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Date: Wednesday, 29 October  
2014

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**Committee:**  
**StrettonDale Local Joint Committee**

**Date:** Thursday, 6 November 2014  
**Time:** 7.00 pm  
**Venue:** Silvester Horne Institute, High Street, Church Stretton, SY6 6BY

You are requested to attend the above meeting.  
The Agenda is attached

Claire Porter  
Corporate Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer)

**Members of StrettonDale Local Joint Committee**

Tim Barker	Mel McFarland
Lee Chapman	Hilary Claytonsmith
David Evans	Steve Pennington
Cecilia Motley	Richard Hubbard
Jeremy Dale	Richard Wilson
Lynne Gray	Nicola McPherson
Paul Harris	

Your Committee Officer is:

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# **AGENDA**

## **1 Welcome and apologies**

## **2 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Members are reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

## **3 Notes of the last meeting (Pages 1 - 6)**

To confirm the notes of the last meeting of the Strettondale Local Joint Committee held on 22 May 2014.

## **4 Public Questions and Suggestions for Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

## **5 Community Safety Update**

Representatives from the Safer Neighbourhood Team will be present to provide an update on the recent trends and activity and answer any questions.

## **6 The Future Role and Operation of StrettonDale Local Joint Committee (Pages 7 - 8)**

The Committee will consider a report regarding co-options to the Committee and extending the geographical coverage.

## **7 The Future of the Services Delivered from the Library Building in Church Stretton**

Representatives from Shropshire Council and local partners will be in attendance to give an overview of the proposals.

## **8 Place Plans**

An overview of the Place Plan for the area will be given, alongside a wider discussion which will include Parish and Town representatives regarding their own infrastructure and wider priorities for investment.

**9 Update on the Connecting Shropshire Broadband Project**

An overview of the current situation across the LJC area will be given.

**10 Updates and Issues from the Parishes**

Each Parish representative will be invited to provide an update on activities and priorities in their area.

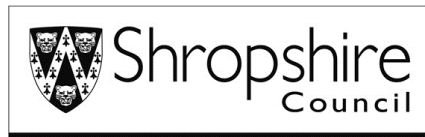
**11 Flood Forum**

Written update to be provided for the meeting.

**12 Future Meeting Dates to be proposed**

Provisionally Thursday 12 February 2015 – venue to be confirmed.

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22 May 2014

7.00pm  
Longnor Village Hall

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## **STRETTONDALE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

### **NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 22 MAY 2014 AT LONGNOR VILLAGE HALL 7.00 PM – 8.45 PM**

**Responsible Officer** Lisa Bedford

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#### **Committee Members Present:**

##### Shropshire Council

Tim Barker (Chair), Burnell Electoral Division

Lee Chapman, Church Stretton and Craven Arms Electoral Division

David Evans, Church Stretton and Craven Arms Electoral Division

Cecilia Motley, Corvedale Electoral Division

##### Town/Parish Councils

Paul Harris, Leebotwood and Longnor Parish Council

Lynne Grey, Eaton-Under-Heywood and Hope Bowdler Parish Council

Mel McFarland, Rushbury Parish Council

Allan McVittie, All Stretton, Smethcott and Woolstaston Parish Council

Steve Pennington, Cardington Parish Council

Hilary Clayton-Smith, Church Stretton Town Council

#### **Co-opted members**

Richard Hubbard, StrettonDale Area Partnership

Also present: -

Chris Edwards, Area Commissioner, Shropshire Council

Kate Garner, Commissioning Manager, Shropshire Council

Tim Sneddon, Service Manager, Environmental Maintenance, Shropshire Council

Sgt Adrian Woolley, West Mercia Police

PCSO David Baron, West Mercia Police

Lisa Bedford, Community Engagement Officer Shropshire Council

There were approximately 15 members of the public present at the meeting.

**ACTION**

**1. Appointment of Chairman**

**RESOLVED:**

**That Cllr Tim Barker be appointed chairman for the year.**

**2. Apologies for absence and substitutions**

Apologies were received from; Nicola McPherson

**3. Appointment of Vice Chairman**

**RESOLVED:**

**That Cllr Mel McFarland be appointed vice chairman for the year.**

**4. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

None declared

**5. Notes of the Meeting held on 23 January 2014**

**AGREED:**

That the notes of the meeting held on 23 January 2014 be approved and signed as a correct record.

**TB/LB**

**6. Public Questions and Suggestions for Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

A question was raised as to whether transport could be considered for discussion at a future meeting which would include transport for all ages including college transport.

**7. Community Safety Update**

Sgt Woolley explained that crime trends were broadly similar across the LJC area and both policing divisions, with a small number of metal thefts, catalytic converters and other parts of landrovers, theft from vehicles and thefts from sheds.

WMP were continuing the stop check work on vehicles targeting metal theft and rogue traders. Speed checks were also taking place where capacity allowed.

Neighbourhood watch is being revitalised to be more responsive and able to deal in real time when crimes are taking place and also give feedback on results of investigations etc.

Volunteers are always welcomed either through becoming a 'special', or more traditional volunteers such as helping with research and office based projects to supporting operational work.

**Action:**

**AW to provide flyer around police volunteering to Eileen Roberts** **AW**

The crime reduction initiative was still continuing and all were encouraged to ensure their property is protected through locks, lights, smartwater etc.

A query was raised about the legality of enforcing a particular speed limit in Longville. Chris Edwards agreed to take that issue back to Shropshire Council and update at a future meeting **CE**

**8. The future role and operation of StrettonDale Local Joint Committee**

Cllrs Barker and Chapman led a discussion around the changes to LJC's and the opportunity to merge with the Local Governance Board which has been leading on the commissioning work in Church Stretton to date.

The governance board includes representatives from the council as well as other partners such as the police; voluntary sector, housing etc. It looked at evidence and intelligence and prototyped innovative new ways of working around aging well, in to employment and Stretton Pride, looking at the management of the communal / amenity spaces. The governance board now wants to widen its scope of reference but still looking to bring in time and resource against evidenced local need in a wider geography.

The LJC no longer has any funding and should look to how it can maximise the geographical buy in and potential from the parish representatives and link more closely with key partners.

The LJC would need to fulfil the current constitution which is 2 public meetings per year. But there could be flexibility around other meetings including wider partners to enable more collaborative working, building on trust and relationships. There could also be roles in terms of community consultation and place plan reviews on an annual basis.

It was also suggested that the geography may be enlarged to include some parishes to the north of the LJC area. It was agreed that in principle this would be acceptable as long as the revised geography was a fit with community identity of the StrettonDale area not just an administrative area from the council.

Questions and concerns raised by the audience included; more bodies being formed (the proposals would decrease the number of bodies). It was suggested that the area partnership may also be able to be incorporated if the members felt the LJC could meet their needs. It was also suggested that a terms of references would be useful.

All were in agreement that this should be explored further and brought back to a future meeting.

## **9. Church Stretton Town Plan**

Cllr Welch explained that the Town Council was in the process of developing its Town Plan for the next three years, in partnership with other organisations from the town. There would be community consultation being undertaken over the next two months with a draft plan available for consultation in the autumn.

## **10. Highways**

Tim Sneddon, Highways Manager from Shropshire Council gave an overview of the work of the Highways department.

There are no major schemes planned for the LJC area this financial year.

There were a number of questions raised including; winter gritting, pavement clearance, issues with landowners and hedge cutting, inspection of bridges and quality of workmanship on some recent repairs.

It was explained that winter pavement clearance was under review as it is not a specific duty of the council to keep them clear. All bridges are inspected annually. Mr Sneddon agreed to look into the quality of the workmanship at the repairs in Batch Valley in All Stretton and also the specific locations identified in relation to landowners not trimming hedges and verges.

Issues were raised by All Stretton and Cardington regarding hedges not being cut back.

## **11. Public assets review**

Cllr Chapman explained that there was a piece of working being undertaken through the Local Governance board with providers looking at services and assets in the town.

Cllr Chapman stressed that the library or the services delivered within it would not be closed.

**Tim  
Sneddon**



Further information would be provided as the work develops and community consultation will follow.

## **12. Updates from Parishes**

All Stretton, Smethcott and Woolstaston – currently issues around highways and planning enforcement.

Rushbury – Sewerage treatment plant now in operation

Eaton under Heywood and Hope Bowdler – Severn Trent undertaking works in the parish.

Leebotwood and Longnor – drainage issues in Longnor.

Cardington – nothing to report

Church Stretton – SamDev and 5 year land supply taking up a lot of time. Upcoming events on 31<sup>st</sup> May, Blues n Roots festival, 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> June walking festival and 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> June Stretton Medieval Festival.

## **13. Flood Forum**

A hand out was circulated to all present regarding recent works and support available from the council.

All were asked to forward any local concerns to their Shropshire Councillor or Community Enablement Officer.

## **14. Future meeting arrangements**

The next meeting would take place in July.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

**Signed..... Chairman**

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6 November 2014

7.00 pm

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## **STRETTONDALE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE AREA OF COVERAGE AND CHURCH STRETTON LOCAL GOVERNANCE BOARD**

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### **1. Summary**

For the last four months, discussions have been taking place at StrettonDale Local Joint Committee (LJC) meetings regarding the link with the locality commissioning work of Shropshire Council and its partners, locally this is the Church Stretton Local Governance Board.

Over this period there has also been corporate discussion regarding reducing the total number of LJC's in the county. A member led proposal has been put forward to merge those parishes in the Burnell ward that are currently outside of the LJC area, and bring them under the StrettonDale LJC area.

This report explains the detail of these discussions and a way forward proposed.

### **Recommendations**

- A The parishes of Conover, Acton Burnell Group and Church Pulverbatch are formally incorporated into the StrettonDale LJC area (subject to Cabinet approval).
- B The LJC will aim to keep the meetings to the same number per year but understands in some cases more may be needed with the additional role created by the merger of the two organisations
- C The business of the LGB will become the part of the work of the LJC
- D Church Stretton Local Governance Board (LGB) members be co-opted onto the StrettonDale LJC in line with the co-option process detailed in the constitution of the LJC.

## **REPORT**

### **2. Background**

Discussions regarding the StrettonDale LJC are set against the changing landscape for Local Joint Committees and the council. There is a desire to decrease the number of committees, including specifically looking at the Shrewsbury area.

Funding for their work is also no longer available, but there are new opportunities through Shropshire Council and its move to a more commissioning council and the work that has been undertaken through the Local Governance Board in Church Stretton.

Over the last four months StrettonDale LJC and the Church Stretton Local Governance board have been discussing the best way forward locally to accommodate the locality commissioning work into the wider structures and organisations in the area. A joint meeting of the two groups took place in July and it was felt that there were sufficient advantages to joining together for improved outcomes for the people that live and work in the LJC area.

It is also proposed that the geography of StrettonDale LJC be extended to include: Acton Burnell group, Condover and Church Pulverbatch. This would mean an increase in population by 35%. The entire of Burnell ward would then be included. This would have implications for other areas that surround Shrewsbury, but options are currently being developed for these parishes.

The merger of the LJC and increase in geographical coverage of parishes will help to facilitate delivery of clear objectives and priorities and enhance the Committee's ability to influence local service delivery. This may involve the formation of sub groups / action groups as necessary.

The constitution of the LJC allows the following to take place which directly links to the changing role of the Local Joint Committee:

- To scrutinise local service delivery
- To hold other public service providers to account
- To act as a decision maker with regard to the local delivery of a range of services and to prioritise resource allocation in their area
- To act as a formal consultation mechanism for the Council over and above that taken with individual Parish and Town Councils

### **3. Financial Implications**

Eliminating cross over and duplication of work will maximise effective use of resources. There may be a minor increase in costs if the number of meetings increases.

### **4. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal**

There are no risks associated with this proposal.

<b>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</b>
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<b>Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)</b>
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Gwilym Butler
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<b>Local Member</b>
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Lee Chapman, David Evans, Cecilia Motley, Tim Barker
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<b>Appendices</b>
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