

FUTURE COMMISSIONING INTENTIONS 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 Gobowen, Selattyn, St Martins and Weston Rhyn 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 commissioning practice support to LJC's and 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 have been developed that reflect the above and the needs and circumstances of the particular area and were agreed at the public LJC meeting held on the 4th of February 2015. Outcomes have been linked to the long term sustainability of provision and specific identified needs. The draft outcomes for the target group of 10-19 year old young people discussed are:

1. More young people participating in physical activity

2. Reduce obesity and promote healthy lifestyles
3. Increased learning around rural and outdoor skills
4. Provide better availability of information to young people
5. Ensure provision and safe environments in rural localities

- 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 Gobowen, St Martins, Weston Rhyn and Selattyn has been allocated £12,120

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, utilising all the intelligence available to it, the LJC based on the agreed outcomes, agrees their commissioning intentions and confirms these at their next public meeting before consulting on them more widely. The commissioning intentions will deliver on the local outcomes and that reflect the needs of the young people living within the LJC area. The draft commissioning intentions are as follows:
 - To commission youth activity in Weston Rhyn; developing a rural offer in the village during term time
 - To commission the development of a satellite club across the four hamlets with a focus on outreach and multi activities during school holiday periods
 - To commission a number of taster sessions for young people to experience and signpost new sporting activities
 - To support the development of increased capacity within current youth groups based on evidence of need and outcomes and expanding existing partnership working
 - Development of local partnership funding bids to pump prime further activity in relation to rural skills development
- 2.3 The above commissioning intentions have been based on information analysed from a youth questionnaire and further evidence through face to face consultations with young people at local youth clubs and through information gathered via the schools.
- 2.4 That the LJC will now commence a four-six week consultation on the commissioning intentions for the LJC area as is good practice. This will be carried out via the Shropshire Council consultation portal 'Get Involved' <http://new.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/> interested parties will have a chance to give feedback over this period.

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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 Gobowen wards has membership from Shropshire Council (3 members) and parish councils (3 members) all with equal voting rights.

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| <p>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</p> |
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| <p>Draft Medium Term Financial Plan 2011/12-2012/14, Appendix 5. Report to Cabinet 13th January 2011-07-04</p> |
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| <p>Locality Working Local Joint Committees. Report to Cabinet 9th December 2010</p> |
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