

Report of the Strategic Director (Environment and Sport) to the meeting of Shipley Area Committee to be held on 27 January 2016.

AF**Subject:**

Youth Service – Future joint-partnership with Shipley Area Coordinator’s Office, Shipley and Bingley Voluntary Services (SBVS) and Hale. The relocation of the Bingley Inclusion Project to Bingley Youth Café and the potential relocation of Shipley Youth Café to Hale’s premises in Shipley.

Summary statement:

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:**Children and Young People**

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report seeks approval to establish a partnership between the Area Co-ordinator's Office, SBVS and Hale with a view to co-locating, securing additional future funding and providing a future model for youth provision in Shipley Constituency. This would include the relocation of Bingley Inclusion Project to Bingley Youth Café and the potential move of Shipley Youth Café to Hale premises in Shipley Town Centre.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 With ever decreasing budgets in both the Council and Voluntary Sector this report proposes new measures for joint working and co-location. The new arrangements will pool resources, reduce costs and explore innovative methods of working with partners to provide a more efficient and valued service for the young people of Shipley. The partnership would initially include the Area Co-ordinator's Office, SBVS and Hale.

2.2 Key Principles

The key principles within the new working arrangements would be:

- (i) Ensure that young people from every Ward of the Shipley Constituency have access to youth provision.
- (ii) Ensure stronger partnership working with **key** youth work service providers across the Shipley Constituency.
- (iii) Maximise the ability of the Youth Service and our partner agencies to bring external monies and resources into the area for Youth Provision.
- (iv) Ensure that there is no duplication of services and that existing resources are used effectively.
- (v) Ensure that youth services continue to be responsive to the needs of young people and that they are empowered to influence service delivery.
- (vi) Ensure that young people are consulted and encouraged to play a key role in their communities and neighbourhoods.
- (vii) Provide a more efficient and cost effective service.

2.3 Partnership Arrangements

The benefits of closer partnership working will be as follows:

- (i) Grow the ability of all three agencies to attract further funding and resources from external sources into the Shipley Constituency.



- (ii) Enable existing funding and resources, including buildings, to be pooled and utilised in the most effective ways across the Constituency, whilst allowing resources to be redirected to frontline youth provision.
- (iii) Regular assessment of need across the Constituency and the deployment and development of resources to reflect the need.
- (iv) Maintain open access youth provision at Bingley Youth Café and the continuation of delivery of youth services in every Ward.
- (v) The potential to widen the partnership arrangements in the future to engage more organisations that deliver youth services.

2.4 Relocations

(i) Relocation of Bingley Inclusion Project to Bingley Youth Café

The Executive on 10 March 2015 recommended that officers explore the potential for alternative estate management arrangements for this building and opportunities to increase joined up working with local voluntary and community sector organisations.

The Bingley Inclusion Project has been available for potential asset transfer since April 2015, and has been offered and promoted through the Asset Transfer briefings which have had attendance of 65 voluntary and community groups from across the district. The property has also been viewed by the district Community Ownership and Management of Assets (COMA) group, which is a partnership group led by Arise Bradford who are a local joint venture company limited by guarantee, and who secured some funding from Localities to explore new asset transfer opportunities and entrepreneurial asset development in the district. To date there has been no interest for Asset Transfer. However, Estates Management has been approached for leased accommodation in Bingley and this property may suit the needs of the potential tenant. In addition, as a consequence of the recent floods, Estate's are also exploring whether there is potential for Council staff from Green Lane Recreation Centre be relocated to this site. Should neither of these enquiries progress the building would move to the disposal process.

In terms of Bingley Youth Café, Shipley and Bingley Voluntary Services (SBVS) have managed youth provision at this site for the past 4½ years with the support of the Youth Service. An unsuccessful Lottery Bid now prevents the ability of SBVS to continue this work.

It is proposed, therefore, that the inclusion work provided by the Youth Service is moved from Leonard Street to Bingley Youth Café under a joint partnership with SBVS. It is proposed that SBVS will use an underspend from the Big Lottery grant as well as funds they hold that came from the Shipley Youth Café Management Committee (after the charity dissolved) to continue the employment of a Development Worker on a part-time basis (3



days). It is proposed that part of this time will be used to continue to deliver youth sessions at Bingley Youth Café, but in addition work directly with the Youth Service's Advanced Practitioner and other voluntary sector partners to attract further funding and resources to the Shipley Constituency for youth work delivery.

(ii) **Shipley Youth Café to Hale premises within Shipley Town Centre**

Shipley Area Committee has already recognised the importance of a town centre based provision for young people due to the nature of the issues faced by the young people that use the Café's facilities and also due to the fact that the Youth Café draws young people from a wide radius from the Constituency and beyond.

The current location for Shipley Youth Café is ideal and the services provided are outstanding. Unfortunately, the cost of their building is unsustainable costing over £27k (rent, rates and other utility costs).

Although additional services have been offered from the Youth Café, attempts to bring more income into the building and reduce rent significantly have not proved successful. Alternative arrangements have also been explored in order that the Youth Service can continue to deliver vital services to young people from the town centre of Shipley. This includes exhausting discussions with Estates around the potential use of Shipley Library and other properties for rental in the town centre.

Recent discussions with Hale have led to an offer for the Youth Service to co-locate and make use of their premises above the Yorkshire Bank on Westgate, Shipley. This will enable both a presence in the centre of Shipley for young people to be able to access advice and support, as well as having a large enough space in their building to run activities and support for groups. Co-location with Hale will also potentially lead to greater partnership working benefiting young people and both organisations. This would also help support to maintain Hale, and would be an excellent link into health services and advice for young people, who otherwise might not access these services.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 Timescales

If the proposals are accepted in this report it is anticipated that Bingley Inclusion Project could move immediately and Shipley Youth Café could relocate to Hale by May / June 2016 dependent on logistics and current contractual agreements in the Shipley move.



4. FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE APPRAISAL

4.1 Current Building Costs for Shipley and Bingley

(i) Shipley Youth Café

	£
Rent	16,000
Rates	9,610
Utilities/licences	1,750
Total	27,360

(ii) Bingley Youth Project

	£
Rates	3,790
Utilities/Other	1,099
Total	4,889

(iii) Bingley Youth Café (cost to SBVS)

	£
Rent	3,000
Utilities	2,000
Rates	400
Total	5,400

4.2 Total Building Costs

	£
Youth Service	32,249
SBVS	5,400
Total	37,649

4.3 Future Building Costs to Youth Service based on proposals

	£
Shipley Youth Café based at Hale	8,100
Bingley Youth Café/Youth Project	0
Total	8,100

4.4 This would allow £24,149 to be redirected to front line youth service provision. However, some funds will be needed to facilitate the move from Shipley Youth Cafe to Hale's premises.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

5.1 None specific



6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

6.1 The Council has a responsibility to co-ordinate and offer support for the Health and Well Being of Young People set down in Statutory Guidance issued in 2012. The duty is to secure equality of access for all young people to the positive, preventative and early help they need to improve their well-being. This includes youth work and other services and activities that:

- Connect young people with communities so they contribute to society including through volunteering and ensure they have a voice in decisions affecting them
- Offer young people opportunities in safe environments so they develop a sense of belonging, socialise safely with their peers, enjoy social mixing, experience time with older people and develop relationships with adults they trust
- Support the personal and social development of young people to build capabilities needed for learning, work and the transition to adulthood
- Improve young people's physical and mental health and emotional well-being;
- Help those at risk of dropping out of learning or not achieving their full potential to engage and attain in education or training; and
- Raise young people's aspirations, build resilience and informs their decisions – particularly to address risky behaviours

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

7.1.1 The Youth Service as part of the Council's commitment to the District has a responsibility to ensure that the service is accessible to all young people and that participation in the service reflects this approach.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

7.2.1 The Youth Service delivery enables local initiatives to be supported, encouraging groups and individuals to undertake activities that improve the social, economic and environmental well being of their communities.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

7.3.1 Greenhouse gas emissions and wider environmental impacts was a consideration of the Buildings Review.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

7.4.1 A number of youth projects are either directly or indirectly concerned with improving community safety within local communities. The increased involvement of young people in local decision making has the potential to improve community safety. The Youth Service plays a key role in ensuring that young people's voices are heard.

7.4.2 The strengthened approach to the devolution of the Youth Service as will allow for:



- an increased sense of local democracy for both young people and communities
- young people to be more active in democratic, decision-making processes alongside their political representatives
- the voice and influence of young people to remain central, meaningful and paramount in identifying and addressing needs and issues in their communities
- the requirements of the localism/devolution agenda to be met effectively and efficiently

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

7.5.1 There are no direct Human Rights implications arising from the recommendations below.

7.6 TRADE UNION

7.6.1 There are no implications for Trade Unions arising from this report.

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

7.7.1 Youth Service projects and activities support young people and communities within all the Wards in Shipley and other areas and is a priority in all current ward plans.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

8.1 None.

9. OPTIONS

9.1 That the Youth Service establishes a partnership with SBVS and Hale to provide a future model for youth provision which would include the relocation of the Bingley Inclusion Project to Bingley Youth Café and Shipley Youth Café to Hale's premises in Shipley (as detailed in 2.4).

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That the Youth Service establishes a partnership with SBVS and Hale to provide a future model for youth provision which would include the relocation of the Bingley Inclusion Project to Bingley Youth Café and Shipley Youth Café to Hale's premises in Shipley.

10.2 That a further progress report with regards the partnership be brought to this Committee in 6 months.



11. APPENDICES

11.1 None.

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 12.1 Report to Executive, 10 March 2015, 'Bradford Youth Offer Review', Document BQ.
- 12.2 Report to Executive, 10 March 2015, 'Youth Service Buildings Review', Document BP.
- 12.3 Report to Shipley Area Committee, 24 June 2015, 'Youth Service – Shipley Area', Document D.
- 12.4 Report to Shipley Area Committee, 9 September 2015, 'District Wide Youth Service Provision', Document L.

