision would have had transport provided to Severndale or to another specialist setting within a neighbouring authority.

Further details:

The bid will be submitted to the DfE at the end of this month. The final outcome of this bid will not be known until summer 2017. If successful then it is planned to open in September 2018. Capital funding for the project will be provided by central government and a high proportion of the running costs will also be provided from a central government budget for the first two years of operation (this will be commensurate with the number of commissioned places). We will keep cabinet fully updated of this and other proposals as they develop.

- 31.2 Mr Evans thanks officers for their response and by way of supplementary question expressed concern about the effect the proposals would have on other schools. The Director of Children's Services commented that there would be a positive outcome for all schools as there would be extra expertise available that they could access.

32 Shropshire Children's Centres - 2016 /17 update

- 32.1 The Committee received the report of the Commissioning Service Manager which provided an update on Children's Centres in Shropshire covering current developments and the future direction of travel
- 32.2 The Commissioning Service Manager reminded members that there were currently 12 Children's Centre Areas across the county. She outlined the services provided and reminded Members that the Children's Centres played a key part in the delivery of the priorities set out in the Early Help Strategy
- 32.3 The Commissioning Service Manager introduced Chris Reeves, Chair of the South Shropshire Children's Centre Advisory Board and Adam Roberts, Chair of the North West Shropshire Children's Centre Advisory Board who updated Members on developments within their areas.
- 32.4 The Commissioning Service Manger then introduced Mrs Jackie Griffin who gave an account of her experiences of using Children's Centre Services. Mrs Griffin commented that the help she had received from staff had been invaluable and that she did not know how she would have coped without it.
- 32.5 A Member asked for further details of partnership working. The Commissioning Service Manager advised that there were currently a range of arrangements which included: -
- Co-facilitation where staff worked alongside staff from other agencies
 - Joint Commissioning
 - Joint use of Volunteers
- 32.6 A Member commented that he had been involved in the development resilient community in Oswestry and asked for an update on how it was working. The Commissioning Service Manager informed the meeting that feedback had been very positive and that the opportunity to work with partners to develop a "one stop shop" had been key to this.
- 32.7 The Chairman thanked Mr Reeves, Mr Roberts and Mrs Griffin for attending the meeting and relating their experiences.

32.8 RESOLVED:

That the Scrutiny Committee note the contents of the report

33 Impact of Budget Cuts on Services

- 33.1 The meeting received a presentation from the Director of Children's Services (copy attached to the signed minutes) which set out the budget proposal for the financial year 2016 – 17 and the saving that were being proposed.

- 33.2 In her presentation the Director of Children's Services reminded Members of the savings that needed to be made, the principles underpinning the decisions that were being made and the key areas for savings and the potential impact on services. She also outlined the main pressures which may mean that the savings are not achieved.
- 33.3 In response to a question regarding how the Council could continue to monitor and influence school performance the Service Manager Education Improvement & Efficiency advised that this would become increasingly difficult as capacity to support schools was reduced and there was a move for Councils to step away from school improvement.

34 Proposed Recoupment of Academy Conversion Costs

- 34.1 The meeting received the report of the Director of Children's Services which set out proposals for the introduction of a charge to converting schools to cover Council costs, to be charged against the Government grant they receive for costs relating to the conversion process.
- 34.2 The Director of Children's Services advised Members that a report was being taken to Cabinet proposing the introduction of a charge of £5000 to schools that were converting to Academy status to cover the Councils administrative costs, which previously had been borne by the relevant department.
- 34.3 In response to a query the Director of Children's Services confirmed that the charge would be paid out of the grant that a school receives from the DfE to cover costs relating to the setting up of the Academy and would not affect the school budget.
- 34.4 RESOLVED:
- That Members support the proposal to introduce a charge to recoup the Council's costs in relation to the academy conversion process.

35 Work Programme

- 35.1 The current Scrutiny Committee Work Programme and Cabinet forward Plan had been circulated.
- 35.2 A Member suggested that an item on Education Access be added to the work Programme
- 35.3 The Director of Children's Services suggested that following the item on Children's centres Members may like to receive one of the interactive sessions on Understanding Your Child. This was welcomed by Members
- 35.4 The Chairman asked Members to let her know if there was any other topic that they wished to be added to the work programme

36 Date of Next Meeting

36.1 Members were reminded that the next scheduled meeting of the Committee would be held on Wednesday 14 December 2016

Signed (Chairman)

Date:



Young People's Scrutiny
Committee
14 December 2016

Item
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Proposals for the creation of a Task & Finish Group to consider the local commissioning of youth activities

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1. Summary

At its meeting of 19th October 2016 Cabinet recommended that proposals for the future commissioning of youth activities should be considered and investigated by the Young People's Scrutiny Committee.

This report sets out proposed Terms of Reference for a time limited Task and Finish Group. Specifically, it is proposed that the Task & Finish group considers opportunities to sustain or grow commissioned support for youth activities within areas and communities of greatest need by working with partner and partner organisations. This report also highlights the timeframe and that, pending the outcomes of this review, existing funding arrangements for the local commissioning of youth activities will; be maintained at current levels until the end of December 2017.

2. Recommendations

To comment on and then confirm the Terms of Reference for the Task and Finish Group.

REPORT

1.0 Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

- 1.1 Local authorities have a duty to secure, so far as reasonably practical, equality of access for all young people aged 13 to 19 (24 for those with learning difficulties). The "local offer" should be the best possible to meet local needs and to improve young people's well-being and personal and social development within available resources. Local authorities must also take steps to gain the views of young people and to take them into account in making decisions about services and activities for them.
Visit:<http://dera.ioe.ac.uk/15549/1/statutory%20guidance%20on%20la%20youth%20provision%20duty.pdf>
- 1.2 Child safeguarding and welfare matters are paramount in our approach and appropriate safeguards are included in all arrangements.

- 1.3 Supporting early help and early prevention is a key driver for the Council. Support for youth activities as a “universal offer” alongside more targeted support for young people with particular needs underpins our approach to commissioning support for young people to be able to access a range of activities.

2.0 Financial implications

- 2.1 The 2016/17 budget for the local commissioning of youth activities is £234,950. This was allocated across 18 Local Joint Committees (LJC) areas according to specific youth related “need”, adjusted by a measure of rurality.
- 2.2 The Council’s Medium Term Financial Strategy agreed by full Council on 25th February 2016 confirmed the requirement to make 50% savings to the locally commissioned youth activities budget from 2017/18 onwards, leaving an available budget of £117,475 per annum.
- 2.3 Proposals for how the available budget would be allocated in 2017/18, based on an assessment of “need”, experience gained to date and the opportunity to create long term sustainable provision, were made to Cabinet on the 19th October 2016.
- 2.4 Subsequent to this Cabinet recommended that, pending the outcomes of the work of the Task and Finish Group, funding should be maintained at current levels.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 LJCs supported by Community Enablement Team officers make recommendations for the commissioning of activities for young people within their communities. Since the new model was introduced in 2015 over 70 separate awards have been made to over 50 different providers. Awards range from small grants of less than £200, for example, for the purchase of equipment by community groups, to large contracts to established youth activity providers. The learning from the local commissioning of youth activities suggests that awards are making a positive difference to the lives of young people.

In Shrewsbury the full responsibility for the commissioning and delivery of youth activities has been transferred within a formal delegation agreement from Shropshire Council to Shrewsbury Town Council.

- 3.2 The Shropshire Youth Association in partnership with Energize, the County Sports Partnership, provides infrastructure support to the voluntary community sector. Over 100 clubs are now affiliated to the Shropshire Youth Association and receive a wide range of support. Details of SYA and the support that they offer for the voluntary sector can be found at: <http://www.sya.org.uk/>. Details of Energize can be found at: <http://energizestw.org.uk/>
- 3.3 The Community Asset Transfer Register lists assets for potential transfer to community groups. 6 Council owned youth centres – Whitchurch, Market Drayton, The Grange, Sundorne, Monkmoor and Bridgnorth – have been listed on the register. To date business plans are being developed for 3 of the youth

centres. These will be dealt with in accordance with the Council's Community Asset Transfer policy with approvals coming forward to Cabinet as and when appropriate.

- 3.4 Progress with the implementation of the local commissioning of youth activities has been previously scrutinised by the Children & Young People's Scrutiny Committee on 22nd October 2014, 24th June 2015, 4th November 2015 and 3rd February 2016.
- 3.5 At its meeting of the 19th October 2016 Cabinet confirmed the following recommendations:
- I. That the proposals for the future commissioning of youth activities within the context of reduced funding be referred for consideration and investigation by the Young People's Scrutiny Committee;
 - II. That the Young People's Scrutiny Committee considers setting up a Task and Finish Group to consider this matter and that the Task and Finish Group liaise with partners and partner organisations to consider possible options; and
 - III. That, in the meantime, funding for youth activities remain at its current level.

<http://shropshire.gov.uk/committee-services/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=130&MId=3257&Ver=4>

4.0 Task & Finish Group

- 4.1 **Appendix 1** describes the proposed Terms of Reference for the Task & Finish Group. Specifically, it is proposed that the Task & Finish group considers opportunities to sustain or grow commissioned support for youth activities within areas and communities of greatest need by working with partner and partner organisations.

This review is not intended to cover the following areas, except in so far as they may be directly relevant to the topic area:

- Infrastructure support provided by SYA & Energize
- Support for Special Needs Groups
- Different mechanisms for the delivery of youth activities

- 4.2 Within the Terms of Reference a number of shared outcomes that respond to young people needs are proposed:
- Confirmation of our understanding of local need and how this should be best met including funding proposals
 - Confirmation of the Council's role, now and in the future, in providing support to young people
 - Confirmation of potential partner support for on-going youth provision
 - Cost effective provision that meets the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan
- 4.3 The proposed timetable is based on a minimum of three meetings of the Task & Finish Group, consultation with a number of potential "partner organisations" and a final report to Cabinet on the outcomes of the review in June 2017.

5.0 Funding for 2017/18

- 5.1 In order to provide sufficient time for the Task and Finish Group to develop recommendations and for these to be implemented it is proposed to extend existing funding allocations to individual LJs pro-rata to Christmas 2017; any new arrangements will then be introduced from the beginning of the Spring term 2018.
- 5.2 As part of the continuation of existing arrangements, Shropshire Council will continue to provide the use of the existing Shropshire Council owned youth centres – Ludlow, Bridgnorth, Shrewsbury (Grange, Sundorne & Monkmoor), Whitchurch, Market Drayton and Oswestry – free of charge for LJC commissioned youth activities.

6.0 Conclusions

- 6.1 A list of Frequently Asked Questions is included within **Appendix 2**. These provide background to the local commissioning of youth activities, summarise the proposed Terms of Reference for the Task and Finish Group and confirm funding arrangements until the end of December 2017.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

Shropshire Children's Trust Children, Young People and Families Plan 2014
Changes to Youth Services, Young People's Scrutiny Committee, 30 April 2014
Future Commissioning and provision of youth activities, Portfolio Holder Decision, 2 July 2014
Update – Future Commissioning and Provision of youth activities, Children & Young People's Scrutiny Committee, 22 October 2014
Local Joint Committees – Update on youth commission and boundaries, Cabinet, 10 December 2014
Youth Commissioning Update, Children & Young People's Scrutiny Committee, 24 June 2015
Delegation of the responsibility for the commissioning and delivery of youth services within Shrewsbury to Shrewsbury Town Council and recommendations for Broseley Youth Club, Cabinet, 29th July 2015
Support for Youth Activities update, Young People's Scrutiny Committee, 4 November 2015
Support for Youth Activities update, Young People's Scrutiny Committee, 3 February 2016
Proposals for the future commissioning of youth activities within the context of reduced funding, Cabinet, 19 October 2016

Cabinet Member:

Cllr David Minnery – Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People

Local Members:

All Members

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Terms of Reference for Task & Finish Group

Appendix 2 – The Local Commissioning of Youth Activities, Frequently Asked Questions

**TERMS OF REFERENCE
LOCAL COMMISSIONING OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES
TASK AND FINISH GROUP
23 NOVEMBER 2016**

1. What is the broad Topic area?	
	Local Commissioning of Youth Activities
2. What is the specific Topic area?	
	<p>Opportunities to sustain or grow commissioned support for youth activities by working with partner and partner organisations.</p> <p>Note: This review is not intended to cover the following areas, except in so far as they may be directly relevant to the topic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure support provided by SYA & Energize • Support for Special Needs Groups • Different mechanisms for the delivery of youth activities
3. What are the ambitions for the review?	
	To develop a broad “consortium” based approach that supports the provision of youth activities within areas and communities of greatest need, now and in the future.
4. How well do we perform at the moment?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do we know already? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council’s Medium Term Financial Strategy confirms the requirement to make 50% savings to the locally commissioned youth activities budget from 2017/18, leaving an available budget of £117,475 per annum. However, pending the outcomes of the Task and Finish Group it is intended to maintain funding at its current level, i.e. £234,950, in the short term, until 31st December 2017. • Local Joint Committees (LJCs) supported by Community Enablement Team officers make recommendations for the commissioning of activities for young people within their communities. Since the new model was introduced in 2015 over 70 separate awards have been made to over 50 different providers. Awards range from small grants of less than £200, for example, for the purchase of equipment by community groups, to large contracts to established youth activity providers. • The Shropshire Youth Association (SYA) in partnership with Energize, the County Sports Partnership, provides infrastructure support to the voluntary community youth sector. The partnership brings together the skill, experience and resource of embedding and sustaining both youth and sports delivery at a local level. The current contract with SYA and Energize runs to 31 March 2017 with an option to extend it for up to a further 2 years. <p>Confirm the key potential partners and stakeholders</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What will we look at? 	<p>Develop shared outcomes and understandings that underpin the council’s approach to the local commissioning of youth activities</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What evidence do we need? 	<p>Revisit and confirm our approach to maximising the impact on local needs from limited resources. Where should resources be targeted? What are the opportunities for sustaining local provision independent of the council? Where do we want to be in five years?</p> <p>List of all existing grants and contracts The impact of existing grants and contracts Detailed evidence of local need List of voluntary youth providers broken down into areas Partners insights</p>
5. Who will we consult with?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-optees • Expert/specialists? (Internal or External) • Member(s) of the public • Service user(s) • Other 	<p>Grant and contract recipients Members Shropshire Youth Association & Energize Shropshire Council members Town & Parish Councils (SALC) Shropshire 0-25s Summit (children and young people)</p> <p>Potential “joint-commissioning” partner organisations: Shropshire Council Education & Learning team Shropshire Council “Early Help” team Shropshire Council Strengthening Families team Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service Town & Parish Councils (SALC) Local Policing Teams Police & Crime Commissioner Probation Service</p> <p>And young people</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site visits or visits • Visits to other organisations • Survey • Focus Groups/Workshops • Mystery shopper • Witness evidence • Desktop research • Exhibitions • Other 	<p>Visits to commissioned youth activity sessions Survey of young people and providers Partner evidence Desk top research</p>
7. What other help do we need? e.g. training / development / resources	
	<p>N/A or otherwise to be confirmed</p>
8. How long should the review take?	

	A suggested timetable is provided below:		
	14 December 16	Confirm scope and terms of reference for Task & Finish Group	Young People's Scrutiny Committee
	January / February 2017	Develop recommendations for the future commissioning of youth activities and for wider partner engagement	Task & Finish Group x 3 + meetings
	March/April 2017	Confirm recommendations of Task & Finish Group	Young People's Scrutiny Committee
	June 2017	Confirm recommendations	Cabinet
	January 2018 / Spring term	Implement recommendations	Local Joint Committees Young people Community Enablement Team officers Providers
9. What will the key outcomes be?			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation of shared outcomes that respond to young people needs • Confirmation of our understanding of local need and how this should be best met including funding proposals • Confirmation of the Council's role, now and future, in providing support to young people • Confirmation of potential partner support for on-going youth provision • Cost effective provision that meets the council's Medium Term Financial Plan 		

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Appendix 2

The Local Commissioning of Youth Activities in 2017/18

Frequently Asked Questions

21 November 2017

Background

What do you mean by youth activities and outcomes for young people?

The “universal” provision of group youth work and other activities for young people aged between 10 to 19 years old and up to 25 for those with learning disabilities.

Our overall high level aim is to ensure that as many young people as possible can access a wide range of group activities after school, at weekends and in school holidays. The purpose of these activities is to support young people’s well-being, development of personal and social education and preparation for adulthood. We want young people to be involved in their development.

This work will contribute to two outcome areas in the Shropshire’s Children, Young People and Families Plan 2014, namely:

- No. 3 Ensuring the emotional wellbeing of children and young people by focusing on prevention and early intervention.
- No. 4 Keeping more children healthy and reducing health inequalities.

Locally outcomes will reflect the needs and circumstances of the particular area and should be linked to the long term sustainability of provision.

How do youth activities work alongside other services for young people?

Youth activities form part of “universal” provision for young people. Where there are specific additional needs of a young person or issues impacting on parental capacity that are relatively low level, youth activities workers or volunteers may be able to take swift action within the community to meet these.

If a young person’s situation is not fully understood or if there are indicators that a young person and family would benefit from more targeted support then the young person can be referred to Early Help for an assessment. Early Help can be provided within a range of support services including dedicated social workers, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service, Substance Misuse Teams, Targeted Youth Services and Parenting Programmes. Access to Early help services is provided through a single point of access gateway, COMPASS, which provides a timely, appropriate response to all requests for support including professionally assessed and un-assessed needs and self-referrals.

How will you support community based youth organisations?

Shropshire Council has a contract with the Shropshire Youth Association, our Youth Activities Infrastructure Partner, to:

- Provide direct support for community based organisations which provide activities for young people
- Ensure that what is delivered is safe and of a set quality by providing training and support for providers where this is needed

It is proposed that, subject to a review, this contract will continue for up to a further two years from 2017/18.

For more information about SYA visit: <http://www.sya.org.uk/>

How are youth activities commissioned locally?

Local Joint Committees supported by Community Enablement Team officers make recommendations for the commissioning of activities for young people within their communities. To date over 70 separate awards have been made to over 50 different providers in 18 Local Joint Committee areas. Awards range from small grants of less than £200, for example, for the purchase of equipment by community groups to large contracts to established youth activity providers.

The Local Commissioning of Youth Activities in 2017/18

Will you be reviewing how youth commissioning is delivered in the future?

At its meeting of the 19th October 2016 Cabinet confirmed the following recommendations:

- I. That the proposals for the future commissioning of youth activities within the context of reduced funding be referred for consideration and investigation by the Young People's Scrutiny Committee;
- II. That the Young People's Scrutiny Committee considers setting up a Task and Finish Group to consider this matter and that the Task and Finish Group liaise with partners and partner organisations to consider possible options; and
- III. That, in the meantime, funding for youth activities remain at its current level.

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What will the remit be of the Task and Finish Group?

The Young People's Scrutiny Committee will confirm the detailed terms of reference for the Task & Finish Group on the 14th December 2016. However, the broad remit will consider opportunities to sustain or grow commissioned support for youth activities by working with partner organisations. The review is not intended to cover infrastructure support provided by SYA & Energize, Special Needs Groups and different mechanisms for the local delivery of youth activities.

What will the timescale be for the implementation of the Task and Finish group recommendations?

Subject to confirmation by the Scrutiny Committee the following timetable is proposed:

14 December 16	Confirm scope and terms of reference for Task & Finish Group	Young People's Scrutiny Committee
January / February 2017	Develop recommendations for the future commissioning of youth activities and for wider partner engagement	Task & Finish Group x 3 + meetings
March/April 2017	Confirm recommendations of Task & Finish Group	Young People's Scrutiny Committee
June 2017	Confirm recommendations	Cabinet
January 2018 / Spring term	Implement recommendations	Local Joint Committees Young people Community Enablement Team officers Providers

What will the implications be for the local delivery of youth activities in 2017/18?

In order to provide sufficient time for the Task and Finish group to develop recommendations and for these to be implemented it is proposed to extend existing funding allocations to individual LICs pro-rata to Christmas 2017; any new arrangements will then be introduced from the beginning of the Spring term 2018.

As part of the continuation of existing arrangements, Shropshire Council will continue to provide the use of the existing Shropshire Council owned youth centres – Ludlow, Bridgnorth, Shrewsbury (Grange, Sundorne & Monkmoor), Whitchurch, Market Drayton and Oswestry – free of charge for LIC commissioned youth activities.

The proposed funding allocations until the end of December 2017 are based on 9/12th of the 2016/17 allocations and are summarised below:

LIC Area	Specific Needs Score	2016/17 funding allocation		Proposed 2017/18 funding allocation confirmed to end of December 2017
		£3,000 Rurality Allocation	Total Funding	Total Funding
Shrewsbury	2.48		£81,500	£61,125
Oswestry	0.75		£24,640	£18,480
Market Drayton	0.73		£24,060	£18,045
Whitchurch	0.47		£15,580	£11,685
Longden, Ford, Rea Valley and Loton	0.42	√	£16,630	£12,473
Gobowen, Selattyn, St Martin's, and Weston Rhyn	0.37		£12,120	£9,090
Ludlow and Cleve area	0.33		£10,850	£8,138
Bridgnorth, Worfield, Alveley and Claverley	0.31	√	£11,620	£7,590
Wem and Shawbury	0.29	√	£12,450	£9,338
Bishop's Castle, Chirbury, Worthen and Clun	0.19	√	£3,000	£2,250
Strettondale and Burnell	0.18	√	£3,000	£2,250
Ellesmere	0.17	√	£3,000	£2,250
Five Perry Parishes	0.17			
Tern and Severn Valley	0.16	√	£3,000	£2,250
St Oswald	0.15	√	£3,000	£2,250
Craven Arms and Rural	0.15	√	£3,000	£2,250
Highley and Brown Cleve	0.14	√	£1,500	£1,125
Shifnal and Sheriffhales	0.13			
Cleobury and Rural	0.11	√	£3,000	£2,250
Bayston Hill	0.09			
Broseley and Rural	0.09			
Albrighton	0.07			

Much Wenlock and Shipton	0.04	√	£3,000	£2,250
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What progress is being made with the Community Asset Transfer of Shropshire Council youth centres?

Of the 6 council owned youth centres – Whitchurch, Market Drayton, The Grange, Sundorne, Monkmoor and Bridgnorth – previously advertised as being available on the Community Asset Transfer Register, business plans are being developed for three properties. In addition, an options appraisal is being undertaken in relation to a number of different alternatives for the future use of Bridgnorth Youth Centre.

Business Plans will be required to demonstrate that organisations proposals for the buildings are viable and sustainable in the future. The assessment process will continue through 2016/17 with the intention, where possible, of confirming new management arrangements in the near future. The Council is working with the preferred organisations to determine whether they are prepared to support ongoing youth activity where required.

It should be noted that applications are subject to receipt of further information and Council processes and approvals and that no decisions have yet been taken.

The Centre in Oswestry is being retained corporately and will continue to host and support youth activities.

What will the approach be to maximising the value of future funding?

Looking forward our general approach to supporting youth activities will continue to be based on:

1. Developing a broad partnership based approach to recognising and sustaining the value of youth activities
2. Targeting resources for directly supported delivery to the areas of greatest need
3. Providing the best chance of encouraging long term sustainable local provision.

With respect to sustaining long term provision it will be important to encourage partner financial contributions, for example via local town and parish councils, businesses, etc. This work will continue locally alongside the more strategic review to be undertaken by the Task & Finish Group.

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