

SHREWSBURY LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE - TERMS OF REFERENCE

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Summary

This report sets out the proposed Terms of Reference for the Shrewsbury Local Joint Committee (LJC), to enable it to operate in accordance with the decision of Shropshire Council on 9th December 2010 whereby the six Shrewsbury LJs will meet twice per year as a collective and hold a budget, top sliced from those LJs, for Shrewsbury wide determination.

Recommendation

The Committee are asked to confirm the Terms of Reference attached at Appendix A

REPORT

Background

Following a review of locality working, Shropshire Council agreed on 9th December 2010 that with effect from 1st April 2011 the six Shrewsbury LJs should remain, but meet only twice per year individually, and twice per year as a collective, and that each Shrewsbury LJC budget should be top sliced by 30% for Shrewsbury wide determination.

This decision was taken following a review of locality working and LJC arrangements when Members concluded that whilst the six LJs covering the town had worked well locally, there was a significant weakness in terms of addressing cross Shrewsbury issues, sharing budgets to meet shared priorities, and joint working to resolve shared problems or identify town wide solutions. A town-wide LJC would also provide a good opportunity to demonstrate effective joint working between Shropshire Council and Shrewsbury Town Council for the benefit of the town.

The Shrewsbury wide LJC will operate in accordance with the LJC constitution. The Terms of Reference attached at Appendix A provide specific details in relation to the composition, membership and meetings of the Shrewsbury LJC.

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

Paper 13, Council 9th December 2010 – Locality Working Local Joint Committees

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

The Council addresses risk of legal challenge through the correct application of the LJC Constitution

Community / Consultations Appraisal

None

Cabinet Member

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

Local Members

N/A

Appendices

None