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## **Proposals for the future commissioning of youth activities within the context of reduced funding**

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### **1. Summary**

This report summarises progress with the commissioning of activities for young people and proposed plans for 2017/18 and 2018/19.

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 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.

In the context of available funding reducing by 50% from 2017/18 and following a consultation with LJCs over the summer this report makes recommendations for how spend is prioritised. It explains how revised criteria have been developed based on a combination of local "need", the opportunity to develop long-term local sustainable provision independent of direct financial support from the Council and consultation with LJCs.

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.

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.

## 2. Recommendations

- A. To endorse the revised criteria for determining funding allocations based on a 50% budget reduction.
- B. To confirm the allocation of funding for 2017/18 based on the proposed revised criteria in support of the local provision of youth activities, subject to any final adjustments, and to delegate authority for any final adjustments to the Director of Place and Enterprise and the Director of Children's Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children & Young People.
- C. To delegate authority to the Director of Place and Enterprise and the Director of Children's Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children & Young People to allocate funding for 2018/19 based on a review of the outcomes of funding provided in 2017/18 and progress made towards achieving long-term local sustainable provision independent of the Council.

## 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>

The proposals outlined within this report, alongside on-going support for voluntary provided youth activities via the Council's infrastructure support provider contract, will meet the Council's statutory responsibilities.

- 1.2 A risk management log for local youth commissioning is reviewed quarterly.
- 1.3 An Equality and Social Inclusion Impact Assessment (ESIIA) for local youth commissioning is included within **Appendix 1**. While the ESIIA recognises that there may be some potential negative impact to young people in areas where funding is withdrawn or reduced it notes that limited funding should be targeted to young people whose needs are not fully catered for by mainstream provision, through the voluntary sector or by other means and who may benefit from "targeted youth worker support". The evidence suggests that this is largely within areas of deprivation within the main Shropshire market towns.

Outside these areas there has in the main been no recent history of direct youth activity provision by Shropshire Council. Rather the Council's approach has been to engage an "infrastructure support provider", the Shropshire Youth Association (working more recently with Energize, the county sports partnership), to support the development of safe and effective voluntary sector providers; this approach will continue alongside the local commissioning of youth activities.

Most existing funding outside the areas of greatest need has been directed at existing youth clubs and has provided some additional support with the purchase of equipment or on putting on additional activities. It is not anticipated that the withdrawal of funding within these areas will result in clubs closing. However, the potential impact of funding reductions within areas previously only receiving rurality funding is recognised and will be partly mitigated by the creation of one off “transition grant pot”.

Alongside the infrastructure support provider Community Enablement Team Officers will continue to support local youth clubs to access funding and provide sustainable delivery.

- 1.4 Child safeguarding and welfare matters are paramount in our approach and appropriate safeguards are included in all arrangements.
- 1.5 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 LJC areas according to specific youth related “need”, adjusted by a measure of rurality as described below.
- 2.2 Eight measures were confirmed by Cabinet in December 2014 to calculate an index of specific youth related “need” for each LJC. These eight measures were chosen to best reflect the partnership outcomes sought by the Children’s Trust described within the Shropshire’s Children, Young People and Families Plan 2014 (see 3.2). A needs score was calculated for each LJC area, which was used to determine the proportion of funding allocated to the LJC. The eight measures used in the funding formula were as follows:
  - The no of 10-19 year olds
  - The no of 10-19 year olds with a learning disability
  - The no of 10-10 year olds living in a deprived area
  - The no of 10-17 year olds offenders
  - The no of 10-19 year olds with poor school attendance
  - The no of referrals to social care for 10-17 year olds
  - Occurrence of anti-social behaviour
  - Percentage of obesity of 10-11 year olds
- 2.3 A further measure, the number of 10-19 year olds per square mile, was used to determine a specific rurality contribution, allocated separately from the main element of the funding determined by the formula described above.
- 2.4 The Council’s Medium Term Financial Strategy agreed by full Council on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016 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. Proposals for how the available budget will be allocated in 2017/18 are based on an assessment of “need”, experience gained

to date from the local commissioning of youth activities and the opportunity to create long term sustainable provision. Our approach to allocating funding in 2017/18 is described in more detail in section 5.

- 2.5 The allocation of budget for 2018/19 and onwards will be kept under review in the light of progress achieved in creating new sustainable local delivery models in 2017/18.
- 2.6 Within Locality Commissioning there is currently a central budget for a contribution to youth centre costs (building costs). This budget will reduce to nil by the end of 2016/17, as hire charges will be incurred directly by delivery organisations from April 2017. The cost of youth centre hire has been accounted for in the proposed LJC funding allocations for 2017/18.

### **3.0 Background Information**

- 3.1 Approval was given by the Portfolio Holder responsible for youth services to modify the commissioning model in response to consultation and to procure infrastructure support services on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014. Approval was subsequently given by Cabinet on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014 to confirm the funding allocation based on an analysis of “need” for individual LJC areas. Further approval was provided by Cabinet on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2015 to delegate the responsibility for the commissioning and delivery of youth services within Shrewsbury to Shrewsbury Town Council and to provide short-term match funding to enable the community to support the on-going development of youth activities within Broseley. Progress with the implementation of the approach has been scrutinised by the Children & Young People’s Scrutiny Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2014, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015 and 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016.
- 3.2 The following key points underpin the Council’s approach to the commissioning of youth activities:
  - The Council’s aim is to ensure that as many young people as possible, can access a wide range of activities after school, at weekends and in school holidays. These activities are known collectively as Youth Activities and their purpose is to support young people’s well-being, development of personal and social education and preparation for adulthood.
  - Youth Activities are part of Shropshire’s Early Help Offer for young people.  
Visit: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/media/1216935/Shropshire-CYPF-Plan-2014.pdf>
  - The provision of youth activities will contribute to the following outcome areas in the Shropshire’s Children, Young People and Families Plan 2014:
    1. Ensuring all Children & Young People are safe and well looked after in a supportive environment
    2. Narrowing the achievement gap in education & work
    3. Ensuring emotional wellbeing of Children & Young People by focusing on prevention and early intervention
    4. Keeping more Children & Young People healthy and reducing health inequalities

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- 3.3 Within the local commissioning model for youth activities Local Joint Committees (LJCs), together with young people and supported by the Community Enablement Team, are responsible for making commissioning recommendations. LJCs have based their recommendations on a consideration of a local “needs” assessment, an understanding of existing youth provision, conversations (and formal consultation in areas of existing Council delivery) with young people and stakeholders, and their local knowledge. Community Enablement Team officers continue to support LJCs with this work and are responsible for procuring youth activity within the Councils’ Constitution and Contract and Financial Rules.
- 3.4 Alongside the provision of “main stream” youth activities Shropshire Council provides three dedicated “Special Needs Groups” in Shrewsbury and Bridgnorth. These groups are operated within the Short Breaks Programme, a programme for Shropshire children and young people up to and including 18 years of age who have a disability or additional needs that make (or would make) attending mainstream clubs, groups or facilities difficult. Further details can be found at: <http://shropshire.gov.uk/local-offer/short-breaks-for-children-with-disabilities/>

Information regarding the availability of short breaks can be found in the [‘All In’ activity programme](#). The Short Breaks programme is commissioned by the Council to a variety of specialist and mainstream providers.

- 3.5 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. 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/>

At the end of the summer term 2016 the infrastructure support provider had provided support to 144 clubs and made nearly 300 visits to clubs. The majority of these clubs are independent youth clubs; Scout groups, sports clubs and Young Farmers clubs are also affiliated. SYA is raising the quality of local delivery by making regular visits to clubs and by delivering activities. Funding remains an issue for many clubs with 32 clubs helped with funding and funding applications. SYA continues to be proactive in supporting clubs to complete DBS checks for their staff and to attend safeguarding awareness training.

- 3.6 Shropshire Council owns youth centres across the county in Bridgnorth, Ludlow, Market Drayton, Oswestry, Shrewsbury (x3) and Whitchurch.

#### **4.0 Review of Local Commissioning of Youth Activities**

- 4.1 Since the new model was instigated 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.

End of project or termly monitoring and review of activities is carried out. The learning from the local commissioning of youth activities suggests that awards are making a positive difference to the lives of young people, although it is less clear to date that they are enabling long term locally sustainable provision.

- 4.2 In Shrewsbury the responsibility for the delivery / commissioning of youth activities has been transferred within a formal delegation agreement from Shropshire Council to Shrewsbury Town Council (STC).

STC appointed a Community Development Officer to manage and develop youth service provision from the outset. 1,099 young people have benefited from the delivery of five weekly youth clubs for juniors within the more deprived areas of Shrewsbury for juniors. Alongside this targeted support has been provided by youth workers to 113 older people within the town, particularly within areas where young people congregate and there is the threat of antisocial behaviour. A Youth Forum has been established at the Hive and has resulted in young people coming together from across the town to develop projects for young people.

- 4.3 There are a number of advantages to the transfer of the responsibility for delivering youth services from Shropshire Council to local town / parish Councils including:

- Services that are more responsive to local need and offer the potential for greater engagement from the local community and stronger customer satisfaction with services
- Enhanced role for the Town Council within the town
- Development of synergies between the public assets held by the Town Council – recreational grounds, parks, play, etc. - and the users of those facilities many of which are likely to access youth services
- Potential to augment Shropshire Council funding, to improve the reach of service provision and quality and to create a sustainable approach to local delivery

- 4.4 At the end of the Summer term 371 individuals had attended the eleven clubs being run by the SYA in Ludlow, Bridgnorth, Market Drayton, Minsterley, Westbury, Whitchurch, Wem and Shawbury with weekly attendance averaging 17 people. Participants are being actively engaged in developing and promoting their sessions and a range of activities have been provided including sports, laser tag, dodgeball, cooking and crafts, Xbox dance, long rope skipping, parties, trips, career advice, etc. Crime, alcohol and Diabetes awareness sessions have also been run. In Shawbury the club has moved from one supported by a paid SYA youth worker to one entirely run by volunteers. In Whitchurch additional funding was secured from the Everybody Active Everyday programme and the Higginson Trust to put on a "It's a Knockout" event and to organise a residential trip to PGL Baschurch.

## **5.0 Proposed funding allocations 2017/18**

- 5.1 Funding in support of local youth activity provision will be reduced by 50% of the current budget from 2017/18 onwards. The Cabinet report of the 13<sup>th</sup> July

2016 said, “Our suggested approach to maximising the value of future funding (in support of positive activities) is based on targeting funding to those areas where previous intelligence has confirmed that the “specific needs” are the highest.”

Visit: <http://shropshire.gov.uk/committee-services/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=130&MId=3358&Ver=4>

5.2 The suggested approach to maximising the future value of future funding in the proposed revised criteria is set out within the Frequently Asked Questions to be found at **Appendix 2**. In summary our suggested approach is based on:

- Targeting funding to those areas where previous intelligence has confirmed that the “specific needs” of young people are the highest
- Withdrawing all “rurality” funding allocations – funding in these areas largely relates to areas that have historically not been directly funded and that have reasonably well developed voluntary sector providers. Voluntary sector providers will continue to be supported by the SYA and Energize.
- Providing the best chance of supporting long term sustainable local provision independent of direct financial support by the Council by:
  - Encouraging the community to take “ownership” of local provision, for example through the creation of local youth forums, fund raising and even the direct employment of youth workers.
  - Encouraging partner financial contributions that support on-going provision, for example via local town and parish councils, businesses, etc.
  - Encouraging and supporting the role of qualified volunteer youth workers working alongside paid youth workers where appropriate
  - Supporting a creative and innovative approach to provision that maximises positive outcomes for young people, reduces costs and maximises income.

5.3 Consultation on the proposed revised funding criteria and funding allocations was undertaken with LJCs, Shropshire Council members, Town and Parish Councils and other stakeholders from early August to the end of September 2016. Consultation was supported by the Frequently Asked Questions set out in **Appendix 2**.

Comments were received from twelve areas out of a total of eighteen areas that received funding in 2016/17. The level of feedback may partly reflect the fact that in recent years nine of these areas, mostly those that have only received rurality funding, have not been directly supported by Shropshire Council. It is also noteworthy that in a limited number of areas LJCs found it difficult to spend their full allocation on appropriate local projects.

The consultation generated a number of comments which are summarised together with a Council response within table 1.

**Table 1**

Comments	Shropshire Council response
Concern that there had been no consultation on the proposed change to criteria used to allocate funding in	A set of Frequently Asked Questions accompanied the consultation. These set out the rationale for the proposed funding allocations. Local Joint Committee members have been provided with the opportunity to comment on

2017/18	suggested allocations and to provide arguments in support of a different approach. Responses have been collated within this report with the final approach subject to a Cabinet decision.
Suggestion that funding should be reduced by 50% across all those areas that previously received funding	Officers consider that this “one size fits all” approach is a blunt and non-evidence based way to allocating limited resources. It is recognised that proposals to reduce all rurality funding will have a potential negative impact on young people but these areas have largely not previously had Council funding, have a reasonably well developed voluntary sector and will continue to be proactively supported by the Council’s infrastructure support provider partner and by Community Enablement Team officers.
Within the nine areas currently receiving specific needs funding comments were received from seven areas. Two areas did not respond; five were broadly in agreement with the proposals; and two, Longden and Oswestry, were against.	<p>It is proposed that Oswestry receives the same level of funding as Market Drayton, Whitchurch, Ludlow and Bridgnorth. Funding has been calculated to be almost sufficient to run two weekly term time youth clubs with three qualified employed youth workers. Some additional financial support, for example from the respective Town Council, could be considered to supplement this depending on the chosen delivery model. It is recognised that the funding allocations will provide little or no opportunity for additional grant aided support to local voluntary groups, but support will continue to be provided by the Council’s infrastructure support provider partner and by Community Enablement Team officers.</p> <p>Funding for the Longden LJC area has been determined on the basis of how the existing financial support provided to five youth clubs – Minsterley, Westbury, Hanwood, Ford and Nesscliffe - can be built on to provide the best chance of long term sustainability independent of the Council. In recent times three established youth clubs – Ford, Hanwood, and Nesscliffe - were solely supported by their local parish councils and their fund raising efforts.</p> <p>Although no specific alternative proposals have been suggested on how to sustain local youth provision in Longden LJC, representations have been made that this should be left to the LJC to recommend following a full analysis of the evidence and opportunities; it is proposed to organise an LJC planning meeting to confirm allocations as soon as possible, bearing in mind that cabinet have already determined the funding criteria and allocations.</p>
Within the 9 areas receiving only rurality funding comments were received from 6 areas. 2 areas acknowledged the Council’s budget situation. Bishops Castle, Craven Arms,	In considering feedback from these areas it is noteworthy that (a) in recent years most of these areas have not been directly supported by Shropshire Council; (b) a limited number of LJCs found it difficult to spend their full allocation on appropriate local projects; and (c) where funding was awarded it tended to be mainly small grants to existing clubs to enable them to purchase equipment and to supplement



<p>Strettondale and St Oswald &amp; Llanymynech made a case for ongoing support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Investment” in young people</li> <li>• Match funding to support the development of local capacity and sustainability</li> <li>• Deprivation and local need</li> <li>• Rurality and transport challenges</li> <li>• Response to anti-social behaviour issues</li> </ul> <p>Bridgnorth LJC also made a plea to retain its rurality funding contribution on top of its specific needs funding based on its large area and numerous small communities.</p>	<p>existing activities rather than to support new activities.</p> <p>Ideally the Council would like to provide ongoing support to young people in all LJC areas. However, in the context of a significantly reduced budget the principle of directing resources to the areas of greatest need has previously been accepted. While issues resulting from dispersed communities are recognised as important additional budget reductions require a further review of where limited resources are best spent.</p> <p>However, in order to ease the transition to zero funding (in the nine areas currently only receiving rurality funding) and to support long term local sustainable provision it is proposed to create a one off (i.e. limited to 2017/18) match grant funding pot of up to £1,500. Funding will be awarded to local town / parish councils or appropriately constituted youth consortia to match an equivalent sum raised locally and to be spent in support of the delivery of activities for young people. In adopting this approach, it is anticipated that the Council will be the enabler of activities rather than the direct commissioner.</p> <p>Alongside this proactive support will continue to be provided in rural areas by the Council’s infrastructure support provider partner and by Community Enablement Team officers, and this will include opportunities to fund raise to support local activities.</p>
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Looking forward there are opportunities to use funding allocations flexibly to maximise resources with respect to the future design of the activities, the way that they are delivered, for example though increased use of volunteers, and as match funding to draw down additional awards. In practice limited suggestions were made about how future funding might be best spent and used to support alternative delivery approaches that provide positive local outcomes for young people.

Within the consultation reference was made to communities undertaking local consultations to understand what the preferred ways to deliver and fund local services will be for the future.

Mostly there was limited recognition of the role of town and parish councils in supporting future provision. However, in practice town and parish councils are already supporting the local delivery of youth activities in a number of areas.

Community Enablement Officers will continue to work with town and parish councils to explore ways of securing funding for the on-going delivery of youth activities. The SYA and Energize will also have a key role in supporting the development of new sustainable local delivery arrangements, particularly within those areas of greatest need.

5.4 Subject to Cabinet approving the proposed revised criteria set out in 5.2, table 2 summarises the proposed funding allocations for 2017/18 alongside current

funding allocations for 2016/17.

**Table 2**

LJC Area	Specific Needs Score (ref 2.2)	2016 funding allocation		Proposed 2017/18 funding allocation
		£3,000 Rurality Allocation	Total Funding	Total Funding
Shrewsbury	2.48		£81,500	£40,750
Oswestry	0.75		£24,640	£11,500
Market Drayton	0.73		£24,060	£11,500
Whitchurch	0.47		£15,580	£11,500
Longden, Ford, Rea Valley and Loton	0.42	√	£16,630	£6,000
Gobowen, Selattyn, St Martin's, and Weston Rhyn	0.37		£12,120	£8,500
Ludlow and Clee area	0.33		£10,850	£11,500
Bridgnorth, Worfield, Alveley and Claverley	0.31		£10,120	£11,500
Wem and Shawbury	0.29	√	£12,450	£4,500
Bishop's Castle, Chirbury, Worthen and Clun	0.19	√	£3,000	
Strettondale and Burnell	0.18	√	£3,000	
Ellesmere	0.17	√	£3,000	
Five Perry Parishes	0.17			
Tern and Severn Valley	0.16	√	£3,000	
St Oswald	0.15	√	£3,000	
Craven Arms and Rural	0.15	√	£3,000	
Highley and Brown Clee	0.14	√	£3,000	
Shifnal and Sheriffhales	0.13			
Cleobury and Rural	0.11	√	£3,000	
Bayston Hill	0.09			
Broseley and Rural	0.09			
Albrighton	0.07			
Much Wenlock and Shipton	0.04	√	£3,000	
<b>Total</b>			<b>£234,950</b>	<b>£117,250</b>

Proposed 2017/18 funding allocations for individual LJC areas are summarised below:

- For Shrewsbury, Oswestry, Market Drayton, Whitchurch, Ludlow and Bridgnorth, sufficient funding is proposed for the employment of two youth workers per session; currently in most cases existing sessions are supported by three youth workers. It should be noted that under the proposed funding arrangements consideration will also need to be given to any future room hire charges, which will no longer be directly subsidised by Shropshire Council.
- For Minsterley, Weston Rhyn, Gobowen and Wem sufficient funding is provided to support the employment of one youth worker per session;

currently in most cases existing sessions are supported by two youth workers.

Therefore, for the youth clubs described above to continue to operate safely in 2017/18 additional funding will be required in order to employ an additional member of staff and / or trained and skilled volunteers.

- Within Westbury, Ford, Nesscliffe, Hanwood, St Martins and Shawbury youth club provision is now well established. A small funding allocation will further increase the prospects of long term sustainability independent of Shropshire Council.

- 5.5 In response to the consultation and in recognition of the potential consequences of the proposed complete removal of funding from some areas (in the nine areas currently only receiving rurality funding) it is proposed to create a one off (i.e. for 2017/18 only) “**transition grant pot**”.

The aim will be to use the grant pot to support long term local sustainable youth provision. Funding of up to £1,500 will be awarded to local town / parish councils or appropriately constituted youth consortia to match an equivalent sum raised locally and to be spent in support of the delivery of activities for young people, particularly where their needs are not catered for by mainstream provision. In adopting this approach, it is anticipated that the Council will be the enabler of activities rather than the direct commissioner.

- 5.6 There are opportunities to use funding allocations flexibly to maximise resources with respect to the future design of the activities, the way that they are delivered, for example through increased use of volunteers, and as match funding to draw down additional awards. In practice limited suggestions were made about how future funding might be best spent and used to support alternative delivery approaches that provide positive local outcomes for young people.

The SYA and Energize will continue to have a key role in supporting the development of new sustainable local delivery arrangements, particularly within those areas of greatest need. Community Enablement Officers will also continue to work with town and parish councils to explore ways of securing funding for the on-going delivery of youth activities.

## **6.0 Review of Community Asset Transfer of youth centres**

- 6.1 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 building 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.

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

<p><b>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</b> 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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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, 29<sup>th</sup> 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</p>
<p><b>Cabinet Member:</b> Cllr David Minnery – Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People</p>
<p><b>Local Members:</b> All Members</p>
<p><b>Appendices:</b> Appendix 1 – Equality and Social Inclusion Impact Assessment Appendix 2 – The Local Commissioning of Youth Activities, Frequently Asked Questions</p>