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**Committee:**  
**South West Shropshire Local Joint Committee**

**Date:** Thursday, 22 February 2018  
**Time:** 7.00 pm  
**Venue:** Marton Village Hall

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

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

**Members of South West Shropshire Local Joint Committee**

Andrew Beaven	Jonny Keeley
Felicity Bevan	Jonathan Kemp
Jane Carroll	Heather Kidd
John Croxton	Gordon Lewis
Sandra Davies	Jack Limond
Oliver Goode	Godfrey May
Ralph Graves	Jonathan Roberts
Nigel Hartin	Valerie Whately

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# **AGENDA**

**1 Welcome and Introductions**

**2 Notes of Last Meeting - 20 July 2017 (Pages 1 - 6)**

**3 Update on South West Shropshire Community Grants Scheme (Pages 7 - 14)**

Progress report from Community Enablement Officer including applications received since the last meeting (Item 2)

Committee will be asked to review the grants received since the last meeting

**4 Update on Youth Commissioning in South West Shropshire (Pages 15 - 18)**

Progress report from the Community Enablement Officer and applications received since the last meeting (Item 3)

**5 Update Future Fit Shropshire**

**6 Police Commissioner Proposals for Merging the Police and Fire Services**

Verbal Update from Councillor Nigel Hartin

**7 Shropshire Council consultation on Children's Early Help Programme**

Verbal update on the consultation process and implications for South West Shropshire

**8 Any other Business**

**9 Updates from Town and Parish Councils**

**10 Date of Next Meeting and Future Agenda Items**



<u>Committee and Date</u>
South West Shropshire LJC Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February Marton Village Hall, 7pm

<u>Item</u>
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<u>Public</u>

## **SOUTH WEST SHROPSHIRE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

### **NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS STEMMING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY AT NORBURY VILLAGE HALL 7PM**

**Responsible Officer** Mathew Mead  
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#### **Committee Members Present:**

##### **Shropshire Council**

Nigel Hartin	Clun
Jonny Keeley	Bishop's Castle (Chair)
Heather Kidd	Chirbury and Worthen

##### **Town/Parish Councils**

John Croxton	Clunbury Parish Council
Jane Carroll	Bishops Castle Town Council
Valerie Whately	Bettws-y-Crwyn Parish Council
Felicity Bevan	Chirbury Parish Council
Jonathan Kemp	Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council
Oliver Goode	Myndtown Parish Council
Godfrey May	Lydbury North Parish Council
Ralph Graves	Worthen with Shelve Parish Council
Jonathan Roberts	Clungunford Parish Council
Sandra Davies	Newcastle Parish Council
Jack Limond	Clun Town Council with Chapel Lawn

#### **Officers Present:**

Mathew Mead, Community Enablement Officer, Shropshire Council  
Peter Davies, Shropshire Council Leisure Services Manager

Jean Shirley, Richard Whately and Ruth Houghton attended on behalf of the SpArC Charity

10 members of the public were in attendance

## **1. Welcome and apologies**

Councillor Keely welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Councillors and members of the public for their attendance. Apologies had been received from Andrew Beavan Llanfairwaterdine Parish Council

## **2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Members were 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. No interests were declared at the meeting

## **3. Note of the Previous Meeting**

The Committee members agreed that the draft notes of the LJC meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 should be adopted as an accurate note of that meeting.

Mathew Mead said that the Public Transport Consultation discussed at the last meeting had now closed and the Council were reviewing its findings. There is now a new Portfolio Holder for Public Transport and the results of the consultation will feed into a new Public Transport Strategy which is likely to be launched in the autumn, so it may be appropriate to invite officers to attend a future LJC meeting

## **4. Update on proposals to merge Shropshire Fire and Rescue and Police Service Nigel Hartin**

Nigel that this consultation had been launched by the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), and investigated the potential for the Fire Authority to also come under the remit of the PCC to create efficiencies of operating the services. The two services are currently separate.

As the consultation is led by the PCC concerns have been raised by a number of authorities into the scope and timescale of the consultations, and the Fire Authority in Shropshire are not a statutory consultee. However they have held an extraordinary general meeting to discuss the consultation and commissioned their own independent review of the PCC business case and feel some of its assumptions are not correct.

Shropshire Councillors have discussed the consultation, and will be holding a scrutiny review into the process. They have delegated responsibility for responding to the consultation to the Leader of the Council

The consultation runs until 11<sup>th</sup> September and Town and Parish Councils and members of the public are encouraged to have their say. The PCC is proposing the take over happens in April 2018 but if the Fire Authorities object to the proposals the decision has to go to the Secretary of State for approval.

The Shropshire Fire Authority feel the PCC plans do not outline clearly where cost savings will be made, and point out that they have already made significant savings from their budget over recent years. Fears have been expressed that savings can only come from reducing the workforce, and concerns have also been raised about losing local knowledge if call centres are merged. So its important people in Shropshire have their say

## **5. Update on the future of the SpArC Centre and Shropshire Council Leisure Strategy**

The Committee heard presentations from the two sides of the SpArC Centre campaign. Firstly, Ruth Houghton and Jean Shirley from the SpArC Community Charity provided an update on how the charity had progressed in the last 6 months and this was followed by an update on the Shropshire Council Leisure Strategy from Pete Davies Leisure Services Manager at Shropshire Council.

### **SpArC Charity update**

Ruth outlined how the SpArC Community Charity had now been set up and registered with the Charity Commission. This had allowed them to set up their own bank account which makes managing the fundraising easier and gift aid can also be claimed. £70,000 has been raised and a grant from M&S was secured for a new pool cover. A group of trustees representing user groups and communities in the area is now in place and meets regularly to plan the charities activities.

The Charity responded to the draft Shropshire Leisure Strategy and were pleased to see SpArC included as a hub facility, but now look forward to seeing what level of funding it will receive from Shropshire Council.

The charity also commissioned the County Sports Partnership, Energize, to look at the current operation of SpArC and suggest key markets it should focus on in the future. The report produced some very interesting findings and alongside traditional leisure centre provision it suggested the centre should play a wider role in the general health and well being of the population of South West Shropshire. The finding of the report will also be shared with Shropshire Council who part funded the report and help shape the future delivery of the centre.

The charity is now looking at four main short term areas of work which are

- A) Starting a meaningful dialogue with Shropshire Council and Teme Leisure over the centres future operation, including what its key activities will be and how the contract will be managed.
- B) Making sure the essential maintenance of the centre is kept up, and opportunities to invest in energy saving measures which reduce running costs are followed up
- C) Working to draw up regular, year on year revenue streams through working with Town and Parish Councils and setting up a 500 club
- D) Using some of the charities funds to provide training to staff and school teachers so that more activities can be run at the centre – such as swimming assistant training for school teachers

The longer term objectives of the charity are to look at the management of the site; its infrastructure and to secure long term external funding through organisations such as Sport England. Initial conversations with this funding body have been very favourable.

The charity is keen to establish a strong partnership with Shropshire Council and the operator of the centre, as well as with Bishop's Castle Community College and local Primary Schools who all use the centre. The future of the centre depends on it being community focused.

### **Pete Davies Shropshire Council**

Pete said that the situation facing the SpArC Centre had changed quite significantly in the last 18 months. Shropshire Councils initial financial strategy for Leisure had indicated a zero budget for SpArC from 2017 onwards, but partly down to the Councils finances being healthier, and the work of the SpArC Charity the centre was in a stronger position, but much work still needs to be done.

The revised Shropshire Leisure Strategy has reviewed SpArC in the hierarchy of leisure centres in the county and upgraded it to a hub, in part due to its rural location and difficulty in local residents being able to access other centres. But the role of the community in campaigning to save the centre and raise funds to support it had been a significant factor too. The strategy was formally adopted by Shropshire Council on 21<sup>st</sup> June

Funding equalling around £100,000 had now been agreed to replace the existing dehumidifier system, which was causing significant problems in the changing rooms, which will also be redecorated at part of the works. This should take place over the late summer period.

The next stage of looking at the future of SpArC will be to develop a 5 year business plan based on Shropshire Council funding and support from the community. This is a process other leisure centres are going through and a conference hosted by Energize on 12<sup>th</sup> September will start to look at how this process will be managed. At a local level more detailed discussions between Teme Leisure and Shropshire Council, along with the SpArC charity will also need to take place.

While Shropshire Council will continue to offer some revenue support to the centre, the exact amount needs to be established as part of the Councils long term financial plan. Support from other sources will be needed, and reducing running costs by looking at infrastructure improvements to the building also need to be considered. Sport England have published a new strategy for their funding and this indicates a need for leisure centres to provide a greater range of activities for the wider community and this too needs to be reflected through our leisure centres.

Shropshire Council recognises the community frustrations with the way the centre is managed and that it has limited opening times, and as we move forward we'll need to address these with the operator but also by working with the community and charity too.

## **6. South West Shropshire LJC grant scheme**

The committee received a report on the amount of funding in the grant pot, and also agreed to maintain the existing grant criteria of projects being able to bid for up to £150. Committee members were encouraged to promote the scheme locally to businesses who may wish to contribute to the fund. New applications should be sent to Mathew to process

## **7. Youth funding report**

The Community Enablement Officer presented to applications to the Committee, one from Worthen Youth club to support young people attend an outdoor adventure scheme; the second was from Lydbury North PCC to help purchase equipment for a youth group that meets in the village. Both projects were awarded grants by the committee, but it was recommended that the Lydbury North project was regularly monitored to check the numbers of young people attending the club.

Funding will continue to be made available through the LJC until March 2018, so local groups were encouraged to apply for funding as soon as possible

## **8. Public Question Time**

Oliver Goode from Myndtown Parish Council gave an update on their parish project, which was looking at enhancing roadside verges to encourage a greater diversity of wild flowers. They were working on this project with the AONB and local volunteers, and had started talks with Shropshire Councils Highways team who also needed to play a role in the work as they cut the verges.

Examples from elsewhere in the country, such as Lincolnshire showed what was possible with some imaginative thinking. A public meeting to get wider support from other parishes was planned for August.

## **9. Date of Next Meetings and Future Agenda Items:**

Suggested meeting dates

**Planning Meeting** – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 7pm

**Full Public Meeting** – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 7pm

These were approved by the Councillors. Suggested topics for discussion at the public meeting included Planning issues, such as the local plan review and planning enforcement; the new public transport strategy; and potentially the next stages of the Future fit review

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Committee and Date  
South West Shropshire Local  
Joint Committee Meeting

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
2018**

Marton Village Hall, 7pm

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## **SOUTH WEST SHROPSHIRE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE – LOCAL GRANTS SCHEME UPDATE REPORT**

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### **1. Summary**

This report summaries the income and expenditure of the South West Shropshire Community Grant scheme, up to 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018. It also provides an update on the amount of funding held in the grant pot, together with summaries of 4 applications received since the last LJC meeting.

### **Recommendations**

- A. That the LJC note that current balance of the scheme is £1,850
- B. The LJC Committee note they have set a grant criteria of for 2017/18 which remains the same as 2016/17. Maximum grants available are £150
- C. That the LJC review applications SWS LJC 9 – SWS 12 and make a decision on whether to support these grants.

### **2. Background**

Following Shropshire Councils decision to remove funding from the Local Joint Committee, the South West Shropshire Local Joint Committee decided to develop their own funding scheme to support community and voluntary groups in the area. Town and Parish Councils were asked to contribute £150 to the scheme and local businesses were also approached.

### **3. Grant development**

Letters requesting support for the grant scheme for 2017/18 were sent to all Town and Parish Councils in the LJC area and the balance of the fund now stands at 1,850

This funding is administered by Shropshire Council, through the Community Enablement Team, at no additional cost to the Committee.

Parish Councils are seen as being a key element of the process as the Committee feels that can act as local advocates of the grant scheme and promote the scheme to their communities.

#### **4. Grants awarded by the Committee 2015 to September 2017**

	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Purpose of grant</b>	<b>Amount</b>
SWS LJC.1	Rectory Gardens Lunch Club	Computer Club (Connecting Communities)	£150.00
SWS LJC.2	Everest Hall	Insulation project at Everest Hall	£119.92
SWS LJC.3	Shropshire & Wrekin Fire Authority	Honest Truth Driving Partnership	£150.00
SWS LJC.4	Bucknell Pre-school	Don't Mention the Wall	£150.00
SWS LJC.5	Bent Lawnt War Memorial	War Memorial instalation	£150.00
SWS LJC.6	Haselhurst Close Tenants Association	Clun Valley Lunch Clun equipment	£150.00
SWS LJC.7	South West Shropshire Young Engineers	Support for Goblin Car Project	£150.00
SWS LJC.8	Brockton and Worthen Defibrillator Group	Purchase of 2 defibrillators	£150.00

#### **5. Grant criteria**

The South West Shropshire LJC has set the grants scheme criteria as being:

- A total of £500 will be allocated to community projects in each round of funding, and decisions made on application at the public LJC meetings
- The maximum grant available will be £150 and should be matched funded by at least 50% of cash from the applicant

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- Projects must be based in, and support residents in, the Local Joint Committee area
  - Applications are only open to charities, volunteer led organisations or social enterprises

## **6. Applications received between July 2017 and February 2018 for review by the Committee**

### **SWS LJC 9 – Bishop’s Castle Guerrilla Gardeners – Playing Fields Project**

**Total Project Costs: £515**

**Total Grant Requested: £150**

Bishop’s Castle Guerrilla Gardeners have quietly since 2015 transformed two parts of Bishop’s Castle playing fields into vibrant floral displays and a quiet seating area amongst seasonal plants and shrubs.

The first project, started in 2015, created a seating area amongst roses and other plants on a paved area opposite the swings. This is an area regularly used by visitors of all ages to the park including walkers, dog walkers and people just passing through, all of whom stop and enjoy this quiet area or chat to others sitting there. This area requires regular maintenance and weeding which is carried out by volunteers. It would benefit from additional planting to include roses, herbaceous plants and evergreens to add interest during the winter. The addition of an ornamental tree to add Autumnal colour such as a Liquid Amber sweet gum tree will also create year round interest.

The second project, which started in 2016, has been the planting of the herbaceous bed around the water fountain at the entrance to the playing fields. This is the main entrance to the field and the first thing that everyone sees. It is also on the circular path that is walked by many around the playing fields. Designed, planted and weeded by the Guerrilla Gardener volunteers this is the area that requires most work with regular spring and summer planting to give an all year-round display. The soil requires improved drainage through the addition of grit. The addition of plants similar to those described above as well as others that will tolerate footfall which will prevent the soil becoming compacted through being walked or cycled over in the winter months.

The Guerrilla Gardeners are a small group of volunteers with a love of gardening and the outdoors and who aim to improve communal places for everyone to enjoy.

This project goes a long way to provide flowers rich in pollen in order to support bees in the area which will then provide healthy swarms to assist with pollination of commercial crops in the area.

The project benefits all users of Bishop’s Castle playing fields which includes: Children and young people, older people, the walking for health group ( Mondays), carnival goers, Party in the Park visitors, Michaelmas visitors, tourists throughout the year, dog walkers and local residents.

If the project was not in existence the flower beds and seating area would not have been created and would not be being maintained by volunteers.

This project not only benefits the citizens of Bishop’s Castle but also adds to the overall environment of the town and to the visitor experience and supports the local tourism economy.

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The grant funding will pay for bulbs for summer and winter flowering, compost and grit to aid drainage, plants for the 2018 spring bedding programme and an ornamental tree/shrub

The funding will be held by Bishop's Castle Town Council. The group do not have their own bank account. Matched funding is also being provided by the Town Council and other external grants.

## **SWS LJC 10 – Bishop's Castle Christmas Lights Festival**

**Total Project Costs: £7,280**

**Grant requested: £150**

Bishop's Castle Christmas Lights switch on has, until recent years, been an important annual event in the Town which has contributed to the local visitor economy, benefitted local business and been enjoyed by local residents of all ages.

Organised by volunteers the event has dwindled due to previous volunteers stepping down however a new group of enthusiastic volunteers has now stepped forward to resurrect this event.

The new group aims to reinstate the event through a planned sustainable approach to the project aiming for it to be self sustaining by the third year. This project represents year one of the new group and start up funding is needed to support the project.

In year one essential infrastructure will be installed for the display of seasonal decorations which will comply with both Health and Safety requirements and the on street decoration requirements.

The event is planned for the first Saturday in December. It is being organised as a community arts and leisure event for residents and visitors of all ages and will include activities located around the town in addition to the switching on of the lights.

The following activities are planned

- Hog Roast
- Ping Pong Plummet
- Children's Christmas craft workshops
- Lantern parade with Samba band
- Fire work display
- Christmas grotto
- Choir with carols
- Christmas craft fair

Some of the above activities will be designed to generate funds which will help sustain the event in future years

In addition community fundraising events will be held during the Autumn in order to support the project.

Need for the project

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Substantial feedback has been received from local residents and visitors that in 2016 the absence of festive decoration gave the impression the town was not celebrating the festive season, so attracted less visitors

The project aims to benefit local residents who will be able to participate in a number of activities, join in the carol singing and support local businesses. The Christmas lights switch on will also attract visitors which will help local businesses and footfall in the town

Children and young people will in particular be involved in the preparation of lanterns for the lantern parade, by being part of the school choir and attending arts and craft workshops and visiting the grotto.

The event will also allow local arts and crafts to be displayed and sold and their works shown to a wider audience.

To ensure that the event is accessible to older people a Dial-a-Ride service will be available to take people to events and to support them to attend the Carols around the Christmas tree.

Bishop's Castle also has two specialist learning disability care homes whose residents and an integral part of the community. Arts and crafts workshops will also be open to these residents and they will be supported to attend and join in the activities.

The project will also have a longer term historical legacy as the group aim to start a digital archive of Christmas lights festival activities, which will be stored at Bishop's Castle Heritage Resource Centre for the benefit of future generations

A number of activities within the project costs are being donated in kind, such as a cherry picker to install the lights, and fireworks for the display. Activities are designed to generate income, which will contribute to the future costs of the display

## **SWS LJC 10 - Brockton Rainbow Girl Guides**

**Total project costs: 154.74**

**Grant applied for: £77**

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We offer a safe, welcoming girl-only space for girls and young women to try new things, help other people and discover their passions and talents. All while having fun with a group of ready-made friends!

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We empower girls, we give them space to grow and we ensure that each one of them can get involved - no matter what their background or ability.

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Together they learn skills, grow in confidence, make lifelong friendships, help their communities and have lots of fun.

Our values

Our values are our shared commitment to be:

- caring
- challenging
- empowering
- fun
- inclusive
- and inspiring.

The Brockton Rainbow Girl Guides group is open to 5-7 year olds and was set-up in September 2016 under the umbrella of the Girl Guides organisation. 16 youngsters now attend the sessions which are held weekly in term time.

The nearest alternative Rainbow unit is at least 7 miles away in Churchstoke, Montgomery or Bayston Hill, or further away in Copthorne Shrewsbury. The Brockton group caters for a very rural community and girls attending would be unlikely to be part of a guiding group unless their parents were willing to drive to the alternative groups some distance from Brockton.

While the group runs a range of activities each week they would like to extend the outdoor activities they can provide. This application will help the group purchase the following equipment

Child and adult fluorescent jackets; parachute for games; Fire pit and fire-starting kit for outdoor crafts and cooking; metal fire bucket; torches and outdoor foam seating pads.

The group are requesting a grant of £77 from the SWS Grants scheme and they have raised the remaining £77.74 through their own table top sale.

### **SWS LJC 11 – Marton Defibrillator**

**Total project costs: £2,161.00**

**Grant applied for: £150**

Like many rural communities Marton is looking to purchase, install and maintain an accessible Defibrillator unit in the village, for use in cases of cardiac arrest.

A group has been set-up to fundraise and coordinate the purchase of the unit, and a suitable site has been identified to locate the unit – on an external wall of the village shop. The cost of the defibrillator is £2,000 along with costs associated with installing the unit and making sure it is maintained correctly.

Once installed the volunteers will be trained to use the unit and perform CPR, and the ambulance service will also be able to provide details of the unit location in case of a 999 call.

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When a patient suffers a cardiac arrest having a defibrillator unit available locally can save lives as the units can diagnose and treat the cardiac arrest. Without having a unit available locally any patient would have to wait for an ambulance to attend which in a rural area can be some considerable length of time.

This project has overwhelming support within the village of Marton and villagers have formed a group to raise funds for a unit and volunteer to be trained in its use. While there are units in Brockton, Worthen and Priest Weston these locations are still some distance from Marton should an emergency occur.

Chirbury Parish Council have contributed £500 to the project, and £200 has been raised through donations. The group is planning to raise the matched funding through a range of community activities.

The main cost of the project is the purchase of the unit at £2,000. Installing the unit is £150 and around £11 is needed to maintain the unit each year

## **7. Funding implications**

The current balance of the South West Shropshire Grants scheme is £1,850 and if both these projects were supported the balance remaining would be £1,323.00

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

### **Risk Management Appraisal**

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

### **Human Rights**

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

### **Community and other Consultation**

Consideration has been given to the public opinion expressed at the previous Local meetings

<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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Joyce Barrow
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<b>Local Members</b>
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Nigel Hartin, Heather Kidd, Jonny Keeley
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<b>Appendices</b>
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Committee and date  
South West Shropshire  
Local Joint Committee  
Meeting

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
Marton Village Hall 7.00 pm

Item

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## YOUTH COMMISSIONING FOR THE SOUTH WEST SHROPSHIRE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE AREA.

### Responsible Officer

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### 1. Summary

This report summarises the progress of 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 South West Shropshire Local Joint Committee.

### Recommendations

- A That the Committee note that there is £1,680 remaining in the youth budget for 2017/18 financial year, and this needs to be allocated to projects and spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018
- B Applications 10.13 and 10.14 meet the LJC funding requirement and officer recommendation is to approve the applications. However, there is insufficient budget to fund both projects to the level requested by both projects.

## REPORT

### 2. Background

From 2015/16 Shropshire Council changed the way in which it delivered youth services in Shropshire. This saw a move from Shropshire Council delivering front line services and employing staff directly, to a commissioning model. This saw funding devolved to Local Joint Committee's (LJC's). who then identified local needs and allocated their funding accordingly. Each LJC had different levels of funding based on identified local needs and the South West Shropshire LJC has received £3,000 in 2015/16 and a further £3,000 in 2016/17 and 17/18

The following grants were awarded in the 2015/16 financial year

- 10.1 – Worthen Youth Club £500 for outdoor activity courses
- 10.2 - Bishop's Castle Duke of Edinburgh Scheme new equipment £355
- 10.3 – St Johns Church Youth Group Bishop's Castle new equipment £500
- 10.4 – Bishop's Castle Youth Club (Irene Stelfox) Outreach Work £1,000
- 10.5 – SpArC Arts Youth Dance project £645

The following grants were awarded in 2016/17

10.6 – Bishop’s Castle Scout Group £800

10.7 – Bishop’s Castle Juniors £600

10.8 – Bucknell Youth Club £1,000

10.9 – Bishop’s Castle Town Council AMP music - £600 (plus £400 from 2017/18 budget)

Grants awarded in 2017/18

10.10 – Bishop’s Castle Town Council AMP music - £400

10.11 – Lydbury North PCC – Youth Group support - £500

10.12 – Worthen Youth Club – Outdoor activity course - £420

A Scrutiny review of the model for commissioning youth services is being carried out by Shropshire Council and this will form the basis for future policy and funding for youth activities in Shropshire beyond March 2018.

### **3. Considerations for the South West Shropshire Local Joint Committee**

The LJC has a total budget of £1,680 to allocate to youth activities in 2017/18. The Committee had previously agreed to award the funding through a grant making programme which groups who provide activities for young people can bid into. The maximum grant available is £1,000

The £1,680 budget for 2017/18 needs to be allocated by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018. Applications 10.13 and 10.14 are requesting a combined figure of £1,922.74 which would exceed the remaining budget.

#### **4. Applications received for consideration**

##### **10.13 Shropshire Youth Association – Young Health Champions Mental Health Project**

**Total Project Costs:** £1,122.74

**Grant Requested:** £922.74

The young health champion’s project supports young people to engage and participate in developing and promoting services and awareness to increase good health for young people and their community. Therefore, not only does it aim to bring communities together and encourage a better understanding of different generations. But, instil good practices and benefits for positive health and well-being for all, whilst nurturing diversity, good values and boosting young people’s confidence.

Shropshire Youth Association and have been supporting young people to strengthen links in communities by making positive contributions in a fun and safe environment. This has taken place in local areas through community events, local awareness and engagement of topics and most recently in Bishops Castle where young people are promoting mental health within lessons for other students at the community college.

This project is focused on supporting a group of young men to develop posters and an information pack about mental health issues to distributed in schools and locations accessed by young acceptable in Bishops Castle and the surrounding area. Mental health issues have been identified as a significant issue for young people in the area. A particular focus of the project will be to raise awareness of the effects of alcohol on mental health. The youngster will meet twice a month for 10 sessions, and the information packs will be accompanied to by posters to promote the project.

The main costs of the project are Youth Worker Hours £572.74; Printing and design of packs £250.00; Stationary and USB memory sticks to share information £50 and refreshments £50. £200 of matched funding is being provided by the School.

#### **10.14 SpArC Arts Bishop's Castle – Street Dance Project**

Total Project Costs: £1,740

Grant requested: £1,000

SpArC Theatre aims to provide diverse arts provision for the local community Our aim is to ensure accessible, sustainable and high-quality arts opportunities for south Shropshire in order to deliver tangible, meaningful benefits to local people and support regeneration of the area. The theatre also works closely with the neighbouring Community College

We want to run a course of Street Dance Classes for Secondary and primary children in the spring/summer term of 2018

It will run every 2 weeks to co-ordinate with Bishops Castle Community College enrichment programme.

Historically, there has been strong engagement with opportunities offered, particularly with dance. Up until summer 2014, a regular street dance class for children and young people was held in the evenings at SpArC Theatre but, although highly popular, the cost and time of travel meant the class was no longer sustainable for the choreographer who had to bring the classes to a close.

We secured Arts Council Funding for a year-long street dance provision similar to the project which we want to start – it ran until April 2016 the session proved popular with both Primary and Secondary children the feedback for both Primary and Secondary was very positive-

Previously similar projects were equally enjoyed and engaging for both genders. The secondary children chose to do the activity and equal numbers of boys and girls opted for it with one terms group being just boys.

The Secondary boys allowing the film of their dance being shown to other peer groups in the Theatre, to a great response. The next terms group was twice as big.

The Secondary groups would continue to be accessed by self-selecting through enrichment. The college offer the students a wide range of activities to choose from but are very keen to have the Street Dance module again for enrichment as it offers a physical and creative activity the likes of which they which they do not have at present.

We would like to offer an after-school session to children to deliver these sessions. We would charge for and hopefully start an ongoing class advertised through the local primary schools and secondary schools. We hope the positive experience the local primary children have had through previous funded dance sessions will mean there will be interested, and help their transition to the Community College. At present there is no Urban Dance provision locally.

Securing funding for the sessions during the school day for secondary students means we can offer an after school session for Primary students which we can charge for at a more affordable rate of around £5 per sessions for 1hr class.

Primary sessions will be offered through the primary schools. All secondary students at the community college will have the opportunity to access the sessions through the enrichment module.

Costs are £1,200 workshops facilitation and course materials; £240 hire of theatre and studio space; £200 Administration costs; £100 teacher supervision

## **5. 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.

<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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