



Committee and Date
Shrewsbury Wide
Local Joint Committee
Tuesday 2nd December 2014
Guildhall

SHREWSBURY WIDE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTE OF DECISIONS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 2ND DECEMBER 2014 AT THE GUILDHALL, FRANKWELL, SHREWSBURY

Responsible Officer: Tom Brettell
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Committee Members Present:
Shropshire Council:

Alan Mosley	Hannah Fraser
Andrew Bannerman	Pam Moseley
Keith Roberts	Peter Adams
Miles Kenny	Jon Tandy
Ted Clarke	

Shrewsbury Town Council:

Alan Townsend	Ioan Jones
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There were 26 members of the public present.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Alan Mosley was re-elected as Chairman of the meeting. This was proposed by Cllr Miles Kenny and seconded by Cllr Ted Clarke.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mal Price, Jane MacKenzie, Anne Chebsey, Peter Nutting, Vernon Bushell, Kevin Pardy, Andrew Bannerman, Beverley Baker, Dean Carroll

3. ELECTION OF VICE- CHAIRMAN

Cllr Miles Kenny was elected as Vice- Chairman. This was proposed by Cllr Alan Mosley and was seconded by Cllrs Ted Clarke and Jon Tandy.

4. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Members were reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

ACTION:

5. POLICING UPDATE

Sgt Richard Coles updated the meeting on current Policing priorities across Shrewsbury (presentation is attached). The key items were:

- Rise in figures of rape and sexual offences. This is in part down to improvements in reporting mechanisms and increased confidence in reporting historical offences following recent National cases.
- A small increase in violent offences is again likely to be down to improved reporting mechanisms
- Reduction in burglary offences- a question was raised over a recent trend of burglaries in the Harlescott area after midnight. These were not appearing in police statistics so members were encouraged to ensure that their residents were reporting all crimes.
- The Days of Action in Monkmoor, Meole Brace, Harlescott and Castlefields and Ditherington have been successful and partners are looking to do more and include a rural day
- Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) is a massive priority for the force and the key message to everyone is to report any suspicion, however small.
- Football- there remains a minor risk group of STFC “fans” but this continues to reduce and there have been no problems so far this season
- Team Shrewsbury is working very well and is really bringing about positive outcomes
- Neighbourhoods priorities have been reached through consultation with partners and residents
- Operation Christmas Presence is again taking place with lots of extra personnel in place over the Christmas and New Year period
- Christmas Drink drive campaign started on 1st December

6. PLACE PLAN WORKSHOPS

Helen Ball and Tom Brettell gave a brief presentation on the context of Place Plans (attached) and explained that tonight’s workshop is a very important part of the process of confirming community priorities for consideration and inclusion in the Town Council’s Place Plan return in January 2015.

It was confirmed that the draft 2015 Shrewsbury Place Plan would be brought back to a meeting of the Shrewsbury Wide LJC in May/ June 2015.

The meeting then split into workshops around Theme areas. The outcomes of these workshops are attached.

7. YOUTH COMMISSIONING

Neil Willcox (Locality Commissioning Manager), Tim Smith (Area Commissioner and Lead officer) and Steve Cunningham presented the new model for youth provision in Shropshire (presentation attached). The key elements are:

- From 1st April 2015 Shropshire Council will no longer provide direct youth work services
- SC funding previously allocated to direct youth provision services will now be made available to LJC's and to an Infrastructure Provider who will support the LJC's.
- Local Joint Committees will commission youth activities in their area based on local need.
- Funding varies for each LJC based on this need- some LJC's are receiving no money. Shrewsbury is receiving £82,954 targeted on the wards with the greatest needs- Sundorne, Harlescott, Ditherington, Meole Brace and Monkmoor.
- LJC's will actively engage with young people, the local community and local providers with the help of the Infrastructure Provider to develop activities that are appropriate to their area
- Shropshire Council will retain the responsibility for holding the budget, awarding and monitoring contracts based on LJC advice

Lively discussion ensued with a number of questions raised:

- Concern over role of LJC in relation to procurement – it was confirmed that the LJC has a crucial role of deep understanding and developing understanding of the local need. Procurement is just an element of this and SC will continue to provide lots of support
- The report going to SC Cabinet on 10th December- must provide absolute clarity on this.
- In response to a query about the future of current SC Youth Workers it was confirmed that as of 31st March none will be directly employed by the Council
- A 45 day consultation period on this new approach begins on 11th December- everybody encouraged to feed into this
- It was confirmed that the Special Needs youth groups that have a county wide remit would continue to be funded outside of this approach.
- In response to a question about the overall funding position in Shropshire it was confirmed that £234k is going directly to LJC's, £130k for Infrastructure Support with the remaining funds to existing buildings.
- In response to a query about the future security of the buildings it was confirmed that SC are undertaking the results of the consultation before futures are decided upon.

Next steps:

It was agreed that a working group be formed for the 5 Areas identified as priorities. Membership was agreed to consist of elected members, council officers, experts, key organisations.

The role of this group will initially be to gather evidence to fully understand what is currently being delivered and to come back to the LJC with proposals to move forward.

8. SWIMMING PROVISION IN SHREWSBURY

Neil Willcox gave a brief update to the meeting:

- SC is considering the best approach to providing sustainable swimming provision in Shrewsbury and has commissioned experts to provide options for achieving this
- These options will be presented during a 3 month formal consultation period starting early in 2015
- The Quarry Forum is involved in this work
- The Shrewsbury Wide LJC will be consulted with as part of the 3 month consultation

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at The Guildhall, Frankwell, Shrewsbury SY3 8HQ on the 12 March 2015.

Signed:
Chairman

Date: