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Joint Sub Committee

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NOTE OF ACTIONS AND DECISIONS FROM THE MEETING OF THE BROSELEY AND BARROW LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE HELD ON 2 FEBRUARY 2011 AT 7.00 P.M. AT THE VICTORIA HALL, BROSELEY

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Present

Mr P Neame, Mr P J Robinson, Dr J E Jones (Chair) and Mr P M Whiteman OBE

There were approximately 16 members of the public at the meeting.

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36.	<p>Apologies for Absence/Substitutions</p> <p>Mr P Neame substituted for Mrs S King.</p> <p>Mrs S Gibbons and her intended substitute Mr N Downes also gave their apologies.</p>	
37.	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Dr Jones declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the funding application at agenda item 9 as she served on the Victoria Hall Management Committee. (She left the room during consideration of the application).</p>	
38.	<p>Note</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> : That the notes of the meetings held on 21 October and 11 November 2010 be approved and signed by the Chairman as correct records.</p>	
39.	<p>Shropshire Council Budget Update 2011/12</p> <p>The Lead Officer, Ms Karen Bradshaw, conveyed the main messages relating to Shropshire Council's current budget situation. She explained that her presentation was not part of the consultation exercise, but an update on the</p>	

	<p>decisions which had been made, about which local communities needed to be made aware.</p> <p>The power point presentation (a copy of which is on the webpage for this meeting) covered :</p> <p>The financial picture for Shropshire Council. Overall impact on Shropshire of the Comprehensive Spending Review and Draft Settlement. Shropshire's saving target in 2011/12 and how this was being achieved. Next Steps for the delivery of further savings between 2012/13 and 2013/14.</p> <p>Ms Bradshaw reported that the cuts were a harsh reality for every council in the country. They would have been even more severe if unitary local government had not been introduced in Shropshire. While four hundred posts would be shed and senior management reduced from 94 to 65 posts, this would be achieved through a combination of compulsory and voluntary redundancies, severance and natural wastage (as recruitment to many posts had been frozen). The Council intended to mitigate job losses through changes to staff terms and conditions of service.</p> <p>Some examples of the effect of the reductions on services were given by members, including the loss of free IT support to parish councils, the removal of concessionary bus fares before 9.30 a.m. on public transport, reductions in the frequency of bus services and increased fees and charges.</p> <p>Concern was expressed that more functions would have to be absorbed by parish and town councils as Shropshire Council changed their role and method of working.</p>	
40.	<p>Street Scene- Scrutiny</p> <p>Mr Glen McGrandle – Streetscene Manager (East) gave a power point presentation (a copy of which is on the webpage for this meeting) which covered :</p> <p>The transition process Consolidation of services Transformation Street Scene functions Why we are here Mechanical road sweeping Street Scene fleet Litter picking and litter bin emptying Litter and dog waste bins Deep cleansing initiatives The top three concerns, littering, dog fouling and fly-tipping Enforcement How the service was judged Contract 2012 and onwards</p>	

	<p>Mr McGrandle also answered questions on the operation of local enforcement policies to ensure that businesses and the public complied with the law e.g. the measures which could be taken to reduce the adverse effects of fast food outlets on the environment. Enforcement action was initially through fixed penalty notices, but if the penalty remained unpaid, prosecutions were undertaken in the magistrates' courts. He also explained that Street Scene staff would be working in the future for the contractor who was awarded the new Highways and Environment Service Contract.</p>	
41.	<p>Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service</p> <p>The Committee received and noted a briefing note which provided an overview of future changes and priorities of Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service.</p>	
42.	<p>2011 Census</p> <p>Mr Alistair Bates, Census Manager for Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin, provided information on the 2011 Census which would be used to plan services and calculate the level of funding needs of all local authorities. At the last census, in 2001, there had been a 97% return rate in Shropshire. Although this was good, it still meant approximately 9,000 people had been missed.</p> <p>Mr Bates explained that the public would be asked to answer questions about themselves and the people who shared their households on Census Day (27 March 2011). Census forms could be completed on-line or submitted in the post and help and advice would be available. Completed censuses would be sent to a processing centre in Manchester and the information would be made available to local authorities towards the end of 2012.</p>	
43.	<p>Current Policing Issues – PACT (Partners and Communities Together)</p> <p>It was noted that Sean Kinson, who had been appointed as the new local police officer for the Broseley area, had been unable to attend the meeting.</p> <p>Community Safety Officer Mal Goddard referred to the Home Office's new national crime mapping website www.police.uk which had been launched the previous day. He explained that members of the public could give their postcodes and receive information on crimes statistics in an area around that postcode.</p> <p>He stressed that the public should be encouraged to report all known crimes to assist the Police develop effective crime prevention strategies.</p>	

44.	<p>Funding Update 2010/11 and Project Feedback</p> <p>The Committee considered a report from Ms Karen Bradshaw, Lead Officer on allocations made to date from the 2010/11 Community Chest and one funding application.</p> <p>(Mr Whiteman took the chair for consideration of the funding application in the absence of the Chair for this item).</p> <p><u>RESOLVED :</u></p> <p>a) To note grants made to date as detailed in table 1.</p> <p>b) To approve suggested amounts of funding as detailed in table 2 in line with the LJC criteria and funding guidance. (Grant of £1,000 to Victoria Hall Management Committee in respect of urgent repairs to the roof)</p> <p>c) To note the feedback received from Birchmeadow Park Management Committee and the Friendly Bus Transport Service.</p> <p>d) To note that the budget for 2011/12 will be reduced to £10,000 for the year and that one budget pot for the LJC be agreed.</p>	KB
45.	<p>Information Items</p> <p>The Committee noted public consultation information in the agenda on:</p> <p>Reconfiguration of Hospital Services in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust : Application for Foundation Trust status Bus Strategy for Shropshire 2011-2016 Shropshire Local Transport Plan</p>	
46.	<p>Public Question Time /Identification of future agenda items</p> <p>No suggestions were made by the audience in respect of future agenda items.</p>	
47.	<p>Dates and Venues of meetings in 2011/12</p>	
	<p>It was reported that as a result of the changes to Local Joint Committees agreed by Shropshire Council on 9 December 2010, the Much Wenlock and Broseley divisions would join together to create a new LJC which would operate a two zone principle, one for Much Wenlock with surrounding parishes and one for Broseley and Barrow. Both local Shrophire Council members would have a voting place at each zoned meeting, but the parish representatives would only have a vote within their own zone.</p> <p>It was proposed to hold the two Broseley and Barrow Sub Committee</p>	

	<p>meetings on 26 April at Willey and 21 September 2011 at Broseley.</p> <p>The Committee noted that Ms Bradshaw was attending her last meeting, as the servicing of LJC's by principal officers was being discontinued by the Council. Mrs McWilliams would also be covering a different part of the county in future and her place would be taken by Mrs Monteith.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> : That Ms Bradshaw and Mrs McWilliams be thanked for all their services to the Committee.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chair</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Date.....</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.40p.m.</p>	DEW
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