



<u>Committee and date</u> South West Shropshire Local Joint Committee Planning Meeting Thursday 9 th February 7.00 pm

<u>Item</u> 3 <u>Public</u>

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

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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 the £3,000 youth budget for 2015/16 has now been allocated
- B That the Committee note that following a change in policy by Shropshire Council a further £3,000 is available to the Committee in 2016/17 and £2,250 will be available between April 2017 and December 2017.
- C The Committee will need to develop a criteria through which this funding will be allocated.
- D That the Committee agree to assess funding applications for the Youth Funding pot outside the full LJC meetings through email approval by a majority of the Committee

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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 received £3,000 in 2015/16 based on its rurality.

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

A further £3,000 has been allocated to the South West Shropshire LJC to support Youth Activities in 2016/17. It had been proposed this would be the last funding the LJC received but following a review of policy this funding has been extended to an additional 9 months in 2017 which means an additional £2,250 is now available to the LJC to support youth activities in the area in 2017.

A Scrutiny review of the model for commissioning youth services will be carried out by Shropshire Council in early 2017 which will form the basis for future policy and funding for youth activities in Shropshire

3. Considerations for the South West Shropshire Local Joint Committee

The LJC has a total budget of £5,250 to allocate to youth activities in 2017. The Committee will need to decide how to allocate this funding. Potential options include

- Open a small grants scheme and invite organisations to apply for funding
- Commission specific activities for young people in the area
- Hold a specific event aimed at young people using the funding that is available

The Committee should note that £3,000 should be allocated, or there should be an identified project for the funding by March 2017, and the remaining funding will need to be allocated by December 2017. Ideally recommendations on how to proceed with the allocation of the funding should be made at the February public LJC meeting

4. Financial Implications

£3,000 is now available to spend in 2016/17 and this funding will need to be allocated by March 2017. A further £2,250 will be available from April 2017 which will need to be allocated by December 2017.

Details of potential funding beyond December 2017 will not be known until the Shropshire Council scrutiny group publishes its recommendations in 2017

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.

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) Cecelia Motley
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Local Member Heather Kidd, Jonny Keeley, Nigel Hartin
Appendices