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FUTURE COMMISSIONING AND PROVISION OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES UPDATE

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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report summarises progress and next steps on changes to youth services and activities within the Oswestry Local Joint Committee (LJC)
- 1.2 Following a period of public and stakeholder consultation, the commissioning model for youth activities was developed.
- 1.3 Local Joint Committees (LJC's), together with young people and supported by the Community Enablement Team (CET), are responsible for commissioning youth activities in their area. A countywide infrastructure support partner will provide capacity building support to existing and new activity providers.
- 1.4 LJC's will locally commission youth activity in their areas and will receive Shropshire Council funding for this. This reflects the council's ambition for Local Joint Committee's 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 and to work with officers in their role as local commissioners.
- 1.5 The provision of youth activities will contribute to the following outcome areas in the Shropshire's Children Young People and Families Plan 2014:
 1. Ensuring all Children and Young People are safe and well looked after in a supportive environment
 2. Narrowing the achievement gap in education and work
 3. Ensuring emotional wellbeing of Children and Young People by focusing on prevention and early intervention
 4. Keeping more Children and Young People healthy and reducing health inequalities.
- 1.6 Local outcomes will be developed that reflect the above and the needs and circumstances of the particular area. Outcomes should also be linked to the long term sustainability of provision. The draft outcomes for the target group of 10 -19 year old young people are:
 1. Increasing physical activity
 2. Reducing obesity
 3. Maintaining The Centre so it is vibrant, active and accessible
 4. Providing information to on all the activities and opportunities in the town that will contribute to the other outcomes being achieved

- 1.7 A funding mechanism for future youth activities to respond to specific areas of unmet need in the LJC areas has been developed and Oswestry Town has been allocated £24,640

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the LJC provides updates in respect of progress to date with youth locality commissioning and details the next stages of the process.
- 2.2. That, using all the intelligence available to it, the LJC agrees the outcomes that reflect the needs of young people living within the LJC area who could benefit from commissioned activity. The draft outcomes discussed are as follows:
1. Increasing physical activity
 2. Reducing obesity
 3. Maintaining The Centre so it is vibrant, active and accessible
 4. Providing information to on all the activities and opportunities in the town that will contribute to the other outcomes being achieved
- 2.3 That, using all the intelligence available to it and based on the agreed outcomes, the LJC creates a set of commissioning intentions, and confirms these at its next public meeting.

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3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

- 3.1 In determining this recommendation the Council has considered reputational risk and the course of action minimises this risk.
- 3.2 The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.
- 3.3 The proposals under consideration will improve the levels of community based and community driven activity in the LJC area.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The funding devolved to the LJC is used for youth activities over the year to address local priorities. Funding by the LJC must comply with the general Financial Rules for LJC's.

5. Background

- 5.1 From 1 April 2009 Shropshire Council created 28 Local Joint Committees (LJC) to operate across the whole of Shropshire. The LJC's are legally constituted decision making Committees of Shropshire Council
- 5.2 The LJC for Oswestry Town has membership from Shropshire Council (4 members) and Town Council (4 members) all with equal voting rights.

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Draft Medium Term Financial Plan 2011/12-2012/14, Appendix 5. Report to Cabinet
13th January 2011-07-04

Locality Working Local Joint Committees. Report to Cabinet 9th December 2010

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Appendices

None