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Date: 4th February 2015
My Ref:
Your Ref:

Committee:
StrettonDale Local Joint Committee

Date: Thursday, 12 February 2015
Time: 7.00 pm
Venue: Rushbury Village Hall, SY6 7DY

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

The Police will be in attendance from 6.30pm for you to raise any concerns on a one to one basis.

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

Members of StrettonDale Local Joint Committee

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

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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 6 November 2014 (Pages 1 - 6)

To consider the notes of the last meeting of the Strettondale Local Joint Committee held on 6 November 2014.

4 Public Questions and Suggestions for Agenda Items for Future Meeting

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 Care Act

Representatives from Shropshire Council will be in attendance to give an overview of this new legislation, which will see changes in adult social care and comes into force in April 2015.

7 Youth Commissioning in the Stretton Dale LJC Area (Pages 7 - 12)

Plans on how to best implement the funding for youth commissioning for the area will be discussed. See report marked 7.

8 The Future of the Services Delivered from the Library Building in Church Stretton

Representatives from Shropshire Council will be in attendance to give a brief update on this work.

9 Updates and Issues from the Parishes

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

10 Flood Forum

Written update to be provided for the meeting. Any representatives or members of the audience can raise any issues which will be taken back to the flood team for response.

11 Future meeting dates to be proposed

To note that the next meeting of the Strettondale Local Joint Committee is provisionally scheduled for Thursday 4th June 2015 at 7.00pm.

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6 November

7.00pm

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STRETTONDALE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 6 NOVEMBER 2014 AT THE SILVESTER HORNE INSTITUTE, CHURCH STRETTON 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

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

Jeremy Dale, All Stretton, Smethcott and Woolstaston Parish Council

Steve Pennington, Cardington Parish Council

Hilary Clayton-Smith, Church Stretton Town Council

Lee Crowhurst, Condover Parish Council

Gareth Ball, Acton Burnell Group Parish Council

Co-opted members

Nicola McPherson (SAP and Mayfair), Ann Sutcliffe (SSHA), Dianne Williams (SSHA), Bob Welch (CSTC), Jean Jarvis (SSFS – Vol sector rep),

Also present: -

Chris Edwards, Area Commissioner, Shropshire Council

Michael Lewis, Library Services Manager, Shropshire Council

Rawden Parslow, Area Manager for Library Service, Shropshire Council

Sgt Adrian Woolley, West Mercia Police

PCSO Ross O'Neil, West Mercia Police

Steve Paige, Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service

Lisa Bedford, Community Engagement Officer Shropshire Council

There were approximately 40 members of the public present at the meeting.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council), Michael Braid (Church Stretton Town Council) and Bill Higgins (Church Pulverbatch Parish Council)

2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None declared

3. Notes of the Meeting held on 22 May 2014

AGREED:

That the notes of the meeting held on 22 May 2014 be approved and signed as a correct record.

TB/LB

4. Community Safety Update

Sgt Woolley explained that crime trends were still low and 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 and oil theft.

WMP were continuing the stop check work on the A49 and Bishop's Castle.

The crime reduction initiative was still continuing and all were encouraged to ensure their property is protected through locks, lights, smartwater etc. A home and personal safety event to take place at the Mayfair Centre on Friday 21st November, 9.30 – 12.30pm

A drugs raid was undertaken in Church Stretton recently as part of the ongoing work with suspected criminals. An arrest was made of a travelling burglar responsible for multiple thefts in the county.

There had been a distraction theft at the cashpoint In Church Stretton recently. CCTV from shops has been used to try and identify those responsible.

New volunteer recruit to assist with newsletters and other community activity.

Fire Service:

Steve Paige explained that Church Stretton had not been affected to date by any cuts.

Incidents continued to be low. Electric blanket testing events had

taken place, but not in Church Stretton this year. All were reminded about the need to keep chimneys swept.

5. The future role and operation of StrettonDale Local Joint Committee

The report circulated in advance of the meeting was presented and discussed. It was proposed to accept the recommendations to increase the geographical area of the LJC to include Condover PC, Church Pulverbatch PC and Acton Burnell Group PC and to co-op the Local Governance Board members. All subject to cabinet approval.

AGREED:

TB proposed, seconded by LC, all in favour.

6. The future of the services delivered from the library building in Church Stretton

Cllr Chapman gave an overview of the rationale behind the proposals for the services in the building, specifically the reduction in budget available to the service areas that work in the library building. £80 million pounds of savings had to be made in this three year period by the Council, £1.3 million to be saved from library services alone.

LC explained that a working group had been formed which included the Town Council, Mayfair and the school alongside Shropshire Council had developed these proposals over the last four months.

The proposals are:

- To relocate the library to the secondary school
- To deliver the customer information from the Mayfair Centre and the Town Council offices
- To commission a town centre based organisation to deliver the visitor information

LC explained that the event during the day and the LJC was the first chance that people have had to make comments. Residents were invited to leave their comments before the 19th December. Online, or at the library and Town Council office

<http://new.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/church-stretton-library/>

School library proposal can be viewed here:

<http://www.churchstretton.shropshire.sch.uk/Files/Temp/Library%20bid%202.pdf>

Questions and comments:

Q how can this be an option if there is no confirmation of funding for

the library?

We are seeking comments on proposals, it is not a confirmed plan.

Q Fragmenting the VIC is not a good idea, it needs to be in one place with experienced staff?

Ideally it would be located on one place.

Q Why is Shropshire Council investing in libraries elsewhere and not here?

There has been no library service investment in any public libraries in the last two years. Any investment has been made by other departments working on the development of council service hubs.

Q Safeguarding of children would not be to a suitable standard and how would plans for the community to use the cafeteria meet with safeguarding criteria.

Safeguarding was the first discussion that took place when the proposal was raised.

Q Would there be extended opening hours?

SC would want to include some evening opening as part of any agreement with the school.

Q Would it be open in school holidays?

Yes, it would be open in school holidays.

Q What happens to the existing staff?

The branch manager is the only member of staff with a permanent contract. All other members of staff are on temporary contracts.

Q Surely there is a safeguarding issue with the proposal to have volunteer student librarians?

Q Please can the visitor information have extended opening hours until the end of October as Church Stretton is still busy during October?

Q Why can't we develop a hub at the library building?

This would not generate any savings.

Q Please can the safety of pedestrians be considered. Walking on narrow pavements and at the school at the start and the end of the day is hazardous.

Q Where would there be any parking?

The school and the leisure centre would be available for use.

7. Place plans

.An overview of place plans was given and the change in the annual review process was explained. It was agreed that the LJC would look at the collective responses from all of the parishes in the spring to identify any common issues that could be looked at collectively

LB

8. Update on Connecting Shropshire Broadband

A hand out was distributed to those in attendance giving an update on the high speed roll out project. This highlighted which exchange areas had been enabled and the current status regarding those not currently enabled.

9. Updates from Parishes

Rushbury – Sewerage treatment plant now in operation

Eaton under Heywood and Hope Bowdler – issues with planning and plans for a defibrillator in the parish.

Cardington – nothing to report directly from the parish but expressed support for retaining the visitor information provision in the town.

All Stretton, Smethcott and Woolstaston – currently issues around planning, experience a lack of communication and feedback which is frustrating for parish councillors.

Leebotwood and Longnor – a village tidy contractor has been appointing and this is working really well in the parish.

Conover – a number of new houses being proposed and planning concerns expressed by the PC regarding decisions being delegated to officers.

Acton Burnell group – concerns raised by the PC regarding planning permissions.

Church Stretton – SamDev submission to the inspectorate has been made regarding New House Farm. The transfer of Rectory Wood from Shropshire Council to the Town Council is being progressed with work around the governance of the site taking place. The Town Plan would be finalised in December and would form the basis for the Place Plan submission. Christmas lights switch on the 22nd November, free parking from 3pm, frost fair at Mayfair all day.

10. 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.

11. Public Questions and Suggestions for Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Youth activity in Conover parishes was raised. The Community Enablement Officer explained that there was to be a youth stakeholder meeting in Church Stretton on the 27th November at the school. Amongst other items, the youth commissioning plans from the council would be explained.

Planning application for New House Farm, Church Stretton – advice

was sought from Town Council representatives regarding how they should respond to the planning application. Town Council representatives agreed that they would produce some guidance for residents and circulate through community messaging.

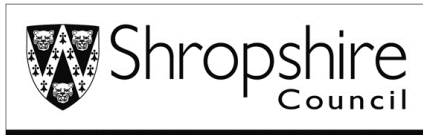
12. Future meeting arrangements

Thursday 12th February, 7pm, Venue TBC

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed..... Chairman

Date: 2014



Committee and date
StrettonDale Local Joint
Committee

12 February 2014

7.00 pm

Item

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Public

YOUTH COMMISSIONING AND PLANNED IMPLEMENTATION IN STRETTONDALE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE AREA.

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1. Summary

This report summarises the development of the new youth commissioning model developed by Shropshire Council to deliver youth activities to young people across the county and the planned local implementation by StrettonDale Local Joint Committee.

Recommendations

- A That the StrettonDale Local Joint Committee seeks to use its funding of £3000 to provide grant support to the numerous voluntary sector organisations in the StrettonDale LJC area. to deliver better outcomes for young people including those potentially disadvantaged by living in rural locations in the year 2015 - 2016
- B The LJC will form a sub group, which will be opened up to key stakeholders following approval of this report, to develop the detailed youth commissioning intentions and the process for awarding grants.
- C The youth survey undertaken as part of the Youth Board pilot project in 2014 is considered and used as appropriate in terms of providing evidence of youth engagement and priorities.
- D The LJC continues to support and consult with youth representatives and young people through the Community Enablement Officer and the recently established Youth Stakeholder meetings.

REPORT

2. Background

The role of public services is changing. Shropshire Council is moving rapidly to become a council that does more commissioning of activity and less direct delivery of services. The Council wants to meet its statutory duty and to continue to improve outcomes for young people in a sustainable way by developing a commissioning model, which is based on a locality approach, allowing management of the budgets the council has, alongside other existing provision in a community, based on

evidence and outcomes, and closely integrated with other support for children and young people.

The aim is to ensure that as many young people as possible, can access a wide range of youth activities after school, at weekends and in school holidays, with young people involved in their development.

This approach combines working at a local level with increased participation from young people and the community. The Council will commission on the basis of needs, outcomes and partnership working.

LJCs will locally inform and direct the commissioning of youth activity in their areas and will receive Shropshire Council budget for this. This reflects the council's ambition for LJCs to become local governance structures that enable local councillors, town and parish councils, communities and partners to shape and influence how public money is spent locally and to work with officers in their role as local commissioners.

Money has been allocated to individual LJCs based on two factors:

- **A youth specific Needs Assessment:**

A detailed list of statistics and information has been gathered for each LJC area including information on numbers of young people, disabled young children, children living in deprived areas, ex-offenders, education access, referrals to social care, anti-social behaviour, childhood obesity, mental health. These data sets are used by the Children's Trust and by Children and Young People's Services to identify and suggest where there are vulnerable young people.

- **Rurality** based on the population density of 10 to 19 years olds

In the case of StrettonDale LJC, an amount of £3000 has been provided as a result of the lower population density under the rurality allocation.

One option is to use this money to deliver better outcomes in the form of a grant, rather than the formal contracting of an organisation to deliver a service within a contract.

This approach fits well within this LJC area due to its recent increase in size and population. There are numerous voluntary sector groups that work with young people in some form in the area, and being able to provide support via grants means the benefit will be able to be spread widely across the area of benefit.

However, in providing support it is important to be aware that the Council's voluntary sector infrastructure partners, the Shropshire Youth Association, has the responsibility for supporting the voluntary sector which is where the bulk of activity is delivered.

Any youth activities supported through a grant scheme will need to demonstrate how they contribute to the following outcome areas in the Shropshire's Children, Young People and Families Plan 2014:

- a. Ensuring all Children and Young People are safe and well looked after in a supportive environment

- b. Narrowing the achievement gap in education and work
- c. Ensuring emotional wellbeing of Children and Young People by focusing on prevention and early intervention
- d. Keeping more Children and Young People healthy and reducing health inequalities

3. Financial Implications

It is anticipated that this approach will lead to an overall net increase in spend to support youth activity in the LJC area due to the increased voluntary activity and ability to be able to generate match funding.

4. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

In determining these recommendations the LJC has considered reputational risk and the course of action minimises this risk.

The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.

The proposals under consideration will improve the levels of community based and community driven youth activity in the LJC area.

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

Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)
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Steve Charmley

Local Member

Lee Chapman, David Evans, Cecilia Motley, Tim Barker
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Appendices

Appendix A – youth summary of StrettonDale
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StrettonDale Local Joint Committee

Providing group activities for young people; analysis of need and existing activity

Background:

The purpose of this information sheet is to help LJC's consider how best to provide activities for young people aged 10 to 19 years in the future. In the future we want to commission youth activities based on a clear understanding of local need and existing activity.

This represents a first step in gathering intelligence about the needs of young people in the area. An essential part of the local intelligence based on conversations, particularly with young people, should help develop proposals for the local commissioning of youth activities.

Local Youth Priorities:

- Review existing town-wide provision of spaces, places and outdoor activities for young people.
- Work with young people to prioritise priorities for improvements.

Summary of Local Needs: The 2011 Census indicated there were 1,496 young people aged between 10 and 19 years resident in the area.

Indicators of Local Need

Support for Children with Disabilities

Source: Disabled Children registered with Short Breaks Service, Shropshire Council.

- In terms of disabled children aged 10-19 who are registered with the Short Breaks Service the rate for StrettonDale LJC is 6 children per 1,000 population aged 10-19 years. This is the second highest rate out of all 23 LJC areas.
- In comparison the highest rate across all 23 LJC's in Shropshire is 22 per 1,000 population aged 10-19 (Bayston Hill LJC) and the lowest is 5 per 1,000 population aged 10-19 (Bishops Castle, Chirbury, Worthen and Clun).
- The rate of 6 for StrettonDale LJC is less than the rate for Shropshire County as a whole which is 12 per 1,000 aged 10-19.

Deprivation

Source: Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2010 – Overall Deprivation

- In the StrettonDale LJC it is estimated that there are 0 children aged 10-19 living in areas which fall within the most deprived in Shropshire.
- This compares to an estimated rate of 191 per 1,000 population aged 10-19 for Shropshire County.

Education Inclusion

Source: Education Access Statistics, Shropshire Council.

- 22 children per 1,000 aged 10-19 were reported on the Education Access Stats – this compares to 90 per 1,000 in Oswestry LJC which is the highest rate in the County. The lowest rates are in StrettonDale LJC (22).
- The rate of 22 per 1,000 population is lower than the Shropshire rate of 57.

Vulnerable Children

Initial Contact Referrals to Social Care, Shropshire Council.

- StrettonDale LJC has a rate of 23 children per 1,000 aged 0-17 who have an Initial Contact Referral to Social Care.
- Oswestry LJC has the highest rate of 64 children per 1,000 aged 0-17 who have an Initial Contact Referral to Social Care. The lowest rate is Albrighton where the rate is 16 children per 1,000 population aged 0-17.
- The Shropshire wide rate is 45 per 1,000 population aged 0-17.

Obesity

- The percentage of childhood obesity: year 6 age 10-11 within the StrettonDale LJC is 18.9%. In comparison the highest rate is 20.7% (Market Drayton LJC) and the lowest is 12.7% (Cleobury and Rural LJC).

Community Safety

(Refers to Anti-Social Behavioural (ASB) Incidents)
Source: West Mercia Police Data April to August 2014

- There were 156 incidents in StrettonDale year-end April 2014. This represents a rate of 14.9% when looking at the overall population, lower than the Shropshire rate of 32.8%.

Rurality

(population and density)

- The number of 10-19 year olds per sq. mile is 17.4. In comparison, the highest density is 705.6 (Oswestry LJC) and the lowest is 6.2 (Bishops Castle LJC).

