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**Committee:**  
**Shrewsbury Wide Local Joint Committee**

**Date:** Thursday, 12 March 2015

**Time:** 7.00 pm

**Venue:** Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury

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 Shrewsbury Wide Local Joint Committee**

Peter Adams	Pamela Moseley
Beverley Baker	Alan Mosley
Andrew Bannerman	Peter Nutting
Vernon Bushell	Kath Owen
Dean Carroll	Mike Owen
Anne Chebsey	Kevin Pardy
Ted Clarke	Malcolm Price
Hannah Fraser	Keith Roberts
Ioan Jones	Jon Tandy
Miles Kenny	Alan Townsend
Jane MacKenzie	Mansel Williams

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# **AGENDA**

**1 Apologies for Absence**

**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 Minutes of the Last Meeting and any matters arising (Pages 1 - 8)**

The notes of the last meeting held on the 2 December 2014 are attached together with the notes from the PlacePlan Workshop (which are for information only).

Contact: Steve Cunningham 01743 252361

**4 Youth Commissioning (Pages 9 - 12)**

The report of the Community Action Officer is attached.

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**Committee and Date**

Shrewsbury Wide  
Local Joint Committee  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014  
Guildhall

**SHREWSBURY WIDE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

**NOTE OF DECISIONS FROM THE MEETING  
HELD ON 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2014  
AT THE GUILDHALL, FRANKWELL, SHREWSBURY**

**Responsible Officer:** Tom Brettell  
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**Committee Members Present:  
Shropshire Council:**

Alan Mosley	Hannah Fraser
Andrew Bannerman	Pam Moseley
Keith Roberts	Peter Adams
Miles Kenny	Jon Tandy
Ted Clarke	

**Shrewsbury Town Council:**

Alan Townsend	Ioan Jones
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There were 26 members of the public present.

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Alan Mosley was re-elected as Chairman of the meeting. This was proposed by Cllr Miles Kenny and seconded by Cllr Ted Clarke.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mal Price, Jane MacKenzie, Anne Chebsey, Peter Nutting, Vernon Bushell, Kevin Pardy, Andrew Bannerman, Beverley Baker, Dean Carroll

**3. ELECTION OF VICE- CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Miles Kenny was elected as Vice- Chairman. This was proposed by Cllr Alan Mosley and was seconded by Cllrs Ted Clarke and Jon Tandy.

**4. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Members were reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

**ACTION:**

## **5. POLICING UPDATE**

Sgt Richard Coles updated the meeting on current Policing priorities across Shrewsbury (presentation is attached). The key items were:

- Rise in figures of rape and sexual offences. This is in part down to improvements in reporting mechanisms and increased confidence in reporting historical offences following recent National cases.
- A small increase in violent offences is again likely to be down to improved reporting mechanisms
- Reduction in burglary offences- a question was raised over a recent trend of burglaries in the Harlescott area after midnight. These were not appearing in police statistics so members were encouraged to ensure that their residents were reporting all crimes.
- The Days of Action in Monkmoor, Meole Brace, Harlescott and Castlefields and Ditherington have been successful and partners are looking to do more and include a rural day
- Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) is a massive priority for the force and the key message to everyone is to report any suspicion, however small.
- Football- there remains a minor risk group of STFC “fans” but this continues to reduce and there have been no problems so far this season
- Team Shrewsbury is working very well and is really bringing about positive outcomes
- Neighbourhoods priorities have been reached through consultation with partners and residents
- Operation Christmas Presence is again taking place with lots of extra personnel in place over the Christmas and New Year period
- Christmas Drink drive campaign started on 1<sup>st</sup> December

## **6. PLACE PLAN WORKSHOPS**

Helen Ball and Tom Brettell gave a brief presentation on the context of Place Plans (attached) and explained that tonight’s workshop is a very important part of the process of confirming community priorities for consideration and inclusion in the Town Council’s Place Plan return in January 2015.

It was confirmed that the draft 2015 Shrewsbury Place Plan would be brought back to a meeting of the Shrewsbury Wide LJC in May/ June 2015.

The meeting then split into workshops around Theme areas. The outcomes of these workshops are attached.

## **7. YOUTH COMMISSIONING**

Neil Willcox (Locality Commissioning Manager), Tim Smith (Area Commissioner and Lead officer) and Steve Cunningham presented the new model for youth provision in Shropshire (presentation attached). The key elements are:

- From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 Shropshire Council will no longer provide direct youth work services
- SC funding previously allocated to direct youth provision services will now be made available to LJC's and to an Infrastructure Provider who will support the LJC's.
- Local Joint Committees will commission youth activities in their area based on local need.
- Funding varies for each LJC based on this need- some LJC's are receiving no money. Shrewsbury is receiving £82,954 targeted on the wards with the greatest needs- Sundorne, Harlescott, Ditherington, Meole Brace and Monkmoor.
- LJC's will actively engage with young people, the local community and local providers with the help of the Infrastructure Provider to develop activities that are appropriate to their area
- Shropshire Council will retain the responsibility for holding the budget, awarding and monitoring contracts based on LJC advice

Lively discussion ensued with a number of questions raised:

- Concern over role of LJC in relation to procurement – it was confirmed that the LJC has a crucial role of deep understanding and developing understanding of the local need. Procurement is just an element of this and SC will continue to provide lots of support
- The report going to SC Cabinet on 10th December- must provide absolute clarity on this.
- In response to a query about the future of current SC Youth Workers it was confirmed that as of 31st March none will be directly employed by the Council
- A 45 day consultation period on this new approach begins on 11th December- everybody encouraged to feed into this
- It was confirmed that the Special Needs youth groups that have a county wide remit would continue to be funded outside of this approach.
- In response to a question about the overall funding position in Shropshire it was confirmed that £234k is going directly to LJC's, £130k for Infrastructure Support with the remaining funds to existing buildings.
- In response to a query about the future security of the buildings it was confirmed that SC are undertaking the results of the consultation before futures are decided upon.

#### **Next steps:**

It was agreed that a working group be formed for the 5 Areas identified as priorities. Membership was agreed to consist of elected members, council officers, experts, key organisations.

The role of this group will initially be to gather evidence to fully understand what is currently being delivered and to come back to the LJC with proposals to move forward.

## **8. SWIMMING PROVISION IN SHREWSBURY**

Neil Willcox gave a brief update to the meeting:

- SC is considering the best approach to providing sustainable swimming provision in Shrewsbury and has commissioned experts to provide options for achieving this
- These options will be presented during a 3 month formal consultation period starting early in 2015
- The Quarry Forum is involved in this work
- The Shrewsbury Wide LJC will be consulted with as part of the 3 month consultation

## **9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be at The Guildhall, Frankwell, Shrewsbury SY3 8HQ on the 12 March 2015.

**Signed:** .....  
**Chairman**

**Date:** .....

**SHREWSBURY WIDE LJC 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2014**  
**PLACE PLAN WORKSHOP NOTES**

The Place Plan workshop formed part of the wider LJC meeting where members of the audience were asked to form small discussion groups around themed interest areas using the 2014 Place Plan as a starting point for discussion.

The purpose of this workshop was to help inform Shrewsbury Town Council's 2015 Place Plan return to Shropshire Council required for submission by the end of January 2015.

Each group was facilitated by a Council, or partner agency officer, who encouraged members of the public to discuss their ideas and to verify the existing priorities from the 2014 Place Plan.

Each group then fed back to the LJC but there was no discussion about resource implications of the ideas expressed and there was no form of voting on any items.

These notes record comments as they were made and are not edited.

**Economy, Tourism & Communications**

- Pride Hill redevelopment- link with Gas works
- Canal Restoration- investment potential, £6m benefit potential, tourism, Flaxmill links
- One off Branding
- Work of BID
- Christmas Lights
- More joined up/ professional
- Café culture
- Pavement permits
- Returning street at what time
- Policy
- River enhancements- river festival, how do we get the EA to the table? Agreed strategy, flooding impact
- Collaboration of partners for better services
- Human Rights- access to internet, Wi-Fi in town centre, hotspots
- Market
- Festivals and events
- Exit Strategies for business so that the buildings have a use asap
- Apps for kids, families and visitors
- Car parking in town centre
- Better promotion of assets
- Redevelopment of shopping centre as tourism offer
- Family friendly town?
- Town centre- not just for shops
- Support for independents
- Re-emphasis on North Corridor
- Flaxmill and links to it from the town centre
- Redevelopment of the Dana and how it could impact on other developments
- Redevelopment of the Post Office site
- Possible relocation of Morris Lubricants
- University- how will the dynamic be managed
- Independent Shops

## **Development, major infrastructure and transport**

- Leisure and employment sites across the town to reduce traffic/ transport needs in town centre
- Park and ride
- Transport corridor
- Bus and rail infrastructure improvements
- Walking and cycling schemes
- Improved way finding
- Car park signage- matrix
- Strategy for traffic routing in the town centre
- Review of signage upon entry to town- e.g. A5 signage is the confusing
- Reduction and eventual removal of through traffic in the town centre
- 20mph speed limit across town centre
- Provision of good quality bus services from the SUE's from their construction
- Electric buses- esp. park and ride
- Maintenance of Kingsland Bridge (privately owned)
- Cross town cycle ways using the canal route and linking the Flax mill to the railway station
- Cycle route through the bottlenecks
- Transport needs of university and their students- needs to feed into an integrated transport strategy
- Sustainable transport including buses and cycle routes
- Bus subsidies from outside of town
- Centre of town poor traffic routing options- needs a substantial change and a new strategy
- New Homes Bonus- need a consultation in Bicton- government has just moved goal posts on this
- Better engagement with surrounding rural communities to help them be more sustainable
- Education facilities
- Leisure facilities
- Countryside parks and environmental networks
- Open space buffers on edge of town and within town boundary not just edge of development
- Flood defence work especially the importance of Kingsland Bridge which is privately owned
- Canal potential
- Affordable housing needs to be a bigger priority
- Investment in the Dana and the Dana steps



## **Community Crime & Safety**

- Continue to promote the reporting of crime using 101 numbers
- Littering and dog fouling
- Dangerous cycling in the town centre & purge on cycling dangerously on pavements
- Cycle lane/ traffic conflicts
- CSE
- How can councillors help more
- Hot line
- Drug dealing/ use- community intelligence to secure convictions
- Rough sleeping and begging- issues reducing
- Vulnerable person hot line- need to promote and implement an education/awareness campaign
- Incoming drug dealers
- Litter, dog fouling and fly tipping
- Burglary
- Future focus on asb

## **Environment**

- Restoration of canal from Dana to Flax Mill- keep existing path well maintained and obtain lottery or other funding for restoration work
- Hydro scheme- incorporate a lock to enable navigation of weir
- Doorstep cardboard collection
- Clarity on cycle routes, especially near schools
- Flooding- remove sand bars near bridges
- Cycle safety- cycling on footpaths, cycling without lights- also disability buggies
- Can existing roads cope with the new developments
- Review frequency of street litter bin emptying especially near schools
- Reinforce enforcement powers against fly tipping, littering and dog fouling
- Increase sweeping and drain clearance in autumn

## **Health and Well being**

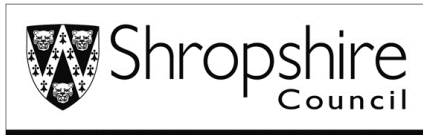
- Ensure sufficient provision of GP's and dentist to meet new housing growth
- Ensure joint health and social care uses at the RSH
- Link swimming pool work to health and leisure facilities at the RSH and Redwoods Centre
- Future Fit consultation- where will be A&E services be? How many will there be? Desire to remain as having 2
- Walk in centre moving to the RSH
- Health Promotion work- diet, smoking, exercise- links to youth service and health champions
- Swimming pool- link to health issues, exercise, all abilities, and possibilities of hydrotherapy- café needs to have healthier menu- facilities need to remain centrally located. Look at long term costs of NOT having a pool- what are the options for different funding arrangements in the future. Look at other facilities that could be incorporated

## **Education**

- University must be in harmony with the town- concerns over halls of residence, HMO's,
- Primary & secondary school provision particularly in the west and south west SUE areas
- Closing the gap from FSM
- Emphasis on every child's progress
- Capacity in rural areas for schooling e.g. Minsterley, Baschurch, Pontesbury
- Youth facilities- loss of SC direct provision from April 2015- very important to maintain safeguarding and trusted relationships
- Importance of voluntary sector in youth provision
- New model for targeting resources to areas with greatest need- venues and workers

## **Culture, Heritage, Sports & Leisure**

- Appropriate recreational provision in the South West linked to developments
- Review of Castle- sustainable future use
- Canal restoration- Flax Mill to Uffington
- Flax Mill restoration and links to canal
- Swimming pool redevelopment in Town Centre
- Shelton site- protection of and investment in recreational facilities
- Vibrant creative and arts industries attracting investment and supporting mental health and well-being= availability of community facilities for C & YP- new cultural venue supporting co-location of organisations
- The Stew- secure future use
- Activities for children and young people and everyone- indoor climbing walls, skate parks, etc.- make museum and other facilities more child/ young person friendly
- Better use of existing leisure facilities supported by investment
- Potential of the Quarry
- Rowley's House and surrounding area- potential to create a vibrant town centre place- link to University



## Committee and date

Shrewsbury-wide Local Joint Committee

12<sup>th</sup> March 2015

7.00pm

## **YOUTH COMMISSIONING AND PLANNED IMPLEMENTATION IN THE SHREWSBURY-WIDE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

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### **1. Summary**

This report summarises the framework of the youth commissioning model developed by Shropshire Council, to deliver youth activities to young people across the county. This report contains the recommendations from the Youth Commissioning Working Group, which was established to inform the Shrewsbury-wide Local Joint Committee about the youth commissioning intentions for the Shrewsbury area.

### **2. Recommendations**

That the Shrewsbury-wide Local Joint Committee recommends to Shropshire Council the following approach to the provision of youth activities.

#### **A. Core Youth sessions**

That the Shrewsbury-wide Local Joint Committee uses its funds to deliver youth sessions in Harlescott, Sundorne, Monkmoor, Ditherington and Meole Brace principally within existing youth centres.

#### **B. Specialist time limited sessions**

To complement the core youth sessions, the Local Joint Committee wishes to fund additional specialist sessions in youth centres in Harlescott, Sundorne, Monkmoor and Ditherington. These centres will act as 'hubs' for an extended programme of youth activities, which could include arts, sports, education, and life skills.

#### **C. Youth providers network**

To encourage greater partnership and collaborative working, the Local Joint Committee recommends that a youth providers' network meeting is arranged at a minimum of twice a year.

### 3. Background

The role of public services is changing. Shropshire Council is moving rapidly to becoming a Council that commissions activity, with less direct delivery of services.

As a local authority, Shropshire Council has a duty to secure, so far as reasonably practicable, equality of access for all young people to the positive, preventative and early help they need to improve their well-being.

The Council must also take steps to gain the views of young people and to take these into account when making decisions about services and activities for them.

Shropshire Council's strategic aim is to ensure that as many young people as possible can access a wide range of activities after school, at weekends and in school holidays. The purpose of these activities is to support young people's well-being, development of personal and social education, and preparation for adulthood.

The Local Joint Committee will inform and direct the commissioning of youth activity in their areas. This reflects the Council's ambition for LJs 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.

Money allocated to individual LJs is based on two factors:

- **A youth specific Needs Assessment:**

A detailed list of statistics and information has been gathered for each Local Joint Committee area, including information on numbers of young people, disabled young children, children living in deprived areas, excluded from school, referrals to social care, incidents of antisocial behaviour and young offenders.

This data is used by the Children's Trust and by Children and Young People's Services, to identify and suggest where there are vulnerable young people. Shrewsbury-wide LJ was allocated £82,954 for youth provision.

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

The Shrewsbury-wide Local Joint Committee has not been awarded funding based upon a rurality assessment.

### Outcomes

Any youth activities that are supported locally will need to demonstrate how they meet the following outcomes in the Shropshire's Children, Young People and Families Plan 2014:

- Ensuring all Children and Young People are safe and well looked after in a supportive environment
- Narrowing the achievement gap in education and work
- Ensuring emotional well-being of Children and Young People by focusing on prevention and early intervention
- Keeping more Children and Young People healthy and reducing health inequalities.

#### 4. Next steps

In order to maximise the benefit of the funding available, it is proposed that:

- Further consultation with young people and the community be undertaken
- Further discussion take place with potential providers regarding commissioning intentions
- An 'invitation to quote' document be developed
- Feedback/comments on the commissioning intentions be taken into account by Shrewsbury-wide Local Joint Committee

#### 5. Financial implications

It is anticipated that this approach will adequately provide youth activities in the Shrewsbury-wide Local Joint Committee area, and the addition of the youth providers network will increase the ability to generate match funding.

#### 6. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

In determining these recommendations, the Local Joint Committee has considered reputational risk and any course of action minimises this risk.

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

The proposal under consideration will improve the levels of community-based and community-driven youth activity in the Local Joint Committee area.

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

##### **Human Rights Act Appraisal**

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

##### **Environmental Appraisal**

None.

##### **Risk Management Appraisal**

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

##### **Community / Consultations Appraisal**

Consideration has been given to the public opinion expressed in the lead up to this meeting.

##### **Local Members**

Councillors Peter Adams, Beverley Baker, Andrew Bannerman, Vernon Bushell, Dean Carroll, Anne Chebsey, Ted Clarke, Hannah Fraser, Ioan Jones, Miles Kenny,

Jane MacKenzie, Pamela Moseley, Alan Mosley, Peter Nutting, Kath Owen, Mike Owen, Kevin Pardy, Malcolm Price, Keith Roberts, Jon Tandy, Alan Townsend, Mansel Williams

**Appendices**

None.