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Whitchurch & Prees  
Local Joint Committee

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## WHITCHURCH & PREES LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

### NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2014 IN FAULS GREEN CHURCH HALL AT 7PM

#### Committee Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Council</u>
Mr Paul Wynn	Shropshire Council
Mrs Peggy Mullock	Shropshire Council
Mr Alan Chesters	Whitchurch Town Council
Mr Will Allen	Whitchurch Rural Parish Council
Mrs Jean Betteridge	Ightfield & Calverhall Parish Council
Mr Paul Gill	Prees Parish Council

#### Officers present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Role</u>
Nicki Young	Community Enablement Officer, Shropshire Council
Neil Willcox	Locality Commissioning Manager, Shropshire Council
Paul Tully	Future Fit Programme, SaTH
Ian Johnson	Shropshire Fire & Rescue Service

There were approximately 21 members of the public at the meeting.

#### **ACTION**

#### **15. Welcome and Introductions**

The Chair welcomed everyone, each member of the Committee introduced themselves and the Chair explained the nature and remit of the Local Joint Committees (LJCs).

#### **16. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Shropshire Councillor Gerald Dakin.

#### **17. 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.

#### **18. Notes**

It was RESOLVED that the notes of the previous meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2014 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

## **19. Partners & Communities Together (PACT)**

Ian Johnson, Whitchurch Fire Station Officer, Shropshire Fire & Rescue Service attended and gave an update as follows:

- Good news for the Whitchurch area Fire Service, all fire appliances are being retained.
- Reminder about keeping smoke alarms in good working order
- Reminder to get electric blankets tested and chimneys swept, especially flues for log burners
- Whitchurch Section of Shropshire Fire Service have a charity car wash at Sainsbury's on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 9am-3pm in aid of Cancer Research
- Electric blanket testing will be advertised in Whitchurch Herald or people can call 01743 260200, Shropshire Fire HQ Fire Safety Department to confirm the dates.
- Fire Service are still issuing smoke alarms, but only to vulnerable adults, but everyone is entitled to free home risk assessments.
- Call outs for local stations has been low for 2014 and the trend has continued to date.
- Whitchurch Station is receiving an update to fire appliances to enable them to better tackle vehicle traffic accidents.

## **20. Reporting and Scrutiny (Hot Topics – Future Fit)**

Mr Paul Tulley, Future Fit Programme, Shrewsbury and Telford Hospitals (SaTH) gave a presentation followed by Q&A session:

- When asked, about half the audience had heard of the Future Fit programme.
- Future Fit will be a significant difference for the local health service for Shrewsbury and Telford Hospitals (SaTH).
- Aim of the Future Fit programme is to design something for SaTH that is long term, but the team are also talking to community hospitals and Mid Wales health service. To develop an integrated working hospital within the community.
- 'Call for Action' is the launch pad which has been running for one year
- 'Case for Change' is the clinical model which challenges change, addresses problems and identifies what opportunities there are for improvement, especially to attract the best workforce.
- Project Board and management structure which is delivering the programme includes: SaTH; Powys Local Health Board; Shropshire Community Health, the voluntary sector; Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital as well as others.
- Future Fit is now in Phase 3, 'Developing Scenarios' – currently public engagement.
- Phase 4 will be public consultation and will take place in Summer 2015 before the final decision is made.
- Clinical model is available on-line: <http://www.nhsfuturefit.co.uk/> and is asking "How would an excellent health service look?"
- The headline message is about emergency care and the future of Shropshire to have only one 'emergency centre', with a network of 'urgent care centres' across the County, care for long-term illnesses and planned care.
- There are the following options to consider:
  1. Do nothing
  2. Where should a single emergency centre be sites: Shrewsbury or Telford or a greenfield site in between the two towns?
  3. Where should a Diagnosis and Treatment Centre be, Shrewsbury or Telford or a greenfield site in between the two towns?
  4. Alternatively, emergency centre on one site, either Shrewsbury or Telford and the diagnosis and treatment centre on the other site.

- There will be urgent care centres in Shrewsbury and Telford
- Rural urgent care centres are under discussion
- A Panel is working on:  
Accessibility for patients  
Quality of care  
Affordability  
Deliverability  
all measured against criteria

Question: Whitchurch Patients Group carried out a survey for Future Fit at Blackberry Fair, only one person knew what it was, when are Future Fit workshops going to take place in Whitchurch:

Answer: Future Fit understand that more communication is needed, especially when the short list is agreed.

Question: Has the Clinical Model been decided by Shropshire clinicians, including rural GPs or has it come from the Department of Health?

Answer: The design has come from Shropshire Clinicians: GPs, nurses and hospital staff, the model includes rural health – “Shropshire model for Shropshire”

Question: The diagnostic treatment is not measuring the Dr/patient relationship, one that understands the problems as a whole. Is this being taken into account?

Answer: This work is being lead by 2 x GPs – 1 based in Shropshire and 1 based in Telford, coming from a primary care perspective; holistic, patient focussed work.

Question: There is a link between physical and mental health and the dementia ward in Whitchurch Community Hospital has been closed. The local people have been promised psychiatric consultations but this has never happened and Community Psychiatric Health has declined.

Answer: Redwood Hospital opened in 2012. There is currently a review to understand if the benefits have been achieved and this has been taken to the Health Scrutiny panel.

Question: Where is the money coming from?

Answer: The money is coming from CCG allocations and additional capital funding is being sought, this links in with understanding whether the projects are affordable that the Panel are working on.

SaTH estimate the cost of running duplicate services is £15million. SaTH say savings could pay for change in the local health service. The hospital says that trying to provide the same services over both sites = 7 consultants over 2 sites, is expensive. Staying with what we have is not going to deliver an excellent service.

Any further questions can be passed to Councillor Peggy Mullock to take to Whitchurch Patients Group or Councillor Gerald Dakin to pass onto Health Scrutiny Panel.

## **21. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**

Breakout session to update Whitchurch & Surrounding Area Place Plan. Councillors lead group work on wider investment needs on individual tables and the following projects were suggested:

Place Plan Heading	Priority (Low/Med/High)	Parish/Area
<b>Housing &amp; Cohesive, Sustainable Communities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More affordable housing – especially 2/3 bedroom</li> <li>• Housing for elderly</li> <li>• Warden assisted housing</li> <li>• Need for bungalows</li> </ul>	Medium  Medium Medium High	All  Whitchurch Whitchurch All
<b>Economic Investment and Opportunity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of business rates in town centres</li> <li>• Attract businesses through prospecting</li> <li>• IT complex/businesses</li> <li>• Upgrade electricity</li> </ul>	Medium High High High	Whitchurch Whitchurch Whitchurch All
<b>Social and Community Infrastructure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth facilities</li> <li>• Replace Centre NE</li> <li>• Youth workers to run other groups such as drama/choir</li> <li>• Ensure public toilets remain open</li> <li>• Faster broadband</li> <li>• Brownlow Community Centre repairs</li> <li>• The Old Rectory is retained</li> </ul>	High High High  Medium Medium High High	Whitchurch Whitchurch Whitchurch  All All Whitchurch Whitchurch
<b>Environment and Climate Change</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solar panels or alternative on villages halls to generate income</li> <li>• Renew street lights to LED</li> <li>• Explore sustainable energy supplies</li> <li>• Upgrade of sewerage</li> <li>• Street lighting off at midnight in the outskirts .....</li> </ul>	Medium  Medium High High	Whitchurch Rural  All All All
<b>Transport and Accessibility</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Link transport needs to increased housing</li> <li>• Cycleways/permissive footpaths (behind hedge) to increase sustainability of villages</li> <li>• Re-route circular bus into rural areas on market days</li> <li>• Ensure a sustainable local bus service</li> </ul>	Medium High  High  High	All Ash/Tilstock to Whitchurch Higher Heath to Whitchurch Prees to Station All  All
<b>Other: any other projects that do not fall into the categories above</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain local hospital and all its facilities</li> <li>• Increase infection control in hospitals</li> <li>• Day centre for dementia patients</li> </ul>	High High High	All All All

## **22. Shropshire Council Update**

Mr Neil Willcox, Locality Commissioning Manager, provided information on how the LJC's will play an important role in support of locality commissioning, including the commissioning of youth services.

Shropshire Council will be commissioning youth services from April 2015. Shropshire Council Positive Activities team will no longer be supporting young people in the communities, but has currently got a tender out to contract with a partner organisation to support the voluntary sector to deliver youth services, with the aim of providing the best outcomes for young people. The definition of a young person is someone aged between 10 and 19 years.

Once the 'partner organisation' has been chosen, this should be known by the end of December 2014, they will work with Local Joint Committee members and current youth providers to provide the best outcomes for young people.

It is important that LJC members work with young people, as Shropshire Council have a statutory obligation. The role of the LJC members is to make recommendations on how a devolved budget can be best spent to deliver the best possible outcomes for young people. The Community Enablement Team will procure service, based upon the recommendations made by LJC members.

The LJC members will make recommendations based upon certain outcomes; making sure disadvantaged young people have the best chance of engaging with youth services; but also bearing in mind rurality and lack of access to public transport and cars.

Question: Is Centre NE shutting?

Answer: Centre NE building is being redeployed and will be reused, it is unlikely that it will be available to deliver youth services.

Question: What are the red areas?

Answer: These indicate Lower Super Output Areas (LSOA) on the Indices of Deprivation, which provide indices down to ward level, and the LSOAs within the Whitchurch LJC area are demonstrated by the red areas on the map.

Question: When will Shropshire Council contract with the partner organisation?

Answer: Shropshire Council will be ready to contract with the partner organisation by end of December 2014. The LJC's have already started to work with youth providers on how to survey local young people, it is aimed that recommendations can be made by the LJC late February 2015 and services can be procured by the beginning of April 2015.

Question: How much money will Whitchurch area be receiving?

Answer: The final sum will be known by 22 October 2014 – next Wednesday.

Question: What will the partner organisation do?

Answer: The partner organisation will support the voluntary sector, with safeguarding, DBS checks and policy issues, and will also support LJC members to make recommendations with regard to the outcomes.

Question: Who are the decision makers?

Answer: The LJC members will make recommendations, having taken advice from youth professionals, school staff, young people and the wider community. The Community Enablement Officer will then draft a tender document based on those recommendations and procure services which best fit the outcomes for the young people of the area. The Community Enablement Officer will then monitor the progress of the contract. Shropshire Council is the accountable body for the funding and it will be officers who make the final decision following advice from LJC's.

Question: You talked about young people who are already engaged, what are the number of regular users and will you engage with all young people?

Answer: This money is to provide activities for young people, it will not provide funding for sports clubs. LJC members will work with youth professionals and school staff to nurture young people to engage with them and encourage young people to become community champions.

Any further questions can be passed to Whitchurch & Surrounding Area Local Joint Committee members.

### **23. Question Time**

The Committee opened the meeting to questions from the floor. There were no further questions.

### **24. Feedback Forms**

The Chair drew to the attention of the audience the green Feedback forms and requested that these be completed by attendees.

### **25. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Whitchurch & Surrounding Area Local Joint Committee will take place on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 7pm in Whitchurch Civic Centre.**

Please submit questions for the 'Question Time' part of the meeting by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2015, to either the Community Enablement Officer via email or by completing a form in the local press and handing it into the Whitchurch Herald offices on the High Street.

The meeting closed at 21:05.

Signature (Chair) .....

Date: .....