

Appendix 1: Consultation Content

Youth activity provision in Shropshire

- Period: 11 May 2015 - 22 June 2015
- Status: **Open**
- Audiences: Youth, Parents/carers, Everyone, Students, Children
- Topics: Youth services
- Type: Public

We need your views!

Please read the information below and in particular, the commissioning proposals for your area. Once you've read all the information click on the 'How to get involved' tab above and follow the link to complete our survey. Your views will help inform how we commission activities for young people.

This survey only includes areas where Shropshire Council currently provide youth clubs – Bishops Castle, Bridgnorth, Broseley, Craven Arms, Ludlow, Market Drayton, Oswestry, Shrewsbury and Whitchurch. Outside these areas there is no existing Shropshire Council managed activity and proposals are being developed locally

Background

The role of public services is changing. We are moving rapidly to becoming a council that commissions activity, with less direct delivery of services. We are changing the way that we deliver group activities for young people aged 10 to 19 years old (25 for people with learning difficulties) moving away from direct delivery to commissioning services from a range of independent providers

Aim

Our aim is to ensure that young people can access a wide range of group activities after school, at weekends and in the school holidays. The purpose of these activities is to support young people's wellbeing, the development of their personal and social education, and their preparation for adulthood. We want to continue to support

voluntary sector youth providers to do more of what they already do very well. Alongside this we want to focus limited public resources on areas and young people with the greatest need.

What we are proposing is a very different business model to the way that Shropshire Council currently delivers youth clubs. Our new way of working is based on a commissioning approach and is shaped by Local Joint Committees (LJCs), working with local councillors, town and parish councils, communities, partners and young people to identify the local priorities. Shropshire Council officers are then responsible for acting upon the recommendations made by the LJCs.

Going forward we know that we must build in long term sustainability for local youth provision, reduce reliance on public funding, encourage local innovative youth partnerships and creative funding opportunities. We want to decrease the reliance on the public sector over time, for example by supporting the development of local volunteer youth workers within the community.

How are we going to do this?

Funding to support on-going youth activity provision has been provided to some LJCs based on a formula that considers a number of factors including how many young people live in the area, rurality, health issues such as obesity, incidents of antisocial behaviour, number of young people who have offended, etc. Individual LJC areas have then been allocated different amounts of funding according to their need with some areas receiving no funding.

The new way of working passes the responsibility to LJCs to make recommendations for future youth activities provision based on local need. In making these recommendations LJCs have reviewed a range of evidence, existing youth activities and the outcomes of conversations with local young people and stakeholders.

In the Shrewsbury area the LJC has proposed that the responsibility for the commissioning of youth activities and the related budget is delegated by a formal

transfer of responsibilities from Shropshire Council to Shrewsbury Town Council – follow the ‘How to get involved’ tab for more details.

What happens next?

The public consultation will close on the 22 June 2015. The results of the consultation will help us to confirm the commissioning proposals for each area that has been allocated funding. These will then be advertised with appropriate organisations who provide activities for young people. We expect new youth activities to start in September 2015 with funding committed to March 2017. The needs funding allocations shown within the individual LJC allocations are for a full year; funding for 2015/16 will be proportionately reduced to reflect the late start.

Commissioning intentions

Bishop's Castle

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Total Shropshire Council funding allocated for youth commissioning	£3,000 - rurality
Existing activity	2.5 hour session for 12-16 year olds on Monday evenings in term time

Brief details of commissioning intentions recommended by the LJC:

Proposed activity	Location	Days/times	Beneficiary age
Provision of grants to support youth activities in the south and west Shropshire LCJ area	LJC wide		10-15
Undertake survey with young people to identify priorities to see delivered through the grant scheme	LJC wide		10-15
Explore sources of additional funding to support youth activities in the LJC area	LJC wide		10-15

How does this meet strategic youth commissioning outcomes?

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- Supports the emotional wellbeing of children and young people by focussing on prevention and early intervention through sessions and outreach work

Bridgnorth, Worfield, Claverley, Alveley and Brown Cleve

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Total Shropshire Council funding allocated for youth commissioning for a full year £10,120 - needs £1,500 - rurality for Brown Cleve communities

2 x 2 hour sessions in term time for both juniors and seniors

Existing activity

Brief details of commissioning intentions recommended by the LJC:

Proposed activity	Location	Days/times	Beneficiary age
Youth based sessions with 1 senior youth leader and 2 part time youth workers plus volunteers	Innage Lane youth centre	Term time only - 2.5hrs per session	10-12
Youth based sessions with 1 senior youth leader and 1 part time youth worker plus volunteers	Innage Lan youth centre	Term time only - 2.5hrs per session	13-15
Rurality contribution to be added to the sessions above to enable opportunities for young people within surrounding rural communities	Innage Lane youth centre	TBC	10-15
Targeted diversionary outreach	Various	TBC	10-15

Proposed activity	Location	Days/times	Beneficiary age
<p>work at events and on other specific days, depending on need in conjunction with bronze level tasking, Bridgnorth community alcohol partnership, Bridgnorth area youth partnership and other local stakeholders</p>			

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Broseley

Currently one youth session per week is provided at the Victoria Hall. Within the detailed needs analysis no funding has been allocated to Broseley.

As a consequence it is proposed that existing Shropshire Council supported activity will cease from 17 July.

Craven Arms

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Total Shropshire Council funding allocated for youth commissioning	£3,000 - rurality
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Existing activity	2 hour weekly session on Tuesday for girls
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Brief details of commissioning intentions recommended by the LJC:

Proposed activity	Location	Days/times	Beneficiary age
Support youth club provision	Craven Arms community centre		10-15
Support adhoc diversionary activity	Various		10-15
Offer a small grant pot to deliver better outcomes for young people including those potentially disadvantaged by living in rural locations in the years 2015-17	Various		10-15

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Ludlow and Cleve

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Total Shropshire Council funding allocated for youth commissioning for a full year £10,850 - needs

- 2 hour per week junior session in term time on a Friday plus holiday activities
 - 2 hour per week girls only session on Mondays in term time plus holiday activities
 - 2 hour per week senior session in term time on a Friday plus holiday activities
- Existing activity

Brief details of commissioning intentions recommended by the LJC:

Proposed activity	Location	Days/times	Beneficiary age
Girls group and juniors join as one group with 1 leader in charge and qualified youth worker and volunteers	Ludlow youth centre		10-13
Senior group session with a higher proportion of qualified staff due to a higher level of need	Ludlow youth centre		14-18

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Market Drayton

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Total Shropshire Council funding allocated for youth commissioning for a full year	£24,060 - needs
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Existing activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 hour per week for juniors on Tuesday evening term time • 2 hour long drop in for all ages on Fridays in Term Time
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Brief details of commissioning intentions recommended by the LJC:

Proposed activity	Location	Days/times	Beneficiary age
Minimum of 2 evening youth club sessions per week (term time only) targeted at those young people of highest need	Market Drayton youth centre	Term time only	10-19

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Oswestry

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Total Shropshire Council funding allocated for youth commissioning for a full year

£24,640 - needs

- Early doors 3.30-5.00
- All ages inc Rural pick up from 6-8.30:
- Wednesday skate night- 2.5 hours
- Funky Fridays- 2.5 hours

Existing activity

Brief details of commissioning intentions recommended by the LJC:

Proposed activity	Location	Days/times	Beneficiary age
Youth activity sports session provided on a voluntary basis	The Centre	Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday	10-19 or up to 24 with a learning disability
Open access to young people. Volunteer supervised youth cafe. Open in line with capacity of volunteers	The Centre		10-19 or up to 24 with a learning disability

Procurement of an organisation with the knowledge and experience of supporting volunteers who work with young people to

Proposed activity	Location	Days/times	Beneficiary age
support the recruitment, training and supervision of volunteers			
Need based sessions on a voluntary or charged basis	The Centre		10-19 or up to 24 with a learning disability
Creation of a youth information hub for the area	The Centre		10-19 or up to 24 with a learning disability
Diversionsary holiday activities based on a "Dragons Den" event with Marches school	Multiple		10-19 or up to 24 with a learning disability
Detached work with young people	Multiple	Holidays and summer evenings	10-19 or up to 24 with a learning disability
Grant scheme for providers to increase their capacity and provide start up help. All must demonstrate how they meet needs, engage with young people and can carry on without future Shropshire	N/A		10-19 or up to 24 with a learning disability

Proposed activity	Location	Days/times	Beneficiary age
Council funding			
Girls only swim session by Oswestry Otters swimming club	Oswestry school pool		10-19 or up to 24 with a learning disability

How does this meet strategic youth commissioning outcomes?

- Supports the emotional wellbeing of children and young people by focussing on prevention and early intervention through sessions and outreach work
- Supports young people to engage in sports provision keeping them healthy and increasing physical activity
- Maintains a vibrant, active and open centre for young people to access
- Supports the provision of better availability of information to young people

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Total Shropshire Council
funding allocated for
youth commissioning for
a full year

£81,500 - needs

- 2 hour per week sessions for seniors and juniors in term time at Monkmoor, Grange and Sundorne
 - 2 hour per week session at Flaxivity youth club in term time Meole Munchins (girls only)
- Existing activity
- 2 hours per week in term time

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Proposed activity	Location	Days/times	Beneficiary age
Core youth sessions - Harlescott, Sundorne, Monkmoor, Ditherington and Meole Brace	Mainly in existing youth centres		10-19
Specialist time limited sessions - use centres as 'hubs' for an extended programme of youth	Harlescott, Sundorne, Monkmoor		10-19

Proposed activity	Location	Days/times	Beneficiary age
activities across a number of venues which could be targeted at specific groups of young people and/or include arts, sports, education and life skills	and Ditherington		
Youth providers network - to encourage greater partnership and collaborative working - a minimum of 2 meetings per year	Shrewsbury wide		10-19
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Whitchurch

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Total Shropshire Council funding allocated for youth commissioning for a full year
£15,580 - needs

- 2 hours per week in term time for Seniors and juniors on Thursdays and Tuesdays (mixed) respectively
 - 2 hour Saturday drop in in term time
 - ?Detached on friday
- Existing activity

Brief details of commissioning intentions recommended by the LJC:

Proposed activity	Location	Days/times	Beneficiary age
Youth worker time within a 'club*' setting and the delivery of local outcomes. This will include 3 sessions per week, including junior and senior sessions	Centre North East		10-19

* by club we mean a space where young people feel safe, secure and welcome. A place to socialise with their friends, have fun and relax and is accessible for all.

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