

Loton, Longden, Ford & Rea Valley LJC

5th March 2015

1. Background

The Loton, Longden Ford & Rea Valley LJC have been awarded £16,630 under the 'commissioning' service at Shropshire Council. This money is granted to meet the needs of young people and to support the following outcomes:

- Ensuring all Children & Young People are safe and well looked after in a supportive environment
- Narrowing the achievement gap in education & work
- Ensuring emotional wellbeing of Children & Young People by focusing on prevention and early intervention
- Keeping more children healthy and reducing health inequalities

- 1.1 The LJC are asked to consider three options and recommend one option that the LJC would like the Shropshire Council Officers to receive quotes on.
- 1.2 All data presented at this meeting has been sourced by the local authority, its partners and by the office of national statistics.
- 1.3 The LJC are asked to consider any new mechanisms for service delivery utilising all community organisations and assets to their maximum benefit for young people.
- 1.4 The quotes document will be drawn up by Shropshire Council Officers, in conjunction with Shropshire Council procurement policy.
- 1.5 Once quotes from providers are received, the officers will judge the quotes on set criteria and will bring its findings back to the LJC. The LJC will then recommend the provider they wish to see awarded the contract.
- 1.6 Shropshire Council Officers will award the contract for one year initially.
- 1.7 Where grants are an option, Shropshire Council Officers will be asked to present a business case for the grant and the LJC will be asked to recommend if any grant should be given. The grant will be awarded by Shropshire Council Officers.

2. Options for youth activities

This paper presents three potential options for this LJC to consider. Should the LJC wish to recommend another option, this will be deliberated over by Shropshire Council Officers.

- 2.1 **Option One** – This option would see Shropshire Council Officers commission and receive quotes from youth providers to deliver services in the areas of most need within this LJC; Minsterley & Westbury.

- 2.2 Through the quotes document, the youth provider would be expected to provide a minimum range of activities and educational material throughout a 43 week year, excluding holidays, that could include: (this list is not exhaustive)
- Drug, Alcohol and sexual and public health advice
 - Anti-Bullying advice including cyber bullying awareness
 - Multi sports activities for both males and females
 - Arts and or crafts activities
 - Education aimed at increasing curriculum attainment levels
 - Social and life skills (e.g. natural environment, cooking, money admin etc)
- 2.3 The quotes document would be sent to a range of providers throughout Shropshire to ensure maximum competition and best value.
- 2.4 This option would also see a £1,000 grant awarded to existing youth clubs in the three areas of Hanwood, Ford and Nesscliffe, as long as they signed an agreement to support the outcomes listed in this paper.
- 2.5 Should the quotes be less than anticipated, any residual funds will be discussed at future public LJC meetings.
- 2.6 The management of these youth clubs is yet to be determined.
- 2.7 **Option 2** – This option would see Shropshire Council officers commission transport to three existing youth clubs from their surrounding areas.
- 2.8 Transport would be procured for the following routes:
- Minsterley, Pontesbury, Longden to Hanwood (and return) 21 Seats to arrive at Hanwood Youth Club
 - Westbury, Wattlesborough, Halfway House to Ford (and return) 21 seats to arrive at Ford Youth Club.
 - Alberbury, Shawardine, Great Ness, Little Ness to Nesscliffe (and return) 21 seats to arrive at Nesscliffe Youth Club
- 2.9 The transport would be provided for 43 weeks per year, excluding School holidays
- 2.10 Should the initial quotes from transport providers leave residual funding; this money will be shared equally amongst the existing youth clubs to enable them to manage more young people.
- 2.11 **Option 3** – Shropshire Council Officers would commission a virtual or ‘non-static’ youth club in which providers of various youth activities could tender for work.
- 2.12 The quote document would ensure providers met the four key outcomes and would do activity in both Minsterley & Westbury for at least 22 weeks. The remaining 21 weeks services could be delivered anywhere else in the LJC area.

2.13 The quote document would be requesting multiple providers (or one provider) to provide at least one of the below activities or, all of the activities in the case of a singular provider:

- Drug, Alcohol and sexual and public health advice
- Anti-bullying advice and cyber-bullying awareness
- Multi sports activities for both males and females
- Arts and or crafts activities
- Education aimed at increasing curriculum attainment levels
- Social and life skills (e.g. natural environment, cooking, money admin etc)

2.14 The management of this non-static youth club is yet to be determined

2.15 All three options will require volunteers to support the professional youth workers. Shropshire Youth Association (SYA) have a contract with Shropshire Council to support volunteers and their recruitment within localities.

3. Quoting documentation

3.1 Shropshire Council Officers will take the LJC recommendation and create a document that providers can use to quote for the work.

3.2 The document will go out to a range of providers of youth activities and each response will then be analysed against a set criteria.

3.3 The preferred contractor will be shown to the LJC before being formally agreed as the successful provider. The can scrutinise Officers decisions.

3.4 A Contract will then be drawn up between Shropshire Council and the provider to provide youth activities as designed in the quotes document.

4. Young People Consultation

4.1 A wide ranging consultation has begun with young people. It is vital we undertake this exercise before the quotes document is designed.

4.2 The results of this consultation will be shared with the LJC prior to the next public meeting where a recommendation to proceed will be required.

4.3 The LJC are asked to consider young people's comments in relation to youth activities when recommending viewing the quotes document at the next meeting

Option 1 – Visual representation of potential tender results

New Minsterley Youth Club	New Westbury Youth Club	Existing Youth Clubs	
£6,000 - X2 professional youth workers	£3,500 X1 professional youth worker	£3,000	
£1,376 – Accommodation at Minsterley Parish Hall	£1,000 – Accommodation at Westbury Village Hall		
Total £7,376	Total £4,500	Total £3,000	Grand Total £14,876

Option 2 – Visual representation of potential tender results

Ford Youth Club	Hanwood Youth Club	Nesscliffe Youth Club	
£5,590 Transport (based on 43 weeks)	£5,590 transport (based on 43 weeks)	£5,160 transport (based on 43 weeks)	
Total: £5,590	£5,590	£5,160	Grand Total £16,340

Option 3 – Visual representation of potential tender results

Virtual or 'non static' Youth Club
£3,500 – Professional worker (147 hours)
£3,000 – trips budget (subsidy)
£8,000 – events budget x 4 a year
£2,000 – Entertainment budget
Total: £16,500