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COMMUNITY PLANNING

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Summary

The report provides the Committee with details of proposed Community Planning for the Meole, Column & Sutton Local Joint Committee area. The Community Planning exercise will be used to identify the future work of the Committee. Volunteers from the local community are invited to take part in a steering group that will establish the focus of a resident questionnaire.

Recommendations

The Committee are asked to agree;-

- A. that the Meole, Column, & Sutton Local Joint Committee produces a Community Plan for the area and that £6,000 is set aside from the 2009/10 budget allocation for this purpose.
- B. that members of the local community are invited to take part in a steering group that will determine the focus of the resident questionnaire.

REPORT

Background

1. Local Joint Committees were established across Shropshire in June 2009. Representatives from Shropshire Council and Shrewsbury Town Council are represented on the Committee for the Meole, Column and Sutton area.

2. During the last year key local issues have been highlighted by attendees and the agenda items for future meetings based around these issues.
3. It is proposed to undertake a Community Planning exercise for the area to inform the Local Joint Committee of what the local community wants and what may be missing from the area in order to plan the future work of the Committee.

Community Planning

4. A Community Plan is a statement of how a local community sees itself developing in the future. It sets out the needs and aspirations of the community based on the views and opinions of the people that actually live there. The aim of a Community Plan is to identify what actions the community would like to be taken. With this in mind, the Community Plan then becomes a living document as it will be updated as and when actions are completed and people's needs and aspirations develop.
5. The Community benefit because a Community Plan gives everybody the opportunity to contribute, not just those that are more confident, it will illustrate the communities needs more accurately. Community Plans have also found a good way of stimulating local interest and community spirit.
6. Shropshire Council, in particular the LJC committee and Shrewsbury Town Council benefit from the Community Plan as it allows them to find out what the community wants and what may be missing from the area. It also gives them information about what facilities would be used if they were provided and by how many people. Service providers look to community plans as they provide insight into how they can deliver services in a more efficient way.
7. The information gathered for the Meole, Column & Sutton Community Plan will be collated in such a way so that in the event of a future change to LJC areas it will be possible to re-analyse the data on a different geographical basis.

Timetable

8. A timeline has been developed. A steering group will be set up by the end of April 2010; questionnaires will be distributed by the end of July and returned by the end of September. Public consultation events with groups will also be held by end November. It is envisaged the draft plan will be ready by March 2011.
9. It is estimated that the cost of the Community Planning work will be around £6,000. At this stage it is proposed that for the money to be ring fenced pending the development of the group and the commencement of activities.

Next Steps

10. Volunteers are invited to sit on the steering group. The steering group will influence the questionnaire and approach taken to community planning. The first meeting of the steering group will take place in mid April.

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

N/A

Human Rights Act Appraisal

The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998

Environmental Appraisal

Environmental appraisals will be carried out as necessary

Risk Management Appraisal

In determining these recommendations the reputation risk and the course of action to minimise risk have been considered.

Community / Consultations Appraisal

None

Cabinet Member

Councillor Gwilym Butler – Portfolio Holder for Community Working and Customer Services

Local Member

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Councillor Mike Owen
Councillor Ted Clarke
Councillor Liz Parsons
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Appendices

N/A