

**YOUTH COMMISSIONING FOR THE LOTON, LONGDEN, FORD AND REA
VALLEY LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE AREA.**

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1. Summary

This report provides an update on youth commissioning funding Shropshire Council within the Loton, Longden, Ford and Rea Valley Local Joint Committee, for the 2018/2019 financial year.

Recommendations

- A That the Committee note that the youth budget of £12,000 for 2018/19 has now been agreed by Shropshire Council; with an additional £3,000 available through a central Rural Funding pot
- B That the Committee note that Minsterley Parish Council and Westbury Parish Council are willing to contribute an additional £1,600 and £1,000 respectively to this year's budget
- C That the LJC note that 2018/19 is likely to be the last year funding is available through the LJC framework.

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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 Loton, Longden, Ford and Rea Valley LJC received £10,950 in 2015/16 (part-year) and £16,630 in 2016/17 and 2017/18 (full year).

The LJC took the decision to use this funding to establish two new Youth Clubs in Minsterley and Westbury, and commissioned the Shropshire Youth Association to run these

clubs one evening a week during term time. This was because these areas had been highlighted as having more indicators or deprivation than other parishes in the LJC.

In addition grants of £699.53 in 15/16 were awarded to Great Ness and Little Ness Parish Council; Ford Parish Council and Hanwood Parish Council to provide additional financial support to youth clubs already in existence in Nesscliffe, Ford and Hanwood. In 2016/17 these grants were again distributed to the sum of £1,199.19. Parish Councils commissioned these clubs and contract staff from the Shropshire Youth Association to run them on their behalf, matched funding for the clubs comes from the Parish precepts, local fundraising and subscriptions paid by those attending the clubs.

In 2017/18 the LJC was allocated £16,630 from Shropshire Council and also received a further £1,600 from Minsterley Parish Council as a contribution to the running costs of Minsterley Youth Club. The funding was allocated as shown in the table below and was again based on the indicators of deprivation which saw Minsterley and Westbury received more funding.

	Income	Expenditure
2017/18 LLFRV budget	£16,630.00	
Contribution from Minsterley PC	£1,600.00	
Commission SYA to run Youth Clubs at Westbury and Minsterley		£13,096.59
Grant to Great Hanwood PC		£1,700.98
Grant to Great Ness and Little Ness PC		£1,700.98
Grant to Ford PC		£1,700.98
Total	£18,230.00	£18,199.53

3. Considerations for the Loton, Longden, Ford and Rea Valley Local Joint Committee for 2018/19 funding

There has been considerable debate and alterations to the funding this LJC was to be allocated but the Local Joint Committee has now been confirmed it has the following funding available to be allocated for 2018/19

LJC funding	12000
Minsterley PC contribution	1600
Westbury PC contribution	1000
Rural grant*	3000
Total budget	17600

In making these recommendations for the LJC the aim is to try and continue provision at our 5 youth clubs throughout 2018/19 and to use the remainder of the financial year to look at the long term sustainability of these clubs. The allocation of

funding is therefore based on the previous strategy agreed by the LJC in 16/17 and 17/18

Additionally due to the delay in Shropshire Council funding being allocated an agreement is in place that the contracts for the first term of 2018/19 – up to the 19th July should be honoured. This only applies to contracts with SYA (Minsterley and Westbury), but it would be equitable to extend this to the 3 youth clubs at Hanwood, Ford and Nesscliffe. Based on the 2017/18 funding criteria the funding awarded for the first term of 2018/19 are:

18/19 allocation	Summer Term to 15th July
Minsterley and Westbury SYA contract	£4,221.72
Hanwood grant	£548.32
Nesscliffe grant	£548.32
Ford grant	£548.53
	£5,866.88

This would leave the Loton, Londgen Ford and Rea Valley LJC with a budget of £11,733.12

It is totally up to the LJC on how they allocate the remaining funding, but based on the short time scales for decision making, and the fact the funding ends in March 2019 the LJC could simply maintain its existing criteria for the remainder of the financial year. So, the £11,733.12 would be allocated as follows

Funding allocated	Remaining budget	Total funding 18/19
Minsterley and Westbury SYA contract	£8,443.44	£12,665.16
Hanwood grant*	£1,096	£1,644.95
Nesscliffe grant*	£1,096	£1,644.95
Ford grant*	£1,096	£1,645.60
	£11,731.44	£17,600.65

However, we also need to consider that the rurality funding for 2018/19 is not directly controlled by the LJC, but has to be bid into by individual Parish Councils so I have advised the Great Hanwood, Great Ness and Little Ness and Ford Parish Councils to

apply for this funding ahead of 20th May deadline, and that they should bid for £1000 each. So rather than received a grant from the LJC of £1096 they would receive an additional £96 from the LJC and £1,000 from the rurality funding

Assuming they are successful with these applications the amount of funding allocated to each youth club would be similar to 2017/18 and should be sufficient to sustain all these clubs through the financial year, alongside some support from their Parish Councils and local community

We do however have the opportunity to discuss alternative funding arrangements, and must also start to consider the sustainability of these clubs beyond March 2019

4. Financial Implications

In total the LJC will have £17,600 available to support Youth Groups in 2018/19 and The total costs of these proposals are £17,600.65

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)
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Appendices