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Venue: Shrewsbury/Oswestry Room, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6ND

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Lead Member – Councillor Ed Potter – Portfolio Holder for Children’s Services

Report of the Director of Children’s Services **TO FOLLOW**

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## Rural Youth Facilities

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### 1. Summary

Cabinet on 22 January 2020 agreed to implement a new model of Youth Support across Shropshire. Further consideration is being given to the possibility of mobile facilities for the provision of youth clubs.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That Cabinet request officers to explore the viability of a range of options for the provision of mobile youth facilities in rural areas, including exploring in more detail best practise nationally in relation to such mobile facilities.
- 2.2 That a further paper be brought back to Cabinet following completion of the exploration of viability and consultation.

## REPORT

### 3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

(NB This will include the following: Impact on Children and Vulnerable Adults, Risk Management, Human Rights, Equalities, Community and other Consultation)

- 3.1 Rural isolation for young people can be seen as a risk and therefore equal opportunity of access to provision is important.
- 3.2 ESIIAs will be carried out as appropriate during the review of and development of any options.

#### 4. Financial Implications

The purpose of this paper is to allow officers to determine the financial implications as follows:

- Capital i.e. purchase costs
- Revenue i.e. running costs
- Opportunities for economies of scale across Town and Parish Councils

#### 5. Climate Change Appraisal

- 5.1 The use of mobile facilities to complement the new model of youth support will reduce individual journey numbers as young people will not need to travel, the mobile youth facilities would enable provision to be where they are.

#### 6. Background

- 6.1 Whilst Cabinet agreed the development of a new strategy for the provision of youth support, concerns remain about the delivery of youth activities in the outlying rural areas of Shropshire.
- 6.2 Shropshire Council wishes to explore opportunities to support the delivery of provision, and to create some economies of scale across Town and Parish Councils.

<b>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</b>
Cabinet Report 22 January 2020 – Youth Support
<b>Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)</b>
Cllr Ed Potter
<b>Local Member</b>
All Members
<b>Appendices</b>