

Local Joint Committees

2009

Where has the idea come from?

- Locality working and specifically Local Joint Committees have always been a fundamental principle underpinning the Business Case for One Shropshire
- The aim is to give local people a voice in the decisions for their village or town and influence resources that will make a difference in practical ways to their street, neighbourhood & community

What is a Local Joint Committee?

- A Local Joint Committee (LJC) is a body set up by two or more local authorities for purposes in respect of which they are jointly interested, or have a common objective.
- In Shropshire the LJC's are legally constituted, decision making committees of Shropshire Council

Who sits on an LJC?

- Membership is made up of representatives of each of the local town and parish councils within a specified geographical area together with unitary councillors
- Chaired by unitary Councillor
- All have an equal vote
- Representatives of partner organisation can also be co-opted onto the LJC but can not vote on budget decisions

What is the remit of an LJC?

- To act as a decision maker with regard to the local delivery of a range of services and to prioritise resource allocation in the area
- To invite lead members or senior managers to attend and explain local service delivery and decisions affecting the locality
- To determine expenditure of delegated budgets
- To hold other public service providers to account by requesting them to attend and scrutinise services delivered in the locality
- To refer matters of concern regarding service delivery to the council's scrutiny panels, or policy to cabinet
- To act as a formal consultation mechanism for the council, over and above that taken with individual town and parish councils

Local Joint Committee Boundaries Background

- Electoral boundaries confirmed November 2008
- LJC boundaries plotted November 2008
- Consultation with parish and town councils and stakeholders December 2008 (12 weeks)
- Consultation closed 16th February
- Council decision making March 2009

Confirmed LJC areas

There will be 28 LJC's

- 10 Central Area
- 8 Northern Area
- 10 Southern Area

LJC Names and Branding

- The LJC's will collectively be known as Shropshire's "Local Committees"
- Each individual LJC can determine its own name to best describe the geographical area covered
- Local Committee meetings will be promoted through various means including the local media, posters and website presence

Officer support to the LJC's

Each LJC will be supported by Shropshire Council officers including

- A lead officer from the Council's senior management team
- A community regeneration officer
- A committee officer

LJC Pilots

- LJC pilots have operated across the county over the last 2 years
- Lessons have been learned which will help us in taking forward the LJCs
- Generally all town and parish councils taking part in the pilots have considered it to be worthwhile
- SALC supports the LJCs

Parish and Town Councils

- Equal members of the LJC
- Opt in – not mandatory
- LJC should add value – does not replace individual responsibilities
- Parish Council representatives confirmed annually
- Substitutes notified within 3 days of meeting

LJC Budgets

- Budgets based on population per area
- Just over £1m per annum delegated to the LJCs – for locally based activity, Community Chest, service enhancements
- LJC budgets have been rural proofed

Financial Management

(in development)

- Standard application for 3rd party funding
- Guidelines for applicants
- Guidelines for LJC's
- Approval criteria
- Commissioning approach
- Service improvements

LJC Meetings

- Public meetings 4 times per year
- 2009/10 dates identified starting June/July
- Planning meetings to discuss and agree agenda items
- Planning meetings to consider detail of any funding applications

Details of this Local Joint Committee

Local Joint Committee 3 Wem and Shawbury

17 Members:

- Shropshire Councillors for
Wem division (2)
- The Meres division (1)
- Shawbury division (1)
- Hodnet division (1)

Local Joint Committee 3 Cont'd

- Loppington PC (1)
- Myddle and Broughton PC (1)
- Clive PC (1)
- Grinshill PC (1)
- Hadnall PC (1)
- Moreton Corbet & Lee Brockhurst PC (1)
- Shawbury PC (1)
- Wem Rural PC (1)
- Wem TC (1)
- Whixall PC (1)
- Stanton upon Hine Heath PC (1)
- Weston under Redcastle PC (1)

LJC 3 Cont'd

- Lead Officer – Janet Graham
- Committee Officer – Ann Almond
- Community Regeneration Officer – Tom Brettell
- Support Officer – Malcolm Bell

LJC 3 Cont'd

- Date of first meeting:
Monday 6th July at 7pm
Edinburgh House, New Street, Wem.
SY4 5DB.
- Budget available:
£54,000
