

CABINET

Decision Notices and Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 25th January, 2011 at 5.00 p.m. at the Civic Offices, Telford

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PRESENT: Councillors A.J. Eade (Leader and Chairman), S. Bentley, S.P. Burrell, E.J. Carter, E.J. Greenaway, M.B. Hosken, S.M. Kelly, A. Lawrence and J.M. Seymour

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors R.K. Austin, G.M. Green and V.Tonks (Opposition Group Leaders)

CB-113 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 11th January, 2011 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

CB-114 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

CB-115 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

CB-116 CREATION OF A 'TOWN WARDEN' SCHEME USING COUNCIL FUNDED COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS

Non-Key decision

Councillor M.B.Hosken, Cabinet Member for Community Protection & Cohesion, presented the report of the Assistant Chief Executive which suggested that the role of the 5 Community Support Officers (CSOs), that were funded by the Council and employed through West Mercia Police, be revised in order to support the implementation of a new 'Town Warden' scheme that would deliver priorities primarily within the key local Borough Towns.

Local Authorities had at their disposal a range of legislation designed to protect individuals, communities and the environment. A number of Local Authorities did employ their own 'Wardens' to carry out limited enforcement activity on behalf of the Local Authority. That enforcement activity generally included issuing Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) for litter, graffiti, fly-posting and dog fouling.

Since 2004 the Council had made a contribution towards funding a team of 5 Community Support Officers (CSOs) that were employed through West Mercia Police. The CSOs had been successful in addressing a wide range of issues. However, the officers were currently directed by the Police, which could result in their work focusing on responding to Police issues.

However, through discussions with Town Councils, it had become clear that there was a greater need to address a range of environmental, crime and anti-social behaviour, and road safety issues that it was not been able to address previously. The Council had identified the need, in conjunction with the Police, to revise and refocus the role of the Council-funded CSOs via the establishment of a Telford and Wrekin Council 'Town Warden' Scheme.

It was proposed that the role of the 5 Council funded CSOs be revised and that their duties be more closely aligned to those of 'Town Wardens'. They would continue to carry out the enforcement powers that were held within the Council including issuing Fixed Penalty Notices for litter, graffiti, fly-posting and dog fouling. It was proposed that the role of the Council Community Support Officers would be as follows :- Issue polite notices in relation to parking issues; provide support on tackling Anti Social Behaviour (ASB); carry out high visibility patrols within the Borough Town Centres and surrounding areas; carry out enforcement activity including issuing FPNs for litter, graffiti, fly-posting and dog fouling; support operations such as environmental maintenance, trading standards, education welfare, and road safety; collect appropriate evidence; support community safety campaigns and provide support to the Town Park Wardens in relation to carrying out enforcement action.

The implementation of the Council's 'Town Warden' Scheme was in full agreement of the local Police Commander, and would no longer be assigned by West Mercia Police but rather would be directed by the Council, in liaison with the relevant local Town Council to focus upon addressing issues that fell within the responsibility of Telford and Wrekin Council. The Council CSO's work would be prioritised to deal with issues within the 6 Borough Towns.

Members wholeheartedly supported the important initiative and commended the move to return control of activities to the Council that would bring dividends to the local community.

RESOLVED –

- (a) that the implementation of a new 'Town Warden' scheme and the continued funding of 5 Community Support Officers be agreed.**
- (b) that the role of the 5 Community Support Officers that it funds via West Mercia Police be revised to take on the responsibilities of 'Town Wardens' linked to the key local Borough Towns.**
- (c) that the 5 CSOs funded by the Council be directed by the Council via the Anti Social Behaviour Unit and that their role as Council**

CSOs be recognised through appropriate additions to their uniform.

- (d) **that delegated authority be given to the Assistant Chief Executive to negotiate, agree the terms of, and sign the ongoing Partnership Agreement between the Council and West Mercia Police governing funding and deployment of the CSOs.**

CB- 117 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED - that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

CB-118 PROCUREMENT OF A RESOURCE ALLOCATION SYSTEM

Key decision identified as **Procurement of a Resource Allocation System** in the Forward Plan published on 15th December 2010.

Councillor J.M.Seymour, Cabinet Member for Adult Care & Support, presented the report of the Head of Care & Support, which sought approval, subject to formal competitive tender in accordance with the council's constitution and procurement rules, to enter into contractual arrangements with a preferred provider for the provision of a resource allocation system to calculate personal budgets for customers in receipt of adult social care services.

The report outlined that a major service review was currently being undertaken of Adult and Children's Social Services which would lead to a significant restructuring to enable the national personalisation agenda and service efficiencies and savings to be delivered. The personalisation agenda required the Authority to develop systems, processes and services to offer greater choice and control to people in receipt of adult social care services, to achieve the vision set out in the original Putting People First concordat and the new "*Vision for Adult Social Care: Capable Communities and Active Citizens*" consultation document.

The move to more personalised services would require councils to change their finance and IT systems in order to link expenditure to individuals rather than services. In order to do that, a Resource Allocation System (RAS) was required that would determine, clearly and transparently, a proportion of the council's budget that would be allocated to service users, based on their required outcomes, to enable the purchase of appropriate care and support. In addition, the Council was required to provide regular statements to service users detailing how their allocation had been spent in supporting them.

Members expressed their support for the new system.

RESOLVED –

- (a) that the award of a tender for the provision of a Resource Allocation System, following a competitive tendering process, be endorsed.
- (b) that a six year contract (with the option to extend twice for a further two years each time subject to satisfactory performance) be awarded to the preferred provider, in accordance with the Council's Constitution and the appropriate contractual documentation be entered into, subject to the terms and conditions recommended by the Head of Governance.
- (c) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Care & Support to enter into the contractual agreement, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Care and Support.
- (d) that delegated authority be granted for the Common Seal of the Council to be affixed to the resulting contractual documentation as, in the opinion of the Head of Governance, is appropriate under Part 4 of the Constitution.
- (e) that approval be given to use the Transforming Social Care Grant funding proposed to purchase and maintain the system for the six year contract period.

CB-119 TRANSFER OF COMMUNITY RELATED ASSETS

Key decision identified as **Transfer of Community Related Assets – CRA 5 Phase II** in the Forward Plan published on 15th October 2010.

Councillor E.J. Carter, Cabinet Member for Housing, Regeneration & Prosperity, presented the report of the Head of Property & ICT which informed the Cabinet of the transfer of the remaining sites under Package 5 of Community Related Assets (CRA 5) from the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) in accordance with an Agreement dated 31 March 1999. Property & ICT had negotiated with HCA to transfer various parcels of land together with the income from New Town House as a commuted sum to fund the costs of maintaining the assets.

Each site, identified in accompanying plans to the report, was assessed by Engineers and categorised according to ground stability and contamination issues. Sites considered as acceptable were then inspected by Environmental Maintenance officers (and Engineers where appropriate) to assess any works that needed to be undertaken by HCA prior to transfer. In addition, the annual maintenance costs for each site were assessed.

RESOLVED –

- (a) that the transfer of assets, as detailed in the report, be approved.

- (b) that the Head of Governance be authorised to agree and execute all documentation.

CB-120 BROADBAND & TELEPHONY CONTRACT

Key Decision not in the Forward Plan (taken with the consent of the Chairman of the Efficient & Community Focused Council Scrutiny Committee, in accordance with paragraph 2.7 of the Cabinet Decision Procedure Rules as set out in Part 4, Section 4 of the Constitution).

Councillor S.M. Kelly, Cabinet Member for Community Focussed, Efficient Council, presented the report of the Head of Property & ICT which sought delegated authority to cancel what term was left of the existing contract for broadband and telephony, and enter into a new 3 year contract with the current provider to enable greater savings from the contract. The contract end date would remain at December 2013.

The new contract would enable ICT to achieve savings targets, provide a greater level of bandwidth and then prepare for a full converged network EU Tender at the start of 2013.

RESOLVED – that the Head of Property & ICT be granted delegated authority to award a 3 year contract for the provision of broadband and telephony services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Efficient, Community Focused Council.

CB-121 REDEVELOPMENT OF MALINSLEE LOCAL CENTRE

Key Decision identified as **Malinslee Local Centre** in the Forward Plan published on 15th December 2010.

Councillor E.J. Carter, Cabinet Member for Housing, Regeneration & Prosperity, presented the report of the Head of Property & ICT which informed Members of the progress made in re-developing Malinslee Local Centre and to allocate resources to deliver a new local centre as detailed within the report.

In 2007 Cabinet approved the redevelopment of Malinslee Local Centre which included a retail centre, play facilities, a doctor's surgery and residential development. The report highlighted the need to generate capital receipts from the sales of residential land to fund the construction of the new facilities.

Members were reminded that Malinslee had seen significant investment with the opening of both Old Park Primary School and Stepping Stones Centre in 2009. However, in May 2010 Malinslee Local Centre suffered a major fire which destroyed the supermarket. The fire had provided an opportunity to proceed with the redevelopment of the Local Centre now, as the original programme was not delivered due to the residential market conditions. The contribution of insurance monies would provide additional funds to enable the

development to proceed. The development would be funded from the sale of residential land at Royal Way.

RESOLVED –

- (a) that approval be given for the proposed redevelopment of Malinslee Local Centre as described in the report.
- (b) That delegated authority be granted to the Head of Property & ICT to dispose of the site in Royal Way (as shown in an appendix to the report) and the site of the existing Local Centre as a contribution towards the investment in Malinslee Local Centre.
- (c) That approval be given to the investment as detailed in Section 5 of the report.
- (d) That delegated authority be given to the Head of Governance to execute any documents necessary to give effect to the recommendations in the report.

The meeting ended at 5.19 p.m.

Signed for the purposes of the Decision Notices

**Jonathan Eatough
Head of Governance
Date: 31st January 2011**

Signed:

Date:



UKYP REPORT 2010

Out of Hours

Promoting and protecting
out of school activities for young people.

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FOREWORD BY BECCI GOODALL MEMBER OF YOUTH PARLIAMENT AND MITCH BROOKS DEPUTY MEMBER OF YOUTH PARLIAMENT FOR TELFORD AND WREKIN 2010

“Being Telford and Wrekin’s member of the United Kingdom Youth Parliament reflects my zest for getting involved in local projects; however I feel many other young people are not aware of the potential these projects hold.

In my opinion, Telford and Wrekin supply a wide variety of activities for young people, but there is not enough publicity to raise awareness of these invaluable opportunities. It has been suggested that these extra curricular activities develop people skills and many other life skills which are vitally important. They also keep young people from becoming bored and engaging in antisocial behaviour.

I am fortunate to live near the centre of a small town (Wellington) and I find activities easier to access than many others. Living where I do ‘word-of-mouth’ works well when a new activity becomes available. I believe that people living in the more rural parts of our community have a disadvantage when it comes to being aware of ‘Out of Hours’ activities.



I believe our campaign to protect and promote things to do for young people in Telford and Wrekin is particularly important at the moment due to the cuts that are being made to our services “

Becci

“As a 14 year old young person myself I feel that having things to do outside of education is very important.

Out of hours activities broaden the mind further than the walls of a classroom, they allow young people to gain key skills and most of all they allow us to have fun!



Without social activities, sports, music and other after school clubs life would simply be boring for young people.

I am the Deputy Member of the United Kingdom Youth Parliament for Telford and Wrekin and the theme ‘Things to do’ is close to my heart.

I fully support the claim that young people need more things to do, but personally I think that the issue is advertising. For many of us the facilities are there but many young people are not aware of them.

I use lots of local services in my area and this makes me fortunate as many young people have very little to do.

I think that the campaign to protect and promote things to do for young people is essential at this point as many services are being cut. Often young people say that they don’t use many services but when they are gone I predict that lots of young people will miss them!

Education can be very stressful, relaxation and social time needs to be built into every single young person’s life. Nobody will understand how essential they are until they are gone!”

Mitch

INTRODUCTION

The law states that local authorities **MUST** give 13 -19 year olds activities to do for a minimum of two hours per week and that young people **MUST** be involved in choosing their activities.

This position is supported by the Government's statement: 'positive activities are educational and recreational leisure-time activities improve young people's wellbeing', **yet** previous research in the West Midlands carried out by the UKYP shows that 18,000 11–19 year olds do not believe they have enough to do in their local area.

This is a persistent issue for young people which have been brought to the particular attention of the United Kingdom Youth Parliament recently due to the pressures from the new cuts.

Throughout Telford and Wrekin, we have collected a series of stories and opinions in the form of interviews and surveys to find out where the problem with activities in our local area lies.

Is this problem due to the lack of activities or is it a result of limited publicity?

This report by the Telford and Wrekin representatives of the United Kingdom Youth Parliament aims to find out the answers to these questions. The report will be presented to councillors, positive activity coordinators and young people in order to raise awareness of the need to promote and protect out of school activities for young people.

METHODOLOGY

In our schools we surveyed 60 young people aged 11 – 18 years to find out their views on things to do in their local area. We also interviewed four key decision making adults in Telford and Wrekin.

Our work contributes to the United Kingdom Youth Parliament's regional campaign ***"Protecting and Promoting Things to do for Young People"***

In a planning meeting we discussed the questions that we thought should be asked. We felt that we needed to ask the adults different questions to the young people so two sets of questions were produced. (See appendix 1 and 3)

The aim was to gather opinions in an informal and relaxed way. Interviews prompted more discussion than the paper based survey. Questions were succinct and clear information was requested. A mixture of unbiased, open and closed questions was asked.

In order to get a fair representation of young people, we approached different year groups in school and made sure we had a good mix of male and females. Most of the young people that took part spent between five and ten minutes completing their surveys.



Our interviews with adults lasted up to 40 minutes. Before the questions were asked there was a brief explanation of why the surveys and interviews were being carried out.

INTERVIEW AND SURVEY FINDINGS

The majority of our surveys (43%) were completed by young people who told us that they lived in Newport and 41% said they lived in Telford. The remaining 16% told us that they lived in Shropshire.

59% of the young people surveyed were aged between 11 and 14 years, 41% were aged 15 to 18 years.

40% of the young people who responded to the survey said that they needed things to do to stop them from getting bored and 26% went on to say that without activities young people could get into crime and commit anti social behaviour.

'Young people need things to do to keep them from doing things that could affect their lives badly' 12 year old young person from Newport.

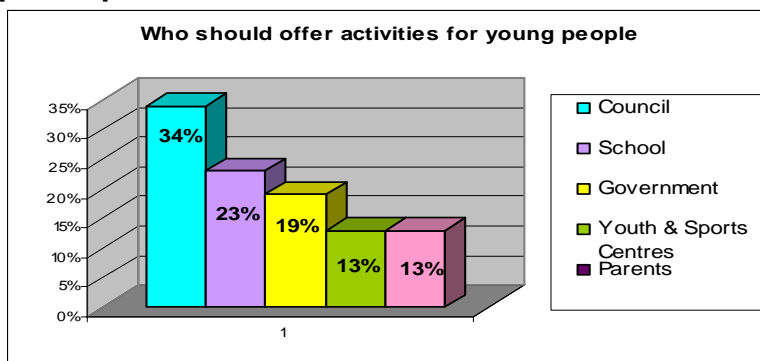
'Leisure activities outside of school help to broaden minds and give young people opportunities to experience different things' Victor Brownlees.



The majority of the young people surveyed (34%) thought that the Council should offer activities for them with 23% stating that schools should also take responsibility. Some of our survey respondents disagreed as the below quote shows, ***'I don't want schools to offer activities because we have been there all day'***.

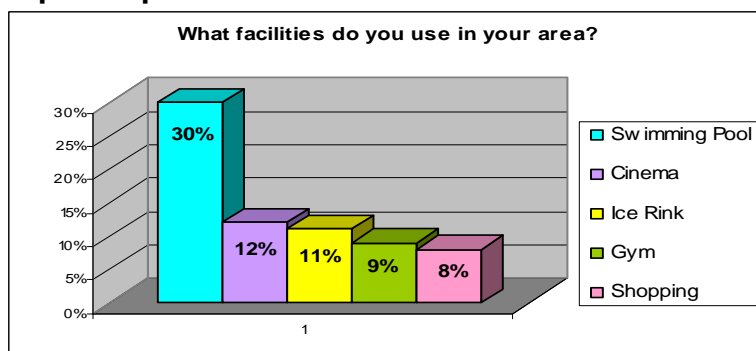
Who should offer activities for young people?

Top 5 responses



What facilities do you use in your area?

Top 5 responses



Overall we found that lots of young people use sporting facilities in their free time.

39 young people told us that they paid to use facilities in their local area and 61% of them said that they struggled to afford to.

'I pay for the cinema, swimming and bowling, however I tend not to use these facilities that often as it can be very expensive if you go regularly'

Some of the young people surveyed took the opportunity to comment on the Flex Card;

'I have recently got a Flex Card which has given me discounts on many activities, this is a great help'

'I use my Flex card to get into swimming free but when this changes I probably won't go'

29% of the young people surveyed said that they walked to activities in their local areas with 33% telling us that the facilities they accessed were just down the road.

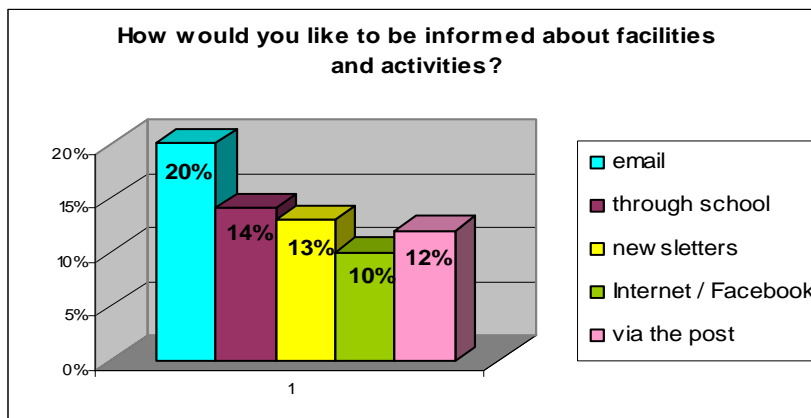
Young people were asked, 'Do you think there are enough facilities for young people?' 49% said yes with 51% said no.

Our research does not therefore clearly indicate either way whether young people think that there are enough facilities and activities for them.

Young people were asked, 'Do you know what facilities are out there?' 41% said yes and 59% said no.

How would you like to be informed about facilities and activities?

Top 5 responses



'A booklet containing the names of the facilities and what you can do there as well as the average price would be a good idea'

Throughout our interviews with the adults the need for consultation with young people came across as a strong theme. (see appendix 4)

'We need to make more young people aware of what we offer and involve young people more in deciding what they want' Alastair James.

When we asked young people what facilities they would like in their local area 24% said that they did not know.

Many of the young people that we spoke to (83%) said that they did not use their local youth centre, various reasons were given for this (See appendix 4).

'Sometimes spontaneous activities and activities organised by young people themselves are appreciated more by young people than ones that are organised by adults'. Victor Brownlees

CONCLUSIONS

- There are a whole range of different reasons why young people need things to do.
- It would be impossible to provide all of the activities that individual young people want.
- Current Government and Local Council cuts will affect young people and the facilities and activities that they receive.
- Where young people travel to activities and facilities many rely on their parents to transport them in a family car.

Out of those surveyed, many young people;

- when directly asked what they would like say that they don't know. (24%)
- think that the Council should provide facilities and activities for them. (34%)
- access facilities and activities that are just down the road from their homes or one to two miles away.
- do not know what activities and facilities are out there for them. (59%)
- do not currently use local youth centres. (83%)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Telford & Wrekin Council should;

Communication

- Develop better ways of informing young people about the activities and facilities available to them.
- Use young people's school email addresses to communicate with them about facilities and activities.
- Work with schools helping them to give pupils up to date information about facilities and activities.
- Consider sending information addressed to young people about facilities and activities direct to their homes.
- Provide young people with clear information about any cuts to council services that directly affect them.

Access

- Deliver activities for young people close to their homes.
- Reinstate free swimming for young people who use a Flex Card.
- Extend the flex card scheme to cover a range of activities.
- Ensure that not all activities and facilities for young people centre around schools.

Engagement

- Develop a programme of consultation with young people helping them to think about what facilities and activities they would like.
- Actively involve and support young people to design and run their own activities.

Youth Centres

- Target friendship groups and encourage their attendance.
- Advertise more widely the activities and facilities on offer through the centres.
- Encourage young people who use the centres to tell others about the benefits, i.e. case studies

APPENDIX 1

UKYP Regional Campaign 2010 **Protecting and promoting things to do for young people.**

Young People's Survey Questions

This information is going to be used for our campaign about promoting and protecting 'things to do' in our region (West Mids.) Please answer the following questions with as much detail as possible.

Age:

Area from

Why do you think that young people need things to do?

Who should offer opportunities and things to do for young people?

What facilities do you use in your area?

Do you pay for these facilities? If so, can you afford them?

How far do you travel to get there?

What modes of transport do you use to access facilities?

Do you think there are enough facilities?

What facilities would you like in your area?

Do you know what facilities are out there?

How would you like to be informed about information regarding these facilities?

Do you use your local youth centre?

If no, why?

If yes, why?

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Young People's survey feedback

This document contains all of the information from surveys with young people. 60 young people took part.

What is your age?

11	5 respondents
12	12 respondents
13	8 respondents
14	10 respondents
15	6 respondents
16	2 respondents
17	12 respondents
18	4 respondents

Which area are you from?

Telford	23 respondents
Newport	24 respondents
Villages	2 respondents
Shropshire	5 respondents
Staffordshire	2 respondents

Why do you think that young people need things to do?

To stop YP getting into crime or anti social behaviour	19 respondents
To stop YP getting bored	29 respondents
More relaxation	1 respondent
To stop YP hanging about on the streets	8 respondents
To help YP to keep fit	2 respondents
To help YP to make friends and meet new people	5 respondents
To keep them mentally and physically fit and healthy	2 respondents
To get away from ordinary surroundings	1 respondent
To keep minds active after school	1 respondent
To build positive attitudes	1 respondent
To learn new skills	2 respondents
To promote hobbies	1 respondent

Who should offer activities for YP?

Council	18 respondents
Town Council	2 respondents
School	12 respondents
Government	10 respondents
Adults In Power	2 respondents
NOT Schools	5 respondents
Specialist people	1 respondent
Parents	7 respondents
Youth Centres/ Sports Centres	7 respondents
Volunteers	1 respondent
Children's Charities	1 respondent
Everyone	2 respondents
Private Companies	1 respondent
Community Workers	1 respondent
CSO's	1 respondent
Other young people	1 respondent

What facilities do you use in your area?

Cinema	12 respondents	Athletics Club	1 respondent
Bowling	7 respondents	Hockey Club	1 respondent
Ice Rink	11 respondents	None	11 respondents
Youth Cafe/ Youth Centre	6 respondents	Climbing centre	1 respondent
Football Club	4 respondents	BMX Track	3 respondents
Tennis Courts	7 respondents	Martial Arts	1 respondent
Swimming Pool	30 respondents	Rugby Club	1 respondent
Parks	4 respondents	Sport Centre	5 respondents
Library	2 respondents	Cadets	2 respondents
Shopping Centre	8 respondents	Gym	9 respondents
Theatre	1 respondent	Dance and Drama	3 respondents
Skate Park	3 respondents	Basket ball and net ball courts	3 respondents

Do you pay for these facilities? If so, can you afford them?

Do you pay?	Yes 39 respondents	No 10 respondents	Can you afford them?	Yes 23 respondents	No 24 respondents
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How far do you travel to get there?

1 - 2 miles	12 respondents
2 - 5 miles	4 respondents
5 - 7 miles	5 respondents
7 - 14 mile	6 respondents
14 - 20 miles	3 respondents
Over 20 miles	3 respondents
Down the road	16 respondents

What modes of transport do you use to access facilities?

Bus	17 respondents	Train	3 respondents
Car	34 respondents	Bike	7 respondents
Walk	26 respondents	Taxi	2 respondents

Do you think there are enough facilities?

Yes	26 respondents	No	27 respondents
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What facilities would you like in your area?

Ice Skating	3 respondents	More social areas	4 respondents
More Parks	3 respondents	Youth centre	1 respondent
Cinema	4 respondents	Paint ball	3 respondents
Gym	7 respondents	Indoor skate park	1 respondent
More Shops	4 respondents	Athletics centre	1 respondent
Laser Quest	2 respondents	Martial Arts	1 respondent
Art Gallery	2 respondents	Swimming Pool	5 respondents
Music Venues	1 respondent	More sports facilities	8 respondents
Fast Food Shops	1 respondent	Don't know	16 respondents

Do you know what facilities are out there?

Yes	21 respondents	No	30 respondents
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How would you like to be informed about information regarding these facilities?

Through School	12 respondents	Local newspapers	5 respondents
In the post	10 respondents	Local radio stations	3 respondents
Internet/ face book	8 respondents	Newsletters	11 respondents
Text	4 respondents	Posters	6 respondents
Billboards	4 respondents	Booklet	3 respondents
Bus Stop notices	2 respondents	TV ads	1 respondent
Emails	17 respondents		

Do you use your local youth centre? Why?

Yes 10 respondents	3 respondents	Lots of my friends go
	1 respondent	To see my friends and socialise
	4 respondents	Something to do
	1 respondent	Church group meets there
	1 respondent	To keep fit

No 50 respondents	7 respondents	Too many other things to do
	4 respondents	Wasn't aware that there was one
	10 respondents	Don't know anyone that goes
	1 respondent	Too repetitive
	6 respondents	Boring
	1 respondent	Can't commit to a specific time of the week
	2 respondents	Fear of crime
	1 respondent	Don't think that I would like it
	1 respondent	Has a bad reputation
	4 respondents	Don't know what happens there
3 respondents	Can do all of the activities that it provides at home	

	1 respondent	Not enough sport is offered
	1 respondent	Grew out of it
	2 respondents	Don't have one
	1 respondent	Terrible building
	2 respondents	Been there and no longer like it
	1 respondent	Too far away
	1 respondent	Don't know when it is on
	2 respondents	Don't know where it is

APPENDIX 3

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Protecting and Promoting Things to do for Young People.

Interviews were carried out with the following decision making adults;

- Councillor Stephen Burrell, Lead Member for Children and Young People
- Victor Brownlees, Chief Executive of Telford & Wrekin Council
- Alistair James, Principal Youth Strategy & Development Manager
- Rachel Phillips, Youth Offer Development / Participation Worker

Adult Interview Questions

Why do you think that young people need things to do?

Do you believe there is enough for young people to do in Telford and Wrekin?

What are you aware of that is available for young people in Telford and Wrekin?

How popular do you think these are with young people?

What type of activities would you like to see young people being involved in?

What age range of young people needs things to do?

What free provision should Telford and Wrekin offer young people?

Who should offer opportunities and things to do for young people?

To what extent do you believe the cuts will affect provision for young people?

Adult interview feedback

Why do you think that young people need things to do?

Broadens minds

Experience different things

Develop social skills

Useful outlet for energy

Gives a different perspective on life

Stops boredom

Educational

New experiences and new skills

Teaches life skills

Supports the transition from dependant to independent

Builds confidence

Do you believe there is enough for young people to do in Telford and Wrekin?

Don't know, need to ask YP

No matter how much we provide YP would probably say no...Council could and should do more involvement work with YP

Yes but not well published

What are you aware of that is available for young people in Telford and Wrekin?

Not sure about everything ...need to develop YP's confidence to be able to speak out and shout about their interests

Range of Council run activities and centres as well as commercial activities cinema etc.

How popular do you think these are with young people?

Youth centres need updating

It varies

What type of activities would you like to see young people being involved in?

Music and drama, sporting activities

Events to encourage them to take part in the democratic process

Activities that young people tell us they want.

Anything that is positive and gives young people confidence

What age range of young people needs things to do?

14 - 19 year olds

12+

All ages of people need things to do

What free provision should Telford and Wrekin offer young people?

In an ideal world most things

Would attendance be increased if young people had to pay?

Developmental and educational activities

Free or low cost sports

Who should offer opportunities and things to do for young people?

Young people themselves

Parents

Schools

Council

Churches

Sports Clubs

Voluntary organisations

Everyone in the community

To what extent do you believe the cuts will affect provision for young people?

Inevitably they will the extent is unclear at the moment

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We would like to thank:

- The young people who completed surveys
- The decision making adults who we interviewed
- Members of Telford & Wrekin Council Community Engagement Team and local UKYP support workers
- Members of Telford & Wrekin Council's Delivery and Planning Team



Cllr Stephen Burrell, Becci and Mitch



Victor Brownlees, Becci and Mitch

UK YOUTH PARLIAMENT

The UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) enables young people to use their energy and passion to change the world for the better. Run by young people for young people, UKYP provides opportunities for 11 – 18 year olds to use their voice in creative ways to bring about social change.

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TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

CABINET – 8 FEBRUARY 2011

**PLANNING OF SCHOOL PLACES:
WILLIAM REYNOLDS INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS**

MADELEY INFANT AND JOHN FLETCHER JUNIOR SCHOOLS

**DAWLEY CE PRIMARY – PROPOSED CHANGE OF CATEGORY FROM
VOLUNTARY AIDED TO FOUNDATION (TRUST) SCHOOL**

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

PART A) – SUMMARY REPORT

1. SUMMARY OF MAIN PROPOSALS

To seek Cabinet approval to consult stakeholders on the possibility of school mergers to establish two primary schools: William Reynolds Infant and Junior, and Madeley Infant and John Fletcher Junior. Also to inform Cabinet of proposals being considered by Dawley CE Primary School's Governing Body to consult on changing school category from Voluntary Aided to Foundation (Trust) School status.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Head of Family & Community Services be authorised to engage in formal consultation with key partners and stakeholders regarding the possible merger of William Reynolds Infant and Junior schools, and the merger of Madeley Infant and John Fletcher Junior schools. A further report on the outcomes of consultation would be brought to Cabinet at its meeting on 19 April 2011.

2.2 That the proposed consultation due to be undertaken by the Governing Body of Dawley CE Primary to change category from Voluntary Aided to Foundation (Trust) status be noted. Should the change of category proceed, that the Head of Property & ICT be granted delegated authority, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, to negotiate the terms of the transfer of land to the Governing Body of Dawley CE Primary School, and the Head of Governance be authorised to execute all necessary agreements and documentation relating thereto.

SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

COMMUNITY IMPACT	Do these proposals contribute to specific Priority Plan objective(s)?	
	Yes	<i>Children & Young People – to consult and involve all stakeholders with a vested interest in children’s education and safety</i>
	Will the proposals impact on specific groups of people?	
	Yes	<i>Children and Families living within the Wards served by the schools</i>
TARGET COMPLETION/DELIVERY DATE	<i>Report on outcome of consultation process – Cabinet 19 April 2011. In the case of consultation on possible mergers, any changes to take effect from September 2011.</i>	
FINANCIAL/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPACT	Yes	<i>The majority of funding for schools is received from the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG), which is allocated to Local Authorities based on the number of pupils in the Authority’s schools. Thus, the merger of schools does not affect the amount of this Grant received by the Council. If the schools were merged, ongoing revenue savings would be realised through the mergers, due to the associated reduction in funding required for school management and administration. The full year cost saving would be circa £80,000 for the merger of William Reynolds Infant & Junior schools and £90,000 for the merger of Madeley Infants and John Fletcher Junior. These savings would be reinvested into all schools (the savings would arise in the DSG which is a ring-fenced grant that can only be used to fund schools). The savings would, however, be substantially less in the first year as the schools would merge from September, not from the beginning of the financial year.</i>
LEGAL ISSUES	Yes	<i>Changes to school organisation are governed by the requirements of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and Guidance from DfE. The Governing Body is required to follow a statutory consultation process to merge schools or to change the school status. The consultation period should be for a</i>

		<p><i>minimum of six weeks during term time. The Governing Body is required to publish formal proposals. There is a four week representation period for objections or comments to be sent to the Governing Body. The Governing Body is required to consider the representations and decide whether to merge schools or change school status within six months of publishing the proposals. The Council can refer the proposals to the school's Adjudicator if It has concerns that the Governing Body has failed to consult adequately or has not taken account of the consultation, or that the merger of schools and/or change of school status will have a negative impact on standards at the school.</i></p> <p><i>If a referral is made, the Schools Adjudicator will decide the proposals in place of the Governing Body.</i></p> <p><i>If the decision is to proceed with the merger of schools and change of school status the Governing Body will be reconstituted.</i></p> <p><i>A wide range of legal implications arise upon merger of schools and change of school status. These include negotiating the transfer of land; Assets Transfer; Joint Use Agreements; TUPE of Staff and Service Level Agreements for Support Services.</i></p>
OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES	Yes	<p><i>Depending on the outcome of consultation, there may be implications for the ownership of land at the John Fletcher Junior school site as the school is Voluntary Controlled, although currently the whole site is Council owned.</i></p> <p><i>Dawley CE Primary: A change of category to Foundation (Trust) would necessitate transferring a portion of Council owned land to the Trustees.</i></p>
IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS	Yes	<p><i>The individual mergers would impact on the individual wards within which schools are located. However there is potentially Borough wide impact due to parental preference in choosing which schools children attend.</i></p>

PART B) – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

School Mergers - The Council's policy on infant and junior school provision is that reviews take place, where appropriate, whenever particular circumstances emerge such as a pending head teacher retirement or resignation, or significant building issues including excessive numbers of surplus places. In the case of both William Reynolds Infant and Madeley Infant schools, the headteachers' have both submitted formal resignations with effect from the end of the summer term 2011. It is intended therefore to apply the policy in respect of these schools (and their linked junior schools) to consider the options available following consultation with all stakeholders.

Change of School Category - The Council has been informed by the Governors of Dawley CE Primary School that they intend to consult on a change of category from Voluntary Aided to Foundation (Trust). The Diocese of Lichfield Board of Education are the Trustees of the school and would continue to be so should the change of category go ahead following consultation.

3. INFORMATION

School Mergers - Initial discussions have been held with headteachers and governors to explain the timetable and process necessary for consultation to take place in time for any possible changes to take place by September 2011, the start of the next academic year.

Change of School Category - This report is for information only as the Dawley CE Primary Governing Body will make the final decision unless objection is made to the School Adjudicator following publication of a Public Notice by the Governors.

4. IMPACT ASSESSMENT – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

School Mergers – If following consultation a decision is made to merge schools, to avoid lengthy competition rules regarding the opening of new primary schools and changes to school category, the recommendation will be to close each infant school and extend the age range of both junior schools to accommodate infant aged pupils. In the case of John Fletcher Junior, the proposals would need to be published by the Governing Body as it is a Voluntary Controlled school. This would enable final decisions to be made by the Local Authority, subject to any objections being received and considered. It is expected that, should proposals go ahead to merge Madeley Infant and John Fletcher Junior, the land would need to transfer to the Trustees of the School as a Voluntary Controlled school.

If, following the consultation process, it is decided to proceed with any school mergers, the capital implications will be evaluated as part of the consultation with schools, staff and the wider community.

Change of School Category – A portion of the land occupied by the school is owned by the Council, and following a change of category to Foundation (Trust), this area of land (mainly car parking) would need to transfer ownership to the

Trustees of the school, the Lichfield Diocese Board of Education (see Appendix 1 to this report).

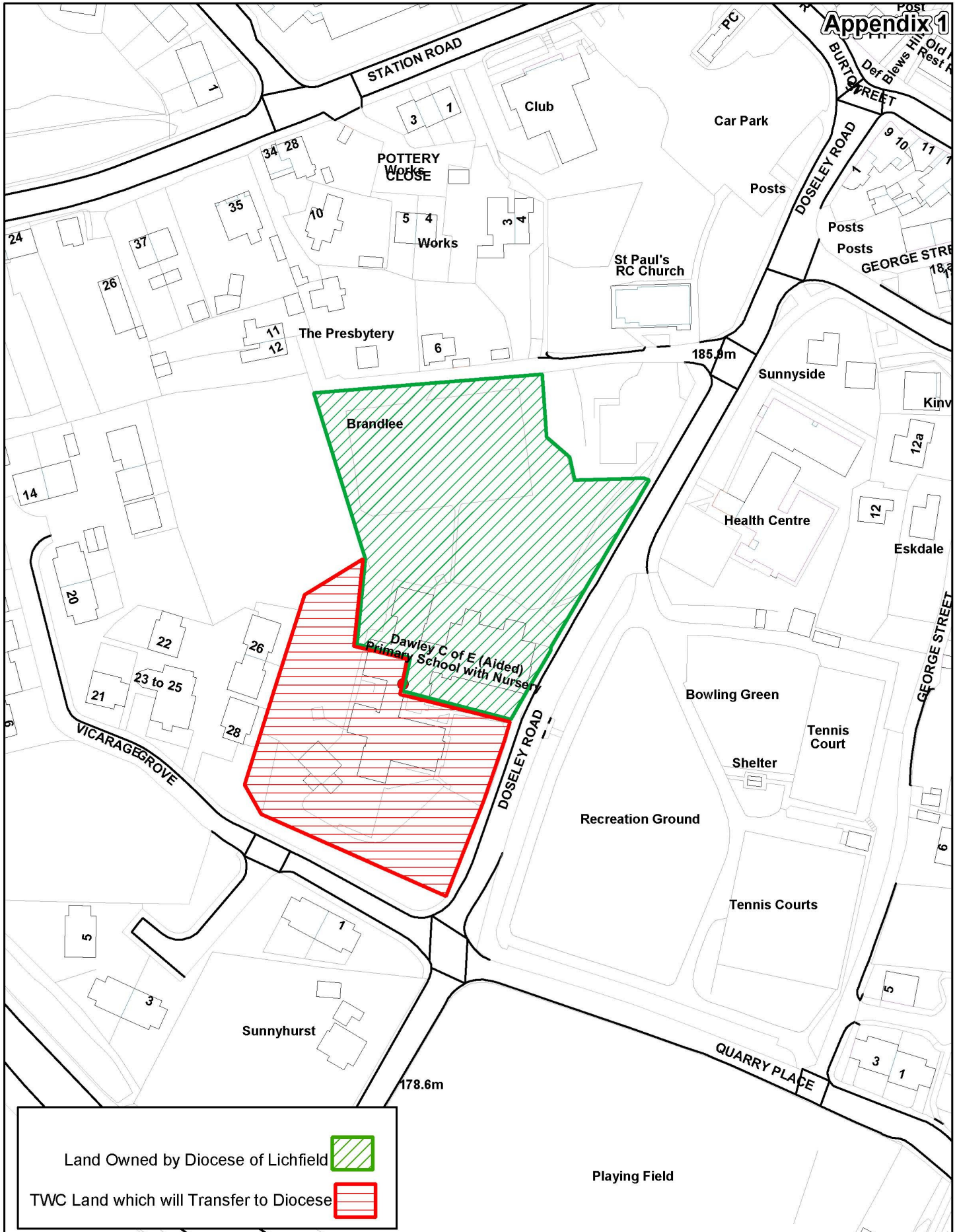
5. PREVIOUS MINUTES


Not applicable.


6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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Land Owned by Diocese of Lichfield 

TWC Land which will Transfer to Diocese 



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Appendix 1: Land owned by TWC which will transfer to the ownership of the Diocese of Lichfield following change of category to Foundation (Trust) School

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