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STRETTONDALE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE AND STRETTON PARTNERSHIP

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1. Summary

At the June meeting of the StrettonDale Local Joint Committee (LJC) the issue of the role of the Stretton Area Partnership was discussed in the context of the LJC. While the two groups are independent of each other there is obvious cross over and potential duplication in their work and it was decided to set up a joint meeting to address this.

This report explains the outcome of that meeting and recommends a way forward.

Recommendations

- A Two representatives from the Stretton Partnership are co-opted onto the Local Joint Committee with full voting rights (other than when considering grant applications – but see recommendation C below). These representatives will be nominated annually in line with Parish and Town Council representation.
- B The business of the Stretton Partnership is then concluded and the Partnership will come to an end at the end of the 2012/13 financial year.
- C £4,000 of the LJC budget for 2013/14 is allocated to a delegated small grant fund, to be administered by a sub-committee of the LJC made up of the two Strettondale Area Partnership nominees plus the two Shropshire Councillors for the Church Stretton and Craven Arms Division. The fund will allow grants of up to £350 to be awarded.
- D The fund would be for projects that focus on the following area priorities identified by the LJC and Area Partnership:
 - Tourism and Recreation
 - Community resilience and inclusion
 - Sustainability and development
 - Learning, education and schools
 - Youth engagement and provision

A report on the delegated small grants budget should be brought back to each meeting of the LJC.

- E Annual priorities will be agreed by the LJC and include a review of Church Stretton Town Council's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Priorities.

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2. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

The merger of the Stretton Partnership with the LJC will facilitate delivery of clear objectives and priorities and enhance the Committee's ability to influence Shropshire Council.

3. Financial Implications

Eliminating cross over and duplication of work will maximise effective use of resources.

4. Background

A meeting was held between Tim Barker (Chair of the LJC), Hilary Clayton Smith, Bob Welch (both Stretton Partnership) and Chris Edwards (Shropshire Council Area Director) on 31 July 2012 on the role of the Stretton Partnership and StrettonDale Local Joint Committee.

The key points emerging from the meeting were:

- Wider membership of the LJC is desirable, as long as all contribute and work together.
- Engagement of a wide variety of community groups and individuals who live in Church Stretton is important
- It will be necessary in future to commission more jointly
- A list of share priorities for the Stretton area is essential

It is intended that these changes will be presented to the StrettonDale Local Joint Committee in October for agreement and to establish a timescale for implementation.

Proposed recommendations are listed in 2 above.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information) Note of meeting held on 31 July 2012 between Bob Welch, Hilary Clayton-Smith and Tim Barker
Local Member Lee Chapman, David Evans
Appendices none

