



(Stratford-on-Avon) South Joint Committee

Notice of Meeting

Thursday 19 March 2009

6.00 pm

Newbold on Stour Village Hall Stratford Road Newbold on Stour (see map on last page)

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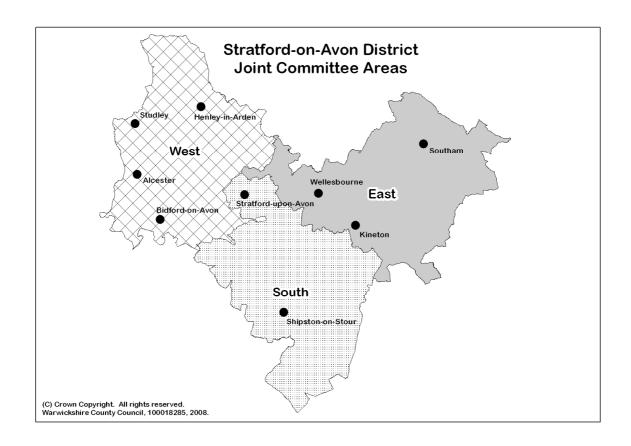
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Members of the Committee are requested to attend

Chair County Councillor R Hyde

Vice-Chair Councillor Philip Seccombe

Councillors:

Rev N Beamer T Honychurch P Moorse M Beckett S Beese M Perry M Brain G Roache K Rolfe R Cheney R Cockings C Saint J Dill-Russell V Seaman J Fradgley I Seccombe A Gardner J Taylor S Gray R White

SOUTH JOINT COMMITTEE

19 March 2009

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Disclosure of Interests

Note: Members are reminded that the Code of Conduct provides that should they have a prejudicial interest in any matter under discussion and providing the matter is considered in public session, they are entitled to make representations and answer questions if members of the public are granted the same entitlement. Members must leave the room before the ensuing debate and vote and must not attempt to improperly influence a decision about that matter.

3. Minutes (Pages 1 - 6)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 18 December 2008.

4. Public Question Time (30 Minutes)

To consider questions on any matter relevant to the business of the Joint Committee, for which prior (written) notification has been given to the Proper Officer (at least one working day before the meeting). Members of the public may speak for up to three minutes.

5. World Class Stratford

To receive a presentation providing an update on the work programme to date for World Class Stratford and future plans.

6. Update on the follow up to Stratford District Flooding 2008 (Pages 7 - 10)

To receive an update on the follow up to Stratford District Flooding 2008.

Please note that the Environment Agency will be in attendance.

PART A - Non-Executive functions

7. Draft Sustainable Community Strategy

(Pages 11 - 30)

To consider the draft strategy.

PART B - Executive functions

8. Community Grants

(Pages 31 - 42)

To consider the proposals made by the South Funding Group for community grants.

9. Highway Maintenance Plan 2009/10 and five year list of (Pages 43 - 56) Structural Maintenance Schemes

To receive information on highway maintenance work proposed in 2009/10 and lists of other sites where maintenance work will be required in the future.

Main report not received at time of Agenda preparation. Appendix A is attached.

10.Delegated Transport Budget for Safety, Maintenance and Minor Works 2009/10

To receive details of the proposed 2009/10 delegated budget allocations for Stratford-on-Avon South Joint Committee.

Report not received at time of Agenda preparation.

11.Provision of primary school places in Stratford-upon-Avon (Pages 57 - 70) town

To inform Members to the response to the consultation with stakeholders on the proposals to review primary school places in Stratford Town.

12. Alcester Road Cycle Scheme - Phase 1

Report not received at time of Agenda preparation.

PART C - For Information

13.Stratford-upon-Avon Leisure Centre Link

Report not received at time of Agenda preparation.

14. Shakespeare Railway Line upgrade

(Pages 71 - 78)

To note the proposals to improve rail provision in Stratford-on-Avon District and forward any comments to the Warwickshire County Council's Cabinet.

15.A3400 Guild Street - Stratford upon Avon

(Pages 79 - 80)

To receive a briefing note following a Members site visit.

16.Stratford Girls Grammar School - Funding

(Pages 81 - 88)

The report outlines the opportunities for linking funding from the Authority with funds raised by Stratford Grammar School for Girls to provide additional accommodation at the school.

17. Post Office - Temporary Closures

(Pages 89 - 92)

To receive details of the temporary cessation of Brailes and Preston on Stour Service.

References from Community Forums

18.Stratford upon Avon Community Forum – 17 February 2009

(Pages 93 - 94)

19.Stour/Shipston Community Forum - 26 February 2009

(Pages 95 - 96)

20. Items for Future meetings

To consider requests from Members for items to be considered at future meetings of the Committee.

21.Urgent Business

To consider any business which, in the opinion of the Chairman, is urgent in accordance with the provisions of Section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Chief Executive Stratford-on-Avon District Council

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Chief Executive Warwickshire County Council

Please note: The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 23 July 2009



SOUTH JOINT COMMITTEE

18 December 2008

Held at Council Chamber, Elizabeth House, Stratford-upon-Avon Meeting commenced: 6.00 pm Meeting ended: 7.55 pm

Present: County Councillor R Hyde Rev N Beamer, M Beckett, R Cheney,

R Cockings, J Dill-Russell, J Fradgley, A Gardner, S Gray, P Moorse,

G Roache, C Saint, I Seccombe and P Seccombe

Apologies: Councillor S Beese, M Brain, T Honychurch, M Perry, K Rolfe, V Seaman,

J Taylor and R White

43. Disclosure of Interests

Councillor Beckett disclosed a Personal Interest in Minute 47 as a Board member of the Stratford town management partnership.

Councillor Cheney disclosed Personal Interests in Minute 48 as a member of Vision for Stour, and in item 49 as a landowner on the edge of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and as a member of Brailes Parish Council which is in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Councillor Gray disclosed Personal Interests in Minute 48 as a member of Vision for Stour and in item 49 as the District Council's representative on Cotswold Conservation Board.

Councillor Saint disclosed Personal Interests in Minute 48 as the Chairman of the Vision for Stour and in item 49 as a member of the Cotswold Conservation Board.

Councillor I Seccombe disclosed a Personal Interest relating to Minute 49 as a member of BARD.

Councillor P Seccombe disclosed a Personal Interest in Minute 48 as a member of Vision for Stour.

44. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2008 were confirmed and signed.

45. Public Question Time (30 Minutes)

At the invitation of the Chairman, the following members of the public addressed the Committee:

- Kate Barnett in respect of Shottery Girls Grammar School;
- Mr Jim McLeman in respect of the Racecourse Brook flooding;
- Robert Gullen in respect of a cycling issue; and,
- Richard Adams in regards to a grant application from the Shipston Royal British Legion.

In light of the information presented to the Committee, it was

AGREED:

That more detailed information would be presented to the March meeting regarding:

- the corporate funding opportunities for Stratford Grammar School for Girls;
- the Racecourse Brook flooding issues and potential solutions; and,
- an update on the developments of the cycling proposals.

46. Speed Limit Review

Under the provisions of Minute 34 of the last meeting, the Committee had supported proposals for speed limit reviews where objections to the proposal had been received.

However, for technical reasons, the Committee was also required to confirm by resolution that it approved the implementation of all the proposals for changes to speed limits arising from the speed limit review for the area, including those proposals that had not generated any objections.

To assist the Committee, a list of all proposals for the Stratford-on-Avon district was circulated with the Agenda for the meeting.

RESOLVED:

That approval be given to implement all speed limit changes arising from the speed limit review for the South Joint Committee's area, including those proposals that had not generated any objections.

47. Community Grants

Rebecca Goodman (Community Grants Officer) attended the meeting for this item and answered members questions raised on the report.

Consideration was given to the recommendations from the South Funding Sub-Group for the award of Community Grants under the new Joint Community Grants Scheme.

As recorded in minute 45 (public question time), Richard Adams had addressed the Committee in support of the application from Shipston Royal British Legion for grant aid towards the publication of a book detailing the background and lives of all men detailed on the Shipston War Memorial.

The Committee then considered the Funding Sub-Group's recommendations and

RESOLVED:

- (1) That a grant of £5,310 be awarded to the Council for Voluntary Services to provide a web based Sports and Recreation information service for Stratford District;
- (2) That a grant of £15,000 be awarded to Grace's Playground to improve play facilities at the village playground in Ilmington;

- (3) That a grant of £10,000 be awarded to Shipston Scout Hut for the replacement of the existing Scout Hut with a new log style cabin;
- (4) That a grant of £3,134 be awarded to Stratford Community Radio to equip and run an internet based community radio station;
- (5) That a grant of £1,228 be awarded to Stratford-upon-Avon Trampoline Club to provide new equipment;
- (6) That a grant of £2,400 be awarded to Lifespace to enable the delivery of several workshops and programmes for the benefit of teenagers and parents within the Stratford area;
- (7) That a grant of £10,000 be awarded to Stourton & Cherington Playing Fields Association to replace all equipment in the village playing fields;
- (8) That the Committee did not agree to the recommendation from the Sub-Group and considered that a grant of £6,920 should be awarded to Tredington Parish Council to improve access to the village hall by resurfacing the car park;
- (9) That no grant be awarded to Mezzo Mums for the reasons given by the Sub-Group;
- (10) That the Committee did not agree to the recommendation from the Sub-Group and considered that a grant of £1,398 should be awarded to Shipston Royal British Legion for the publication of a book detailing the background and lives of all men detailed on the Shipston War Memorial;
- (11) That no grant be awarded to the Newbold Sea Scouts for the reasons given by the Sub-Group;
- (12) That no grant be awarded to the St John's Ambulance, Shipston Branch for the reasons given by the Sub-Group; and,
- (13) That the grants awarded to the following under officers' delegated authority be noted:
 - a. Stratford Town Management Partnership;
 - b. Oxhill Village Hall; and
 - c. Epilepsy Action (Stratford Branch).

48. Vision for Stour Project funding

Rebecca Goodman (Community Grants Officer) attended the meeting for this item and answered members questions raised on the report.

Consideration was given to an update on progress made on the four Vision for Stour projects provided with financial support by the Committee under Minute 23 of its meeting held on 24 July 2008. Three new applications for the balance of the funding available in 2008/09 had been submitted.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the progress reports be received; and,
- (2) That the following new awards of grant be made:

Dig for Stour £4,800
 Riverside Amenity Area
 Hub@Shipston £2,200

49. Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Management Plan

David Jones (Stratford on Avon District Council Planner) gave a presentation on the Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Management Plan and answered members questions raised on the report.

Consideration was given to a paper outlining the Cotswold AONB Management Plan 2008-13.

Having regard to the above, it was

RESOLVED:

1) That the implementation of the Cotswolds AONB Management Plan 2008-13 be supported by Stratford District Council; and,
That the content of the AONB Management Plan 2008-13 as supplementary guidance in accordance with paragraph 6.3 of PPS12 be endorsed by Stratford District Council.

50. Disabled Access over Lucy's Mill Footbridge

Lisa Arben (Senior Solicitor Warwickshire County Council) attended the meeting for this item and answered Members questions raised on the report.

Consideration was given to a paper outlining the considerations for reasonable adjustments to enable disabled access over Lucy's Mill footbridge, Stratford-upon-Avon.

Having regard to the above, it was

RESOLVED:

That the findings of the report be noted.

51. Procedure for adoption of Parish Plans

Martin Gibbins (Warwickshire County Council Area Manager – Stratford) attended the meeting for this item and answered members questions raised on the report.

Consideration was given to the following amended process for the Committee to adopt a Parish Plan on behalf of both the County and District Councils:

To adopt, in the following circumstances, Parish Plans and Village Design Statements which, in the opinion of the Chief Executives of Stratford-on-

Avon District Council and Warwickshire County Council do not conflict with District Council or County Council policy;

- a) as a local information source; and
- b) as a material consideration in dealing with planning applications in accordance with provisions in the District Local Plan

RESOLVED:

That the amended process, as outlined in the preamble to this Minute, be adopted.

52. Report from Community Forums

On the presentation of the reports from the meetings of the Stratford-upon-Avon Community Forum held at the Ken Kennet Centre on 3 December 2008 and the Stour Community Forum held at the Preston on Stour Village Hall on 2 December 2008, it was noted that there had been no items referred to the Committee for attention/discussion.

53. Library Service

Ayub Khan (Head of Libraries – Strategy) attended the meeting for this item and answered Members questions raised on the report.

Consideration was given to a paper outlining the key principles underpinning the transformation of Library Services to Warwickshire residents upon which the County Council's Adult and Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee had requested the Joint Committee's views.

The framework had evolved due to:

- a) a decrease in footfall in libraries and an increase in internet usage;
- b) the Government's ten-year vision for public libraries looks to the development of areas such as adult learning, family learning and using services in a more diverse way to meet the needs of communities;
- the financial challenge of balancing bottom line budgets and to ensure that social care services were maintained and risks kept to a minimum, with the result that the library service would need to be developed into a modern, cost effective service; and
- d) the Library Service was currently halfway through a restructure in response to the need for change.

During the ensuing discussions, it was requested by Members that the Committee be consulted at a later date after consolidation of all the consultation had occurred. Members were particularly concerned that there should be no diminishment of library services within the District.

Having regard to the above, it was

RESOLVED:

That the County Council's Adult and Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee be advised that the Joint Committee would be unhappy to see any diminution in the current level of library services provided in the area.

54. Items for Future meetings

It was agreed that the following topics be identified for future discussion:

Topic	Anticipated Date
World Class Stratford - work programme to date	March 2009
and future plans	
Stratford Girls Grammar School – capital funding	March 2009
Flooding issues - discussion item with	March 2009
Environment Agency, to include reference to	
Racecourse Brook project	
Cycling Web - report from WCC on how the	July 2009
Stratford Cycling Forum's proposals might be	
taken forward	

55. Urgent Business

With the agreement of the Chair consideration was given to an urgent item of business regarding the installation of traffic signals on the A3400 at Guild Street/Warwick Road. The Committee expressed a wish to be engaged in the current consultation process and in view of initial concerns about forward visibility for drivers and a potential increase in congestion, it was

RESOLVED:

That a site visit be arranged to allow Members to express more considered views on the proposals.

It was also felt that the importance of Clopton Bridge and the adjacent gyratory system to traffic flows within Stratford-upon-Avon was such that the Joint Committee should be formally included within the consultation process for any future works impacting on this part of the highway network.

CHAIR

SOUTH JOINT COMMITTEE 19 March 2009

Subject: Update on Follow up to Stratford District Flooding 2008

Lead Officer: Steve Haresnape

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Ward Members: N/A

1 Update on actions to reduce the risk of flooding in the District

1.1 This information sheet pulls together updates from Warwickshire County Council, The Environment Agency, Severn Trent Water and Stratford on Avon District Council and details the work done, or planned to be done by these agencies within the district.

2 Warwickshire County Council Action

- 2.1 A number of medium sized capital schemes totalling £220k will be completed within the next 12 months.
- 2.2 The rolling programme of minor highways drainage schemes has been doubled.
- 2.3 A new guide, in consultation with NFU 'Farming and the Public Highway' has been published. This has resulted in more ditches clearing by farmers and installation of overflow flood spillways, such as in Brailes.
- 2.4 A small number of landowners are being pursued as enforcement action to have ditches cleared of obstructions.
- 2.5 Further works are planned at Wootton Wawen to provide a new storm water culvert and Long Compton to provide additional flood relief works to the villages will be commenced early in the new financial year.

3 Environment Agency Action

- 3.1 £100k being spent on a trash screen at Racecourse Brook.
- 3.2 A modelling study of the racecourse area, costing £25k, has been carried out, but a bid for £600k to create a flood storage area was not supported by the Local Levy Board.
- 3.3 A flood defence bank will be refurbished at Long Itchington at a cost of (£450k), in the new year.
- 3.4 £15k was spent on site investigation work at Broom and now the provision of an embankment costing £510k will be constructed by the Agency during the next financial year.
- 3.5 A flood mitigation scheme costing an estimated £450k has been secured for Marlcliff, for implementation during 2010/11.
- 3.6 A hydraulic model for Wellesbourne has been created and alleviation measures have been put forward for national funding.

- 3.7 A model and pre feasibility study is being planned for Snitterfield.
- 3.8 £15k has been spent improving flows through the bridge at Shipston-on-Stour, modelling and study to follow.
- 3.9 Remedial works at Millfield Court, Henley-in-Arden costing £25k are to be undertaken.
- 3.10 New pumping stations at Alcester costing £828k has received funding and will be installed in the new financial year.

4 Action by Severn Trent Water

- 4.1 Sewer jetting and root clearance in Alcester.
- 4.2 Upgrading of the pumping station in Marlcliff.
- 4.3 Upgrading of the storm water sewer system in partnership with Warwickshire County Council in Salford Priors.

5 Action by Stratford-on-Avon District Council

- 5.1 £281k has been given to residents who suffered internal flooding in July 2007 as a direct grant.
- 5.2 £60k has been granted to Environment Agency as joint funding for the Alcester scheme in 3.10 above.
- 5.3 £60k has been granted to Warwickshire County Council to joint fund two drainage schemes at Wootton Wawen and Long Compton as referred to in 2.5 above.
- 5.4 Various improvements and enforcement during Autumn 2007 to Spring 2008:
 - Dredging watercourse on Council owned land in Studley.
 - Enforcement action to have ditches cleared in Quinton, Wixford, Rushbrook, Salford Priors and Ladbroke.
- 5.5 £50k capital and £37k revenue funding is being spent on the Land Drainage Improvement Programme, initially for alleviation measures at:-
 - Ladbroke £2.1k;
 - Gaydon £10k;
 - Wellesbourne £15k.
- 5.6 A contract to realign the confluence of Sutton Brook and Hen Brook at Brailes has recently been let. This will cost £7k.
- 5.7 Schemes for Marlcliff and Long Compton are waiting funding.
- 5.8 £100k was given to Town/Parish Councils as grants for small schemes, these are currently being evaluated.
- 5.9 £3200 was given to Alderminster, Brailes, Little Compton, Long Compton, Long Marston, Loxley, Pillerton Hersey, Shipston-on-Stour, Sutton under Brailes and Tredington.
- 5.10 Pillerton Priors received £1305.

- 5.11 The Council's Environmental Quality and Climate Change Panel, Chaired by Councillor Simon Jackson, now receive regular reports on the adopted Land Drainage Improvement Programme.
- 5.12 For further information on any of the details please contact Dave Tiley or Carol Ashley in the Environment Service at Stratford-on-Avon District Council.

Robert Weeks
HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT

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SOUTH JOINT COMMITTEE 19 March 2009

Subject: Stratford District Sustainable Community Strategy

Lead Officer: Dave Nash

Lead Member: Councillor L Topham

Summary

This report draws attention to the current consultation on the Draft District Sustainable Community Strategy developed by the Stratford District Partnership and invites feedback from the Joint Committee. The draft is attached at Appendix 1.

Recommendation

That the Joint Committee identifies any representations it may wish to submit on the draft District Sustainable Community Strategy.

1 Background/Information

- 1.1 The current Stratford District Community Plan was adopted in 2005. This Community Plan was prepared by the Stratford District Partnership. The District Council and the County Council have each adopted terms of reference for this Partnership which include tasking it with the preparation of a Sustainable Community Strategy "to set out a shared long term vision for the District that has regard to local economic, social and environmental objectives".
- 1.2 The Partnership agreed in January 2008 that it was necessary to review and refresh the current Community Plan. A project brief was adopted in July 2008 and the Partnership's Core Group agreed at its meeting on 10 December 2008 to progress to consultation on the draft document that has been developed. The consultation was formally endorsed by the Leader of the District Council in early January and the period for comment runs to 20 March 2009.
- 1.3 The Government issued new statutory guidance on "Creating Strong, Safe and Prosperous Communities" in July 2008. Under this statutory guidance the duty to prepare a Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) for the district lies with the District Council. The Council is under a duty to consult and seek the participation of such organisations and people as it considers appropriate in preparing the strategy. Once prepared, the strategy must be agreed at Full Council. It is currently planned to seek the adoption of the Strategy at the Council meeting on 20 April 2009.
- 1.4 The reference of the draft document to this Joint Committee is part of an extensive consultation process that includes the Youth Forums, SCAN groups, town and parish councils, Community Forums, businesses and

strategic partners. Residents are being consulted via the District Council's Citizens Panel and a feedback questionnaire can be accessed by all interested parties via the Stratford-on-Avon District Council website.

2 Options

- 2.1 The Committee is free to express any opinions it wishes to on the draft SCS. In particular, the Committee may wish to consider the following:
 - are the key challenges facing the area correctly identified, or are there any challenges that either have not been identified or should not be included?
 - which of the key challenges should be considered as the highest priorities (perhaps identify the top five or six)?
 - does the 'Vision' correctly identify our ambitions for the District? Is there anything either missing or wrongly included?
 - are there any priorities (as set out under the six Local Area Agreement 'themes') that are really urgent and deserve to be tackled first?

3 Implications of the report

3.1 Legal/Human Rights Implications

3.1.1 There are no direct implications.

3.2 Financial

3.2.1 The purpose of the Strategy is to establish a long-term vision to 2026. This report has no direct financial implications, but the Committee should be mindful of the importance of being realistic about matching stated ambition with available resource.

3.3 Environmental

3.3.1 The draft Strategy identifies a number of priorities which, if delivered, would be likely to have a positive environmental impact. Environmental sensitivity is acknowledged as being an integral component of a sustainable community.

3.4 Corporate Strategy/Priorities

3.4.1 In developing the draft document the LSP has had regard to the priorities currently identified in the corporate planning documents of both the County and District Council.

3.5 **Equality Impact Assessment**

3.5.1 The draft Strategy as updated as a result of the consultation process will be assessed to determine the need to undertake a formal Equality Impact Assessment. At this stage such an assessment is judged as unlikely to be necessary.

4 Risk Assessment

4.1 The SCS should rightly be ambitious in setting out the community's aspirations for the future. However, in doing so there is a risk that expectations will be raised against which it may be hard to deliver, particularly in the short to medium term.

5 Conclusion

5.1 The Stratford District Partnership has developed its vision of a 'sustainable district' that by 2026 would enjoy improved economic, social and environmental characteristics. The Joint Committee is invited to provide feedback on this draft Strategy and in particular to comment on the challenges identified in the document and the issues that should be afforded the highest priority.

Dave Nash
STRATEGIC DIRECTOR

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Improving the quality of life for *everyone*

A 2026 Vision for Stratford District

A Sustainable Community Strategy

Introduction by the Chair of Stratford District Partnership

I am delighted to introduce the Sustainable Community Strategy for the Stratford District.

The strategy is yours. The Stratford District Partnership of the county and district councils, police, health agencies, private sector and the voluntary and community sector developed it. You have endorsed it.

Your strategy sets out the community's vision for the District for 2026, and what we intend to do to improve our economic, social and environmental wellbeing – and our quality of life overall.

The vision is aspirational – but achievable. And we aim to achieve it through working together.

That will be key. The members of the Partnership have signed up to a shared vision and have committed to work together in a coordinated way to address the challenges facing us.

We need to tackle the challenges and opportunities to make the quality of life better for everyone living here.

I am confident that with all the partners and the community united around our ambition, and prepared to work together, we will be successful.

Charles Goody Chair, Stratford District Partnership

What is a Sustainable Community Strategy? And how is it meant to work?

A Sustainable Community Strategy sets out a long-term vision for an area. Ours sets out what we would like Stratford District to look like in 2026.

It describes

- What the key challenges are for us
- What the Stratford District Partnership has identified as the main things we need to do, and
- What the partners, working together, intend to do.

What is a 'sustainable' district?

Sustainability is at the heart of our new strategy. But what is 'sustainability'?

According to the government, a sustainable community is

- Active, inclusive and safe fair, tolerant and cohesive with a strong local culture and other shared community activities
- Well run with effective and inclusive participation, representation and leadership
- **Well connected** with good transport services and communication linking people with jobs, schools, health and other services
- **Environmentally sensitive** providing places for people to live that are considerate of the environment
- Thriving with a flourishing, diverse and innovative local economy
- Well designed and built featuring high quality built and natural environment
- Fair for everyone including those in other communities now and in the future

Our aim is for our District to be sustainable by 2026.

And achieving this means getting the balance right between our social, economic and environmental needs to ensure a steadily improving quality of life for everyone, now and for future generations.

Relationship with other strategies

The Sustainable Community Strategy links closely to other strategies and plans agreed by the members of the District Partnership. These include:

- Local Area Agreement (LAA)
- District Council Corporate Strategy
- District Council Wellbeing Strategy
- Local Development Framework
- Regional Spatial Strategy
- Warwickshire NHS Strategy
- Warwickshire County Council Children and Young People's Plan
- South Warwickshire Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Plan
- District Council Housing, Private Sector Housing and Homelessness Strategies
- Warwickshire County Council Local Transport Plan
- Warwickshire Waste Partnership Waste Management Strategy
- District Council ICT Strategy
- District Council Active Communities Strategy
- Vision Action Plans for Alcester, Shipston and Southam
- Parish plans

How it will be delivered

The Strategy sets the long-term direction for the District to achieve the community vision, and identifies key priorities for action.

The members of the Partnership will direct resources to delivering those priorities through their existing strategies and plans.

How we'll check it is being delivered

The District Partnership has a Core Group of senior representatives from all the partners. It has also six groups covering the six sections of the Strategy. These are:

- Children and Young People
- Stronger Communities
- Safer Communities
- Healthier Communities and Older People
- Economy and Employment
- Climate Change and Environment

Those groups will monitor progress in their areas and report every three months to the Core Group. The Core Group will identify and tackle any problems collectively.

The Strategy will be fully reviewed every three years and action plans updated as needed.



What are the key challenges for the District?

Stratford District is an enviable place to live, work and visit. We have much to appreciate and value. And we certainly want to preserve everything that makes our District one of the best places to be.

Yet we cannot be complacent. There are challenges we need to tackle over the next ten years just to maintain our quality of life, let alone improve it for everyone.

An ageing population

The District's population is among the 'oldest' in the country. More over-65s than under-15s live here. There are fewer births per 1,000 compared with most other districts. People moving into the District tend to be older than those moving out. And with the number of over-85s set to increase dramatically – and outnumber the number of children – our District will age even faster. This will have considerable implications for services, especially healthcare.

Shortage of affordable housing

Housing is expensive. Young couples, people on low incomes and key workers, can't buy or rent anywhere to live because property prices and rents are beyond their reach. Demand for affordable housing for local needs is outstripping supply. This is causing a persistent, serious and ever-growing shortage District-wide. And it is driving younger people from our District, and stopping others from moving in.

Lack of access

Many residents in the rural areas struggle – and often fail – to get to the services, facilities and activities that matter to their lives. They live too far from them and public transport is poor in many areas. The problem affects most rural areas. And it affects young and old especially. Going anywhere in the evening is impossible for many young people – getting to medical appointments is costly and time-consuming for older people. The public sector will have to find new ways of delivering services

An economy under pressure

Our District's economy needs revitalising to compete successfully in the future. Economic growth has been low. Increases in jobs and pay have lagged behind other areas. Four in ten workers travel to jobs, often higher paid outside the District. Yet poor broadband connections prevent people from working from home. Tourist numbers continue to fall. Stratford faces strong competition for shoppers from neighbouring areas, and our market towns are struggling to attract new investment and businesses.

Keeping us all healthy

Keeping residents fit and healthy will be increasingly important. Our children and young people are not active enough – and obesity is a growing problem among primary school pupils. Bullying in school and at college affects the emotional and physical health of young people. More and more of us are living longer with long-term health conditions such as heart disease, arthritis, mental health and diabetes – a particular challenge for healthcare providers. Healthcare varies in quality across our District: there are significant differences in life expectancy between some areas.

Improving our skills

Generally, our District benefits from high levels of qualifications. Yet many residents – of all ages, not only school-leavers – are relatively lowly skilled. This forces them to take low-paid jobs, stops them getting better-paid ones, and makes it harder to attract new companies looking for better-qualified workers to fill higher-paying jobs. Skills and qualifications will be key to our District's economic resurgence.

Crime and our fear of it

Crime levels in our District are low compared with most areas, but residents want them reduced further. The fear of crime, while falling, is high. A major concern, among all age groups, is lack of activities for youngsters, seen as a cause of anti-social and other misbehaviour. The level of alcohol abuse, often leading to violence, creates anxieties. The numbers of casualties from road accidents and persistent speeding through our towns and villages are other big issues.

Young people

Young people feel frustrated about the lack of access to opportunities and facilities. Under-12s for example want to be able to play outside in any way they can. Over-12s want places to meet up and hang out – without being told off or moved on. Young people's dissatisfaction continues after leaving school. Many find it hard to get well-paid jobs. And those looking for somewhere to live often find it impossible to get anywhere they can afford. Vulnerable young people often lack support, including accommodation in some circumstances, to live independently, or avoid dropping out of school or work.

Managing new development

The character and heritage of our District is important to us, and we need to protect it for ourselves and for future generations. Yet we have to balance this with providing more housing and new employment opportunities for local people. Where we put these extra homes and businesses will decide whether new development supports our towns, villages and natural environment – or damages them.

Tackling waste and climate change

We still send too much waste to landfill. And we must cut back – to comply with tough EU and national rules, and for the environment's sake. But higher recycling rates won't be enough to cope with the scale of the problem – because we produce too much waste in the first place. Climate change is a global issue. But we can help by significantly reducing our carbon footprint - ultimately becoming a carbon neutral District – through cutting our energy use and using our cars less.

Flooding

Flooding has caused considerable damage to homes and businesses across the District on several occasions in recent years. It is a recurring threat, and residents in the areas at risk live with the worry of it happening again. It is the overriding concern for many. Residents expect the authorities to work together more closely and effectively to reduce the risk of future flooding, and where possible remove the threat altogether.

Getting us more involved

People are asking for more influence over the decisions affecting them. And they want their voice to be heard <u>before</u> decisions are taken. This means giving more weight to their views – for example acting on the priorities they identify in local plans – and finding new ways to actively involve them in the process. We need to do more to find out the views of hard-to-reach groups, including the emerging minorities.

Strengthening the voluntary sector

Voluntary organisations are already the lifeblood of many communities, playing a key role in tackling disadvantage and exclusion. They are being asked to take on more work as the authorities struggle to maintain services. Yet they need to recruit more volunteers and attract new sources of funding to be able to do so. New investment in the voluntary sector will be critical.

Deprivation

Lack of access and rural isolation causes social deprivation. There is financial deprivation too. The average income here is £xx,000, but 17% of households have an income of less than £10,000 a year. There are more households on means-tested benefits now than ten years ago. Fuel poverty has become a serious issue in some villages. Parts of Stratford are among the 25% most deprived neighbourhoods nationally. There is a big gap to narrow within our District.

These are major challenges, many of them tied together.

Tackling them requires a clear vision of how we want the District to move forward, and a clear strategy – a Sustainable Community Strategy – to see that we get there.

A 2026 Vision for Stratford District

By 2026 the quality of life will have improved for everyone living here.

Our economic vision

By 2026,

- all sectors of the local economy will be thriving throughout our District
- children, young people and older workers will have access to the first-class education and training they need to qualify for better paying new jobs within our District
- Stratford-upon-Avon will be established as a world-class town to live, work and visit, competing with the best in Europe and beyond
- our rural areas will be providing more businesses and jobs
- more tourists will be visiting the whole District, staying longer and spending more

Our social vision

By 2026,

- everyone will have access to first-class services and amenities
- there will be enough affordable housing, opportunities and support to keep young people in the District during and after their education
- everyone will have access to high-quality heathcare
- older people and people with disabilities will have the support they need to lead independent lives
- communities will influence decisions affecting them
- everyone will feel and be included, involved and safer

Our environmental vision

By 2026,

- our carbon footprint will be significantly smaller
- there will be less need to use cars because there will be more reliable alternatives
- homes will be using less energy
- much less waste will be going to landfill because we will be using and producing less
- the District's character, landscape, heritage and natural habitat will have been enhanced
- our District will be the cleanest in the country

Children and Young People: By 2026, our young people will be active, involved and physically and emotionally fitter.

- Increase activities for children and young people, by
 - Providing more opportunities and facilities, e.g. youth clubs, youth spaces, play areas, holiday play schemes and after-school clubs
 - Running more organised, adult-led outside activities
 - Implementing new ways of delivering different play opportunities for all ages
- Improve children and young people's physical and emotional health, by
 - Providing more healthy lifestyle support, and getting more children and young people active in school and community sport
 - Reducing the level of bullying and supporting its victims
- Improve access for children and young people, by
 - Taking services into rural areas and improving transport for children and young people to access activities throughout the area
- Increase children and young people's positive contribution, by
 - Giving children and young people more influence through county and district youth councils, and through seats on locality forums
 - Improving vulnerable young people's wellbeing and independence through enhancing their accommodation and support options

Stronger Communities: By 2026, everyone will have access to first-class services and amenities, and more influence over decisions affecting them.

- Improve access to services/facilities, by
 - Taking services closer to rural communities
 - Giving everyone 'anytime anywhere' access through digital and other technologies
 - Improving transport links by extending community schemes, pressing for more funding for other rural initiatives, and lobbying for better public transport
- Give residents more influence over decisions, by
 - Giving more weight to parish plans in decision making
 - Using digital and other technologies to let residents 'have their say' at meetings and other times
 - Finding out the views of hard-to-reach groups
- Increase the number of affordable homes in rural areas, by
 - Helping communities identify sites for affordable housing
 - Extending the local choice scheme
 - Making more accommodation available by bringing more empty homes into use and encouraging older people to move to smaller properties
- Strengthen the role and work of the voluntary and community sector, by
 - Developing new sources of funding
 - Recruiting more volunteers

Safer Communities: By 2026, we will feel safer, and be safer.

- Reduce the level of crime, by
 - Focusing on priorities and moving resources to tackle them
- Reduce anti-social behaviour, by
 - Providing more activities for children and young people (see Children and Young People) to keep them away from trouble
 - Supporting parents and schools to deal with bad behaviour, and taking tough enforcement action against unacceptable behaviour
- **Reduce violent crime**, by
 - Clamping down on drunken behaviour and under-age drinking
 - Focusing on domestic abuse
- Reduce substance abuse, by
 - Identifying and prosecuting drug pushers
 - Running anti-drugs education programmes in schools
- Reduce theft and robbery, by
 - Working with businesses to deter offenders
- Reduce the fear of crime, by
 - Working closely with communities to support local initiatives like Neighbourhood Watch
 - Involving people of different ages and backgrounds in community projects
- Reduce road accidents, by
 - Cutting traffic speeds, particularly on rural roads, by enforcing speed limits and introducing local safety schemes

Healthier Communities and Older People: By 2026, we will be encouraged to lead healthier lifestyles, and older people will be supported to live independently.

- Improve access to healthcare, by
 - Delivering more services locally supported by electronic services
 - Improving transport links between key health facilities to cut down the time and cost of obtaining treatment
- Support older and vulnerable people to live independently, by
 - Improving, expanding and extending at-home services, and adapting more properties to meet the needs of older people and people with disabilities
- Encourage and support healthier lifestyles, by
 - Encouraging more residents to get involved in sports, leisure and recreation activities and extending opportunities for them to do so across the District
 - Working with employers to launch initiatives in the workplace
 - Increasing the number of residents eating five portions of fruit and vegetables a day
- Reduce health inequalities, by
 - Targeting resources at the areas where they are needed most
 - Delivering more accessible homes, transport, leisure and employment opportunities

Economic Development and Enterprise: By 2026, all sectors of the local economy will be thriving throughout the District.

- Encourage economic growth and change, by
 - Attracting new firms to provide more high-value jobs in the District
 - Supporting business start-ups
 - Increasing the economic vitality of the main rural centres
 - Promoting and encouraging business diversification
- Increase the value of tourism across the whole District, by
 - Encouraging a wider range of hotels, conference facilities and attractions across the District to persuade visitors to visit, stay longer, spend more and visit again
 - Capitalising on the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics
 - Using new technologies to promote the District internationally
- Improve qualifications and skills, by
 - Working with local firms to improve training opportunities for employees
 - Increasing the take-up and success rates in science, technology engineering and maths in schools
 - Working with employers to develop more apprentice and other programmes to help young people enhance their employability skills

Climate Change and Environment: By 2026, we will have created less waste, used less energy and cut our carbon footprint.

- Reduce the District's carbon footprint, by
 - Supporting and setting standards for home energy efficiency and the supply and use of renewable energy
 - Promoting energy efficient, low emissions forms of transport
- Cut the amount of waste we send to landfill, by
 - Encouraging everyone to reduce waste, recycle more and establishing a community re-use shop
 - Increasing the level of home composting and requiring developers to provide home composting bins to new properties
 - Working with industry and government to reduce the amount of packaging used in the first place
- Encourage alternatives to private car use, by
 - Promoting and supporting public transport, car sharing, home working and better facilities for cyclists and pedestrians
 - Promoting better rail services including a bus-rail interchange in Stratford
- Reduce the risk of flooding, by
 - Preventing development in areas prone to flooding and tackling drainage issues in others
- Keep the District amongst the cleanest in the country, by
 - Making litter, graffiti, dog fouling and fly tipping socially unacceptable, and responding rapidly to incidents
- Preserve the District's distinctive character, by
 - Ensuring new development meets strict design quality standards
 - Supporting initiatives to protect and enhance our natural, built and historic environment
 - Protecting locally important wildlife and geological sites and features

Joining it all together

We've identified the key challenges facing our District. Our new strategy sets out what we want to achieve – and some of the key actions to get results.

Many of the issues are linked. For example,

- Better transport links will improve access to facilities and services, support our ageing population and young people, and help both the environment and local economy.
- Improving the quality of the local **environment** will benefit our **health**, and impact on **community safety**.
- Providing more leisure opportunities will improve our health and ease community safety concerns by offering more activities to young people.
- Extending learning opportunities to improve skills and qualifications will strengthen
 the local economy by helping to attract new companies and equipping people to
 access higher-value jobs.
- Providing more affordable housing will help counter our ageing population by keeping more young people in the District, and strengthen the economy by increasing the labour pool locally.
- Creating a stronger local economy with more jobs here will benefit the environment by reducing outward commuting.
- Providing more opportunities for young people will improve community safety
 by keeping them off the streets, and improve their health by getting them more
 active.
- Supporting our **ageing population** to live independently will ease the pressure on **healthcare** and other services.
- ICT, digital and other technologies will improve business efficiency and help attract more visitors, boosting the local **economy**, help the **environment** by reducing unnecessary travel, and improve **access** to many services.

In short, our actions to tackle one challenge will have a knock-on effect on others too.

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SOUTH JOINT COMMITTEE 19 MARCH 2009

Subject: Community Grants
Lead Officer: Rebecca Goodman

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Portfolio Holder: Councillor C Williams

Summary

To consider the proposals made by the South Funding Sub Group for Community Grant awards.

Recommendation

That the Committee considers the recommendations made by the South Funding Sub Group and awards rejects or amends as appropriate.

1 Background/Information

- 1.1 This is the second round of applications received under the new Joint Community Grants Scheme.
- 1.2 All applications have been assessed for eligibility (Appendix 1) and scored against the agreed criteria for the scheme (Appendix 2) by Warwickshire County Council and Stratford on Avon District Council officers. The applications have then been reviewed in detail by the Funding Sub Group held on 17 February 2009 and their subsequent recommendations are included in this report.
- 1.3 The Funding Sub Group is made up of District and County Councilors from the main and opposition parties. Members of the Funding Sub Group for South area are Councillors Dill-Russell, Roache, Seaman and Moorse, who all with the exception of Councillor Roache attended the meeting. The scope of the Group is to conduct a detailed review of each application and provide recommendation to the Joint Committee on what level of grant should be awarded.
- 1.4 Members are asked to refer to the procedure previously agreed by this Committee for handling these recommendations and agreeing grant awards. (Appendix 5).
- 1.5 The committee is reminded that 15% of the grants budget can by used by the Joint Committee to support strategic proposals. One proposal was submitted for this round of funding. Details of the Strategic Budget allocation for the South Committee are given in section 1.8 below.

1.6 Financial information

The budget shown represents the total District and County Council funds for this financial year and is no longer split between revenue and capital.

1.6.1 **Grant Budget**

		Balance remaining
South Area Budget 08/09	£136,990	
Grants Awarded to date	£130,739	£6,251
Awarded under delegated authority (3.1)	£0	
Recommended awards by FSG (3.2)	£6,250	
Recommended Strategic Proposal (4.2)	£0	£0

1.7 **New Applications**

- 1.7.1 No grants have been awarded under delegated authority by officers.
- 1.7.2 The Funding Sub Group recommends awarding grants to the following applicants. Details of applications can be found in Appendix 3.

Organisation	Project	Application score	Recommended Award
ILEAP	Inclusive Leisure Activity Programme for Young People in Stratford District	18	£4,800
Shipston Proms	Music Festival in Shipston Area	13	£600
George Povey Gardening Project	Setting up costs for gardening project for Autistic Children in Stratford District	12	£850

1.7.3 The Funding Sub Group recommends the following grant requests are carried forward and considered alongside new applications in the next financial year should budget be available. Details of applications can be found in Appendix 3.

Organisation	Project	Application score	Requested Award
Cherington Village Hall	To replace the existing village hall with a new building	19	£15,000
Quinton & Admington Village Hall	Changing and Shower facilities in extension at Village Hall	17	£12,230

Organisation	Project	Application score	Requested Award
Little Compton Village Hall	New kitchen, ladies toilet and cloakroom	14	£4,491

1.7.4 The Funding Sub Group recommends the following grant requests are declined. Details of applications can be found in Appendix 3.

Organisation	Project	Application score	Requested Award
Stratford College	Dance & music workshops celebrating culture and diversity in our community	11	£13,067
Loxley Parish Council	Gateway Structures at entrance to village	10	£3,100
Festive Shipston	Shipston Wool Fair & Town Cryer Competition	9	£2,475
Brailes Village Hall	Insulation and Central Heating Improvements	8	£8,903
Age Concern SW	Information & health training programme	8	£13,000

1.1.1 The recommended awards for each grant application are listed above; however these sums may be increased or decreased at the discretion of the Committee.

1.8 Strategic Budget Allocation

- 1.8.1 Under the terms of new joint community grants scheme, 15% of the total budget available may be used by the Joint Committee to fund Strategic projects identified via Community Forum. The Joint Committee may also choose to use the 15% allocation to award Community Grants. At the last December Committee meeting, members chose to allocate the Strategic Budget towards Community Grant Applications. There is therefore no strategic budget available for this financial year.
- 1.8.2 One proposal has been received in relation to the Strategic Allocation for this round of Committee meetings and that is detailed in Appendix 4.

1.1.2 The Funding Sub Group recommends that this proposal is deferred due to insufficient budget.

2 Options available to the Committee

1.9 The Committee has the option in each case of awarding, rejecting or amending the grant recommended by the Funding Sub Group.

3 Members' Comments

1.10 Each application has been supported by a District or County Councillor. These comments have been reviewed and considered by the Funding Sub Group.

4 Implications of the proposal

4.1 Legal/Human Rights Implications

1.10.1 There are no legal/human rights implications to this report.

4.2 Financial

- 1.10.2 See above.
- 1.10.3 The grant requests are listed above. Recommended levels of grant award are shown with each individual application; however these sums may be increased or decreased at the discretion of the Committee.
- 1.10.4 The Financial aspects of each grant application have been reviewed and considered by the Funding Sub-Group.

4.3 Environmental

1.10.5 Successful applicants will be encouraged where appropriate to adopt sound environmental principles when delivering their project.

4.4 Strategic Priorities

4.4.1 The extent to which each application supports delivery of the Local Area Agreement Strategic Priorities is identified within the scoring criteria.

1.11 Equality Impact Assessment

4.4.2 An equality impact assessment has been conducted on each application. Additional points are awarded for projects reducing inequality in the community.

5 Risk Assessment

5.1 A risk assessment has been conducted on each application.

6 Conclusion

6.1 That the Committee considers and awards, rejects or amends grants as appropriate for the applications presented.

Robert Walsh
HEAD OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Criteria of Community Grants Scheme

Eligible Criteria

To be eligible to apply for a Community Grant the project MUST:

- Provide new opportunities for local people or develop the capacity of local people to run their own projects
- Provide lasting benefit
- Contribute to local Strategic Priorities
- Usually require a maximum of £15,000 from this fund
- Be looking to spend the grant within 24 months of its award subject to flexibility on a case by case basis
- Be led by a fully constituted organisation with its own bank account
- Have not been previously funded by this scheme (groups can reapply for a new project as long as previously funded projects have been completed

The Community Grant WILL NOT fund:

- The running costs of an established group or activities which are that groups main service
- Ongoing refurbishment, repair or maintenance
- Any costs incurred before the grant is awarded (unless previously agreed)
- Services which are a groups statutory responsibility
- Activities promoting religious beliefs
- Statutory public bodies such as District or Council Councils, Police, PCT (grants to Parish/Town Councils will be considered where evidence of need is indicated within a parish plan or equivalent)
- Commercial projects

Appendix 2

Evaluation Criteria

Area	Description	Maximum Points
Location	Projects that will benefit priority wards based on the index of Multiple Deprivation	0 - 4
Reducing Inequalities	Projects that will benefit a local community of Group of people experiencing specific disadvantage or exclusion from mainstream activities	2
Community Involvement	 Projects that Have involved the local community and/or the projects end-beneficiaries in developing the project Will generate new opportunities for people to get involved in their community Will help to build the capacity of a community group. 	4
Community Benefit	Projects that will provide new services or opportunities based on identified need.	3
Sustainability	Projects that will create lasting benefits beyond the end of the funding.	2
Partnership working	Projects that work effectively with other organisations.	1
Quality	Projects that are well thought-out, with clear objectives, timescales, budget and success Measures. Projects that are aware of risks, and demonstrate value for money.	2
Strategic Priorities	Projects that will contribute to one or more of the priorities listed and are additional and complementary to other initiatives.	2
	TOTAL POINTS	20

Appendix 3

Application Information from South Funding Sub Group

FSG Comments	Project scores well but there is insufficient budget. Reconsider application at next round of funding	The project supports disadvantaged young people. ILEAP have an excellent track record of delivering successful projects. ALL 3 FSGs recommend AWVARD GRANT	Project scores well but there is insufficient budget. Reconsider application at next round of funding	Project scores well but there is insufficient budget. Reconsider application at next round of funding
Recomm endation from FSG South	03	64,800	60	03
Recomm endation from FSG East	03	£4,500	03	03
Recom mendati on from FSG West	03	£5,100	60	60
Total Project Costs	£300,000	£160,000	£24,461	£8,982
Number of Benefici aries in South Area	808	26	0	250
Total Points Scored	61	8	17	41
Ward	Long	district wide	Quinton	Shipston
Project Description	To provide a new village hall, replacing the existing 90 year old wooden building which has decayed beyond repair and contravenes much legislation	To provide people with mild and moderate learning disabilities and difficulties and their disabled and non-disabled peers the opportunity to meet with friends and take part in leisure activities in their community	A new extension has been built to provide changing and shower facilities for all sporting, arts and community activities. The grant is required to complete this project	To provide a new relocated kitchen, extra ladies toilet & coat hanging area. To turn existing kitchen to table, chair and general storage area
Project Title	New Village Hall	ILEAP in Leisure in Stratford on Avon	To provide changing and shower facilities in the village hall extension	Village Hall Facilities Update
Organisation name	Cherington, Stourton & Sutton under Brailes Hall	ILEAP	Quinton and Admington Village Hall	Little Compton Village Hall

	FSG Comments	The Proms is a successful activity that benefits the whole community of Shipston. Recommended Award is less than requested due to budget constraints.	West FSG - Award Grant, South FSG - Award part Grant of £852 due to budget constraints, East FSG - No Award due to low number of beneficiaries.	The project is for a salaried post with no evidence of how this will be funded in future - lacks sustainability. NO GRANT AWARD	Insufficient budget to award. Due to the nature of the project, the applicant may be more likely to secure funds elsewhere - e.g. Public Realm grant.	The application did not score well against the scheme with little evidence of community involvement in planning the project. Budgets do not add up. No Award.
Recomm endation from FSG	South	6003	£852	03	03	£0
Recomm endation from FSG	East	03	03	03	03	6.0
Recom mendati on from FSG	West	03	£1,649	03	03	03
Total Project	Costs	£9,400	63,900	£93,342	£6,200	£4,950
Number of Benefici aries in South	Area	2000	9	500	350	0
Total Points	Scored	13	27	11	10	O
	Ward	Shipston Town	Snitterfield	Guild an Hathaway	Ettington	Shipston
	Project Description	Provide a live music festival with a variety of musical events in different venues in Shipston Area.	To obtain locally a plot of land to develop a wildflower and vegetable garden to improve life skills of autistic children.	To hold music and dance workshops in schools aimed at people of all ages. Workshops will develop performances celebrating culture and diversity in our community which will be performed at Stratford Music Festival	Constructing gateway structures on grass verges on three roads entering Loxley village	To promote the history and traditions of Shipston on Stour, detailing sheep and sheep farming and reinstate the historical post of town cryer
	Project Title	Shipston Proms Music Festival	George Povey Gardening Project	Stratford upon Avon College and District Community	Installation of village gateways	Shipston Wool Far & Town Cryer Competition
Organisation	name	Shipston Proms	George Povey Gardening Project	Stratford upon Avon College	Loxley Parish Council	Festive Shipston

				Total	Number of Benefici	Total	Recom mendati	Recomm endation from	Recomm endation from	
Organisation name	Project Title	Project Description	Ward	Points Scored	South Area	Project Costs	FSG	FSG	FSG	FSG Comments
										The costs are for a salaried
										post. No other funding
										secured yet and no plans on
	Helping Older									how this post can be funded
	People to									ongoing. Consultation with
	stay Happy	Development of an information								other partners, including SDC
	and Healthy	and health/training programme to								and SCAN has not yet taken
	and at Home	be promoted with partners								place and potential for
Age Concern	in Stratford	responsible for promoting the	District							duplication of services. No
South Warks	District	wellbeing of all Elders.	wide	∞	200	£26,300	£0	£0	£0	Award
										The application did not score
		Installing a central heating								well against the scheme and
		system with radiators, combi								there is insufficient budget so
		boiler, thermostats and								No Award. The applicant may
Brailes	Insulation and	programmer. Supply of instant								wish to reapply in future but
Village Hall	central	hot water in the kitchen and								would recommend further work
Management	heating	heating throughout the building.								on the application before
Committee	improvements	Cavity wall insulation	Brailes	8	1500	£17,807	5 0	£0	£0	submitting.
		Raising awareness and								
		influencing local issues,								
		stimulating local action and good								
		practice. Advice and support to								
	Development	local businesses and community.								The Application does not met
Asian	of Essential	Professional advice for key								the criteria as activities take
Community	Services to	services and combating								place outside the district
Equality	the	inequality issues. Support the	District							(Leamington Spa) and the
Centre	Community	needs of vulnerable community	wide	0	0	£21,595	£0	€0	£0	application is for running costs.

South Joint Committee Project Proposal

Name of Project: Voluntary Community Transport

Warwickshire County Council Social Services

Description of Project for which funding is sought from Joint Committee

The Council for Voluntary Service and Volunteer Bureaux, Stratford on Avon, provides Warwickshire County Council with a transport service for the following departments: Social Services Adult, Social Services Disability Team, Social Service Specialist Team, and Social Services Children's Team.

These departments contact us to arrange for travel for clients to attend day care centres such as Lower Meadow, Limes Day Centre, Low Furlong, Saltway Day Centre, Loxley Day Unit, Victor Hodges Day Centre, Wootton Lodge, Dell Court, etc. We are also asked to take children to schools, foster homes, and other ad hoc needs as they arise.

Priorities, set by the Joint Committees, that will be addressed

We have not been advised of any priorities set by the Joint Committees; however, this service assists in meeting a number of key National Indicators including NI6, NI50, NI71, NI124, NI141, NI175, NI139.

Location of Project

The project is delivered throughout the District of Stratford on Avon.

Who will benefit from the Project?

All clients referred by Social Services Adult, Social Services Disability Team, Social Service Specialist Team, and Social Services Children's Team. Journeys undertaken in the last financial year were:

Area	Journeys	Passengers	Mileage
Alcester Adults	611	622	8,295
Alcester Children	156	157	3,282
Shipston Adults	1,251	1,332	28,303
Southam Adults	378	401	7,221
Southam Children	6	6	176
Stratford Adults	2,285	2,704	48,293
Stratford Children	470	704	7,320
TOTALS	5,157	5,926	102,890

When will it be delivered?

The project is delivered weekdays throughout the year, and at week-ends if required by a client's particular needs.

Outputs to be Achieved

Per year:

Support 200 volunteer drivers within Stratford on Avon District.

Support 35 office volunteers in Volunteer Centres in Stratford upon Avon, Alcester, Shipston on Stour and Southam.

Provide 6,000 vulnerable members of the community with a vital transport service.

Outcomes to be Achieved

Improved quality of life to people living in rural communities who cannot access public or private transport.

Improved quality of life to people to people referred by Social Services who through this project are able to receive care and engage in social activities with others.

Through ongoing training, volunteer drivers are able to provide a caring companion to the clients, which is not the case when the alternative of a commercial taxi service is used.

Proposed monitoring arrangements

Detailed written records are kept of all journeys booked and undertaken.

Client feedback is monitored through the use of regular surveys and informal qualitative data.

What is the long term future of the project (If appropriate)

Stratford on Avon District has a particular need for volunteer transport services because of its rural nature and isolated communities. This will continue to be a factor for the foreseeable future. Projections by Prof Owen (DEFRA research project) highlighted that transport issues will become more urgent and important to rural communities in the period up to 2015.

We anticipate that demand will increase further as pressures mount through the current recession, resulting in many financial and social difficulties for families, and with regard to the growth of the elderly population in the District.

Details of other sources of funding

Mileage at 40p per mile is reimbursed to drivers for each journey undertaken.

There is no external funding to assist with the administrative cost of arranging for transport, checking driver claim forms, photocopying and posting claim forms to the appropriate Social Services cost centre. Administration, stationery, postage, phone and photocopying costs are currently covered by the CVS/VC from its own funds.

When would the project start?

The service has been in operation for 30 years, and has grown considerably over the past 20 years. We have experienced increasing demands from WCC Social Services on the CVS/VC to supply the service.

Analysis of costs - Please be as precise as possible

Staff (Salaries and Expenses)	£10,000
Based on: one third costs of two part-time staff members. The other two-thirds are for time expended on other voluntary transport journeys supported by the PCT.	
The staff operating the scheme from our Alcester, Shipston on Stour and Southam Volunteer Centres are all unpaid volunteers.	
Capital/Equipment	
Other	£4,200
Based on: administration for 6,000 journeys @ 70p per journey. This includes telephone calls (minimum 2 per journey), stationery, photocopying, postage, claim form processing, and liaison with Social Services.	
Total	£ 14,200

Grants - working with the Grants Sub Group

Procedures the SJC Chair will adopt to handle grants

General Principle: Members should gather all the information they need to help them decide whether they agree with the Grants Sub Group's recommendations. The SJC should not duplicate the detailed deliberations of the Grants Sub Group without good reason.

Proposed method for managing the Grants Sub Group section:

- 1. Members ask officers and/or Grants Sub Group members factual questions regarding grant applications no opinions expressed at this point.
- 2. Members request, stating their reason, that a detailed debate on a particular grant application occur. (NB the SJC has agreed that ward members cannot vote on an application in their patch. However as they can speak I think they should not be precluded from requesting a detailed debate for an application for which they are ward member).
- 3. For those applications for which a detailed debate has <u>not</u> been requested, the Grants Sub Group recommendations are automatically agreed en bloc. (NB do we need a formal vote? if so members who have an application within their ward in the en bloc section will have to refrain from voting).
- 4. Detailed debate occurs on extracted applications. Commences with a brief summary from a member of the Grants Sub Group (and/or relevant officer) of the reasoning behind the grant. Reference should also be made to any comments already made in the meeting. During the debate members can ask applicants further questions.
- 5. The Grants Sub Group's recommendation are agreed, rejected or amended. For the latter two options reasons should be recorded so that they can be communicated to the applicants.

Richard Hyde Chair of SJC

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start houses Hampton Lucy D2643 Old Warwick Rd **Brookhampton Lane** D6458 Lane End St James Road Stratford-on-Avon Joint Committee - East Knavehill Farm End of Road Sheep Leys Glebe Farm SC change ို SITE D6081 Hatton Bank Lane C211 Warwick Rd Knightcote Farm C210 Market St C43 Junction Castle Road Y Not Farm Castle Rd A422 From 2009/10 STRATFORD AREA MAINTENANCE SCHEMES D2370 & D2367 Park Lane & St James Rd Knightcote Road Campden Road Pittern hill Farm Warwick Road Stratford Road Plough Lane Abbey lane **New Road** Road STRATFORD AREA CARRIAGEWAY RESURFACING 09/10 D2380 D4086 Settlement Rd No D6080 C43 D6437 B4632 C51 C72 Hampton Lucy Long Marston Alderminster Knightcote Southam Southam Harbury Parish/ Kineton kineton South South

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South	Lower Tysoe	C54	Tysoe Road	A422 Junction	D6458 Lane End
West	Great Alne	C41	Wood lane	Pelham Lane Junction	SC past Layby 300m
West	Luddington	D5443	Luddington Rd Option1	B439 Junction	90deg bend near Bomfords
West	Studley	D5145	Hardwick Lane	SC near Castle	SC near pheasantry
West	Studley	D5204	Stapleton Rd & Banbury Cl	2 areas of overlay on Stapleton Rd	ρį
West	Studley	D5177	The Newlands	Crooks Lane	end of road
West	Wheetley	B4088	Evensham Road	Turnpike Cottage	Wheetley Bank
West	Wixford	C67	Evensham Road	Georges Elm Rd	Junction C215 Wixford
STRATFO	STRATFORD AREA CARRIAGEWAY MICROASPHA	MICROASPHAL.	ALT SURFACING 09/10		
East	Wellesbourne	A429/D6079	Wellesbourne Bypass	Warwick Rd/Wellesbourne Rd Island	and
East	Wellesbourne	A429/B4086	Wellesbourne Bypass	Wellesbourne Bypass/Stratford Rd Island	d Island
East	Wellesbourne	A429/C72	Wellesbourne Bypass	Wellesbourne Bypass/Loxley Rd Island	Island
South	Ettington	A422/A429	Banbury Road	Banbury Rd/Ettington Rd Island	
South	Stratford	D6240	Broad Street	Chesnut Walk	Broad Walk crossroads
South	Stratford	D6243	New Broad Street	Broad Walk Crossroads	End of road
West	Alcester	C205	Henley Street	Swan St	Kinwarton Rd
West	Loxley	C72	Goldicote Rd	C98	spped limit signs
West	Studley	C38	Littlewood Green	A448	Toms Town

Kineton MOD 2nd entrance Sc near Kissing Tree Lane C140 Ladbroke High St S/C Nr Mount Pleasan C35 Avon Dassett Rd D6372 Fisher Rd East Temple Herdewyke D6375 Lakin Drive C143 Plough Lane B4451 Station Rd Hatton Bank Lane B4451 Station Rd D6381 Poplar Rd D6374 Chapel St D6374 Chapel St D6374 Chapel St D6053 Butt Lane D6382 Old Road To End Of Road D6044 High St End of Road End of Road End (2 sites) Tysoe Road Leam Road SD joint End End End End End မ SITE D6080 Dovehouse Lane DRAFT PROPOSALS -B4451 Deppers Bridge Packsaddle Hiill A439 Moreton Morrell C45 SC nr Alveston Lane Kineton high School D6379 Ladbroke Rd C143 Plough Lane C43 South Parade D6381 Poplar Rd B4451 Station Rd D6381 Poplar Rd D6374 Chapel St D6372 Fisher Rd B4451 Station Rd D6372 Fisher Rd D6390 Church St D6372 Fisher Rd D6377 Dadglow Norton Grange D6382 Old Rd Banbury Road Warwick Road Banbury Road Ladbroke Rd Castle Road Park Piece Mini Island **Duffus Hill** From Poplar Rd 2nd Section Banbury Road Layby Kineton House Road Wellesbourne Road Southam Crescent St Michaels Close Mansions Close Castle Crescent **Banbury Road** Orchard Close Stratford Road Vicarage Lane Radway Road Oaktree Close Middle Town Central drive Castle Road The Grange Starbold Rd Dene Close Harbury Rd STRATFORD AREA CARRIAGEWAY SURFACE DRESSING 09/10 Lakin Drive Fosseway Station Rd Poplar Rd Fosseway Fosseway Chapel St Fisher Rd Manor Rd Dog Lane lvy Lane Old Rd High St Road D6056 D6380 D6378 D6369 B4086 D6350 D6382 D6383 D6374 D6375 D6371 D6368 D6391 B4100 D6080 B4455 D6441 D6438 D6450 D6381 D6381 D6372 D6373 B4455 D6406 D6439 D6727 D6348 B4451 C140 C43 Settlement Bishops Itchington Lighthorne Heath Fenny Compton Moreton Morrell Moreton Morrell Moreton Morrell Hampton Lucy Little Kineton Combrooke Ladbroke Hell Hole Alveston Harbury Harbury Gaydon Kineton Kineton 3 Gates Kineton Kineton Kineton Parish/ Area East East

Burmington Turn(Mitford Bridge) 300m north of Tiddington Lane Loxley Road surface change D2364 St James Crescent D6644 Willington Road D6644 Willington Road D6434 Edge Hill Lane Walton Hall Entrrance D6433 Quarry Road D2363 Mill Crescent D6433 Quarry Lane D2375 Pendicke St A422 Banbury Rd County Boundary HRI 200m North C54 Main Road Whatcote Road D6435 High St To end of road To end of road C36 Welsh Rd **Banbury Road** Gaydon Road Halford Road Ettington C49 End End End End End End C51 Sun Rising Hill - C69 junction SITE 2 laybys nr Pillerton Priors S/C Mill Cres Cul de sac Charlecote Road B4088 **DRAFT PROPOSALS** -Incuding Layby D6399 C56 Cherington Road D2363 Mill Crescent Banbury Road A422 D2367 St James Rd C69 Edge Hill Lane C69 Edge Hill Lane Banbury Road C31 Oxhill Bridle Road D6433 Quarry Rd C211 Daventry St D2721 Town Hill Chestnut Square C56 Main Street A3400 Shipston D6431 Old Rd D6431 Old Rd D6431 Old Rd Stratford Road Stratford Road Newbold Road Wellesbourne Kineton Road Kineton Road Kineton Road Elliott Drive Fosse Way D6561 From Bull Street/Craven Lane Newbold Pacey Road Ettington Road Layby Banbury Road Layby Fown Hill - Old Road St James Crescent High St -Old Road Darlingscote Road Walton Park Road Oxhill Bridle Road Malt House Close Grange Gardens Edge Hill Lane Grange Close Warwick Road Granville Road Shipston Road Fulready Lane **Bottom Street** Halford Road Watery Lane Mill Crescent -oxley Close Church Road Rogers Lane Elliott Drive Main Street STRATFORD AREA CARRIAGEWAY SURFACE DRESSING 09/10 Banbury Rd Cherington Ford Lane Quarry Rd Mill Road New Rd Old Rd Road D9316 D6478 D6434 D6432 D6435 D2364 D2363 D6323 D6436 D2362 D6337 D6324 D6562 D6647 D6470 D6476 D6431 D6433 D2721 D2373 D6327 A3400 D6491 D6477 D6668 A429 A422 A422 A429 C56 Settlement Pillerdton Hersey Pillerton Hersey Pillerton Hersey Newbold Pacey Pillerton Priors Wellesbourne Wellesbourne Wellesbourne Wellesbourne Wellesbourne Wellesbourne Wellesbourne Burmingtom Burmingtom Cherington Cherington Armscote Northend Northend Southam Southam Southam Ettington Southam Fulready Fulready Parish/ Ratley Ratley Ratley Ratley Ratley Ratley Ratley Ratley South South South South South South South South East East

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STRATFO	STRATFORD AREA CARRIAGEWAY SURFAC	SURFACE DRES	E DRESSING 09/10	DRAFT PROPOSALS -	
South	Fulready	C109	Whatcote Road	Halford Road C31	Culvert
South	Halford	A429	Fosseway	Halford Island	Tredington Island
South	Ilmington	C71	Darlingscote Road	C49 Armscote Road	A429
South	Ilmington	D6554	Featherbed Lane	C48 Front Street	C71 Darlingscote Road
South	Little Compton	C115	Brewery Road	A44	Last years SD 100m east of Slade Farm
South	Loxley	C98	Stratford Road	Grove Hill Farm Bungalow	Loxley Road S/C
South	Loxley	D6312	Manor Road	Goldicote Road	End
South	Newbold on Stour	D6599	Armscote Road	A3400	C49
South	Newbold on Stour	D6557	Church Lane	A3400	End of road
South	Newbold on Stour	D6556	Brook Lane	A3400	End of road
South	Newbold on Stour	E6995	Mill Lane	A3400	End of road
South	Newbold on Stour	D5657	Church Road	D6599 Armscote Road	End of road
South	Oxhill	D5831	Gilkes Lane	Main Street C108	End
South	Preston on Stour	A3400	Shipston Road	17 Meadows/Trinity Way Island	300m south ofOrchard Hill Farm
South	Preston on Stour	D6515	Admington Road	D6513	200m south of Preston Pastures
South	Quinton	C117	Hidcote Road	C47 Admington Road	New surfacing
South	Shipston	C71	Darlingscote Road	A429	B4035
South	Stratford	A4390	Severn Meadows Road	Evesham Road A439	Old Town Mews
South	Stratford	D6173	Timothys Bridge Lane	Bishopton Lane	SC by industrial site
South	Stratford	D6266	Swans Nest Lane	A439 Bridgefoot	End
South	Stratford	C76	Wood Street	High St	Meer St
South	Stratford	D6103	Park Road	A3400 Birmingham Road	End
South	Stratford	D6143	St Gregorys Road	Maidenhead Rd	Welcome Road
South	Stratford	D6140	Welcombe Road	A439 Warwick Road	Benson Road
South	Stratford	D6142	Cedar Close	Welcome Road	End
South	Stratford	D6138	Benson Rd	Welcome Road	Maidenhead Rd
South	Stratford	D6139	Avenue Road	End	End
South	Stratford	D6141	Rowley Crescent	Maidenhead Rd	Welcome Rd
South	Tiddington	D6195	Knights Lane	B4096 Main St	C98 Loxley Road
South	Tysoe	C54	Tysoe Road	s/c by bend D6456	Village nameplate
South	Whatcote	D6648	Rectory Lane	Whatcote Road C53	End
South	Whatcote	D6649	Church Lane	Whatcote Road C53	End
South	Whatcote	C53	Whatcote Road	Church Lane	The Orchard
South	Wynot	B4632			

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STRATFO	STRATFORD AREA CARRIAGEWAY SURF		ACE DRESSING 09/10	DRAFT PROPOSALS -	
West	Alcester	D5416	Throckmorton	Kinwarton Road	Winchcombe Rd
West	Alcester	D5419	Captain Hill	Captains Hill to	Ten Acres
West	Alcester	D5417	Haselor Close	Throckmorton	End
West	Alcester	D5404	Field Park Drive	Ten Acres	Alne Bank Road
West	Alcester	D5373	Ten Acres Road	Kinwarton Road	Throckmorton
West	Alcester	D54000	Alne Bank Road	Field Park Drive	End
West	Alcester	D54020	Fairwater Crescent	Field Park Drive	End
West	Alcester	D54080	Alcocks Road	Alne Bank Rd	Fairwater Cres
West	Alcester	D54100	Weatheroak Road	Alcocks Rd	End
West	Alcester	D54090	Riverside	Alcocks Road	End
West	Alcester	D54010	Collins Way	Fields Park Drive	Alcock Road
West	Alcester	D5422	Riddle Close	Winchcombe Road	Throckmorton Rd
West	Alcester	D5421	Barlich Way	Winchcombe Road	End
West	Alcester	D5423	Winchcombe Road	Gerards	Throckmorton
West	Alcester	D5418	Gerrards Road	Captains Hill Service Road	Throckmorton Road
West	Alcester	D5405	St Mary's	Throckmorton Rd	Throckmorton Road
West	Alcester	D54110	Wharrage Road	Fairwater Cres	End
West	Barton	C104	Welford Road	B4085 Honeybourne Rd	C47 junction
West	Claverdon	D5257	Kington Lane	A4189 Henly Road	D5256 Langley Road
West	Henley in Arden	C208	Mayswood Road	A4189	50m into 40 zone
West	Henley in Arden	D5226	Station Road	A3400 High StT	Brookend Lane
West	Henley in Arden	D5227	Mayfield Drive	Station Road	End
West	Henley in Arden	D5228	Bear Lane	Station Road	End
West	Henley in Arden	D5235	St John Close	Brookend Drive	End
West	Henley in Arden	D5223	Brookend Drive	Station Road	A4189 New Road
West	Henley in Arden	D5236	BrookEnd Close	Brookend Road	End
West	Henley in Arden	D8034	Whitley Hill	A4189 Warwick Road	End
West	Mappleborough Green	A4189	Henley Road	A435 Birmingham Road	200m west Outhill Lane
West	Mappleborough Green	D5144	Haye Lane	A4189	A435
West	Mappleborough Green	D5142	Orchard Place	A435	End
West	Moreton Morrell	C45	Duffus Hill	The Grange D6348	Moreton Hall
West	Norton Lindsey	C93	Snitterfield Lane	Culvert	Norton Lindsey village name plate
West	Sambourne	D5210	Middletown	Middletown C38	End
West	Snitterfield	D5327	Park Lane	Church Road	SC by 30mph sign

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STRATFO	STRATFORD AREA CARRIAGEWAY SURFAC		E DRESSING 09/1(DRAFT PROPOSALS -	
West	Spernal	D5212	Spernal Lane	Dead End by Vicarage	Spernal Lane End Farm Entrance
West	Studley	D5156	Green Lane	A448 The Slough	to boudary 30mph signs
West	Tanworth in Arden	060	Umberslade Road	C137 Tythe Barn Lane	End
West	Tanworth in Arden	D5005	Malt House lane	Poollhead Lane	Causeway
West	Tanworth in Arden	D2009	Salter Street	C89 Cut throat Lane	Boundary
West	Ullenhall	C208	Ullenhall Rd	A4189	30mph signs
West	Walcote Village	D5435	Walcote Road	C41 Wood Lane	S/C village boundary
West	Wootton Wawen	D5586	The Glebe	A3400	Glebe End
West	Wootton Wawen	D52210	Grey Mill Lane	Grey Mill Lane	Dead End Road
STRATFO	STRATFORD AREA FOOTWAY RECONSTRUC	ONSTRUCTION 09/10	09/10		
West	Alcester	C203	Stratford Road	Bridge	half way to Nursing Home
South	Stratford	D6244	Old Town - Phase 1	to Southern Lane	Church
South	Stratford	D6244	Old Town - Phase 2	Southern Lane	to Church Street
South	Stratford	D6244	Old Town - Phase 3	Church Street	to College Street
South	Stratford	D6210	Cottage Lane	Farm entrance to Private Footpath	th
South	Tiddington	B4086	Main Road	Opp Home Guards	to Alvestone Lane
STRATFO	STRATFORD AREA FOOTWAY SLURRY SEAL	RY SEAL 09/10			
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East	Bishops Itchington	D6382	Old Road	Ladbroke Road	Poplar Road
East	Bishops Itchington	D6380	Central Drive	All	
East	Bishops Itchington	D6384	Hambridge Road	All	
East	Bishops Itchington	D6383	Orchard Close	All	
East	Bishops Itchington	D6381	Poplar Road	Old Rd	Chapel St
East	Bishops Itchington	D6334	Chapel Street	All	
East	Bishops Itchington	D6372	Fisher Road	All	
East	Bishops Itchington	D6373	Mansions Close	All	
East	Gaydon	C31	Kineton Road	Church Road	St Giles Road

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STRATFO	STRATFORD AREA FOOTWAY SLURRY SEA	RY SEAL 09/10			
East	Gaydon	D6410	St Mar's Close	Kineton Road	End
East	Hampton Lucy	C94	Snitterfield Street	Bridge Street	The Langlands
East	Lighthorne	D6354	Church Lane	The Green	End
East	Lighthorne	D6359	Old School Lane	The Green	End
East	Lighthorne	960	Bishop's Hill	Verney Close	Old School Lane
East	Lighthorne	D6357	Mountford Rise	Bishop's Hill	End
East	Long Itchington	D2343	Wulfstan Drive	All Cul-De-Sac	
East	Long Itchington	C33	Stockton Road	A423	School
East	Southam	D2394	Bridge End	All cul-de-sac	
East	Welles/Walton	D6326	Walton Road		
East	Wellesbourne	D6337	Grange Gardens	Ettington Road	End
East	Wellesbourne	B4086	Warwick Road Lhs	Cherry Orchard	Newbold Road
East	Wellesbourne	B4086	Warwick Road	Inner gyratory	
East	Wellesbourne	B4086	Kineton Road Rhs	School Lane	Willow Drive
East	Wellesbourne	D6344	Holly Lodge	Lowes Lane	End
East	Wellesbourne	D2455	Gloster Gardens	Vehicular crossings	
East	Wellesbourne	B4086	Warwick Road	Church Street	Bridge Street
East	Wellesbourne	C72	Bridge Street Rhs	Warwick Road	Stratford Road
East	Wellesbourne	C72	Ettington Road Rhs	Chapel Street	Walton Road
East	Wellesbourne	D9319	Loxley Road Rhs	Harris Close	Loxley Close
South	Ettington	D6490	Avon Close	Banbury Road	Avon Fields
South	Ettington	D6501	Old Warwick Rd/Halford Rd	Banbury Road	End
South	Ettington	D6485	Kents Lane	Banbury Road	Nelson Close
South	Ettington	D2744	Nelson Close	Kents Lane	End
South	Ettington	D6500	Spring Lane	Rookery Lane	End
South	Halford	A429	Fosse Way	o/s Garage	
South	Halford	A429	Fosse Way	Queen Street	Queen Street
South	Halford	F2048	Adj Halford Inn/Village Hall	Fosse Way	Mill Street
South	Oxhill	C53	Whatcote Road Rhs	Green Lane	Main Street
South	Oxhill	C108	Main Street	Whatcote Road	Green Lane
South	Oxhill	D6470	BeechRoad	Main Street	Back Lane
South	Stratford	D6204	West Green Drive	All	

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STRATFO	STRATFORD AREA FOOTWAY SLURRY SEAL 09/10	RY SEAL 09/10			
South	Stratford	D6205	Hathaway Green Lane	All	
South	Stratford	D6206	East Green Drive	All	
South	Stratford	D6207	Redlands Crescent	All	
South	Stratford	D6208	South Green Drive	All	
South	Stratford	D6215	Hathaway Lane	Evesham Road	Quineys Road
South	Stratford	D8064	Seymour Road	All	
South	Stratford	D6222	Winston Close	All	
South	Stratford	D6250	Evans Close	All	
South	Stratford	D6255	Mountbatten Close	All	
South	Stratford	D6179	Montgomery Close	All	
South	Stratford	D6214	Quineys Road	All	
South	Stratford	D6304	Gainsborough Road	,	
South	Stratford	D6305	Hogarth Road	All	
South	Stratford	D6306	Pine Close	All	
South	Stratford	D6307	Boucher Close	All	
West	Alcester	D5359	Meadow Rd	All	
West	Alcester	D5368	St Faiths Rd	All	
West	Alcester	D5401	Collins Way	All	
West	Alcester	D5409	Riverside	All	
West	Alcester	D5410	Weatheroak Rd	All	
West	Alcester	D5408	Alcocks Rd	All	
West	Alcester	D5402	Fairwater Close	All	
West	Alcester	D5400	Alne Bank Rd	All	
West	Alcester	D5418	Gerrards Rd	All	
West	Alcester	D5417	Haselor Close	All	
West	Alcester	D5404	Field Park Drive	All	
West	Henley in Arden	D5230	Johnson Place	All	
West	Henley in Arden	D5237	Rose Ave	All	
West	Henley in Arden	D5118	Beaudesert Ln	All	
West	Henley in Arden	A4189	Warwick Rd	A3400	Arden Rd
West	Studley	B4093	Redditch Rd	High St	Griffin PH
West	Studley	D5176	Crooks Ln	High St	Middletown Ln
West	Studley	B4092	Station Rd	Crooks Ln	The Slough

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STRATFO	STRATFORD AREA FOOTWAY SLURF	RY SEAL 09/10			
West	Studley	B4092	High St	A435	Crooks Ln
West	Studley	D5187	Park Ave	All	
West	Studley	D5147	Castle Rd	A435	Wickham Rd
West	Tanworth	D5030	Arden Leys	All	
West	Ullenhall	C208	Henley Rd	Forde Hall Ln	Barrells Hall

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	STRATFORD CARRIAGEWAYS	IAYS				
South	Atherstone	D6511	Atherstone road	manor house	E6993 Middle Barn Lane	55mmOL
South	Brailes	D6696	Stocktrees Road	turn Circ in front of church		40mm OL
South	Burmington	C56	Cherington Road	D6647 Junction	Hazelwood Manor farm	55mmOL
South	Ettington	A429	Ettington Road	layby near quarry site	Ettington roundabout	100mmol
South	Halford	A429	Fosse Way	Splitter Island Halford	Speed limit sign North Halford	100 Plane
South	Admington	D6535	Downs Hill Road	SC 04/05 scheme	to county boundary	55mmOL
South	Ilmington	C49	Mickleton Rd	playing fields	Old Rectory	55mmOL
South	Long Compton	D6990	Butlers Road	No13	Rollright Rd	55mmOL
South	Strafford	B4632	Campden Road	Clifford Bank Farm	red Hill House	70mmOL
South	Middle Tysoe	D6468	Sandpits Road	Oxhill Road	Main Street	40mmOl
South	Newbold on Stour	D5657	Church Road	D6559 Armscote Road	To end of Road	40mmOL
South	Newbold on Stour	D6555	Moss Lane/Rimmel Close	A3400	To end of Rimmel	55mmOL
South	Pillerton priors	D6503	Sandpits Road	A422	End	55mm OL
South	Shipston	D6608	Calloways Rd	A3400 London Road	End of Road	55mmOL
South	Shipston	A429	Fosse Wy	Barn Road Entrance	D6562 Darlingscote Road	Inlay
South	Stourton	C56	Whichford Road	D6668	D6683 Hill Road	40mmol
South	Stratford	D6174	Link Road	Mason Rd	End	100 plane
South	Stratford	D6202	Longfords Lane	A3400	C98	55mmOL
South	Stratford	D6269	Dale Ave	Avon Crescent	A422	40mmOL
South	Stratford	B4632	B4532 Camden Rd	Cold comfort Farm	Sheep Leys Farm	1000/L +kerb
South	Stratford-on-Avon	D6214	Quiney's Road	D6218 Shottery Road	D6215 Hathaway Lane	100 plane
South	Sutton under Brailes	C202	Traitors Ford Lane	Sutton Road	Traitors Ford Lane	55mmOL
South	Stretton u Fosse	A429	Fosse Way	Rowbourough Farm area	B4035 Cambden Rd X Roads	Recon
South	Temple Grafton	C100	New Road	Croft Lane	Evesham Road	55mmOL
South	Treddington	D6659	Church Road	A3400 Stratford Road	C49 Ilmington Road	55mmOL
South	Treddington	D6575	Mill Lane	Church Lane	E6995	100mm Plane
South	Treddington	D6556	Brook Lane	A3400	End of Road	40mm OL
South	Tidmington	D6583	Ditchford Road	A3400 Shipston Road	E6583 Ditchford Lane	55mmOL
South	Welford on Avon	D5454	Boat Lane	Church Street	To end of road	55mmOL
South	Welford on Avon	D5456	Headland Road	Boat Lane	Barton Road	Micro
South	Whichford	D6678	The Firs	D6677 Whichford Road	To end of road	55mmOL
South	Tysoe	690	Sugarswell Lane	A422 Junction	To County Boundary	55mmOL

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	STRATFORD CARRIAGEWAYS	AYS				
East	Chadsnut	D6407	Radway Road	C31 Southam Road	To end of Road	55mmOL
East	Combrook	D6364	Combrook Road	B4086	Church Hill	Haunch
East	Harbury	C143	Plough Lane	Butts Lane	Towards Bish Itch	55mmOL
East	Kineton	C53		C54 Tysoe Road	2004 Tracy Scheme	55mmOL
East	Kineton	D6451	Red Road	C54 Tysoe Road	EntTo Red House Farm	55mm O/L
East	Lower Shuckburgh	C74	Brickyard Lane		to Canal Bridge	55mmOL
East	Lower Wawensmere	D5216	Road	Rd	shelfield junction	55mmOL
East	Marston Doles	D2316		apel Green	D2317 Meadow Gate	55mm OL
East	Priors Marston	C36	Southam Road		to the old Mill	55mm OL
East	Upper wawensmere	660	Wawensmere Rd	wensmere	SC 200m east mort bag xrds	55mmOL
East	Wellesbourne	B4086	Warwick Road	Shell Garage	B4086 Kineton Road	plane 100
East	Wellesbourne	B4086	fritz Hill	Bow shot island	Fritz hill cottages	70mmOL
West	Coughton	D5355	Coughton Fields Lane	A435	Ford	Resurface
West	Alcester	A422	Arrow Lane	County Boundary by A441	towards Alcester for 1950m	55mmOL
West	Barton	C104	ad		Bunkers Hill Farm	55mmOL
West	Barton	D5751	Barton Fields		End of Road	55mmOL
West	Beaudesert	D5021	Bushwood Lane	Junction	D5021 Nuthurst road	55mmOL
West	Buckley Green	D5117	Buckley Green Lane	A4189	End Of Road	55mmOL
West	Claverdon	C40	Saddlebow Lane		C39 Salters Lane	55mm OL
West	Earlswood	C89		C90 Umberslade Road	C137 Tithe Barn Lane	70mmOL
West	Earlswood	C90	Old Umberslade Road	arn Lane	End Of Road	55mmOL
West	Henley in Arden	A3400	Stratford Road	Station Road	North Henley Speed Limit	Micro
West	Mappleborough Green	A4189	Warwick Highway	County Boundary	Nursery	100 plane
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West	Preston Green	D5244	ane	9	End	55mmOL
West	Salford Priors	C103			Bridge	55mmOL
West	Spernal	D5217	St Leonards Church Road	C39 Spernal Lane	End Of Road	55mmOL
West	Studley	A448	The Slough	Middleton Lane	County Boundary	Inlay
West	Tanworth-In-Arden	C20			B4101 Broad Lane Junction	30mmOL
West	Salford Priors	D5492	yton Lane	Road	To end of Road	55mmOL
West	Salford Priors	D5496			Station Road East	haunch
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West	Walcote	D5435	Walcote Road	Walcote Farm	village speed limit	Micro
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Area	Settlement	Rd No	Road	From	То	Treatment
	STRATFORD FOOTWAYS					
South	Ettington		Avon Close	All		Reconstruct
South	Great Wolford		Village Road	C54	Notice Board	Reconstruct
South	Halford		Main Rd	Queen St	Island	Reconstruct
South	Ilmington		Mickleton Road C49	Junction of D6538 Back Stlsports club	sports club	Reconstruct
South	Long Compton		Old Hill C116	A3400 Junction	D6694 The Hollows	Reconstruct
South	Middle Tysoe		Main St	O/S Post Office	Brick footway	Reconstruct
South	Shipston		Sheep Street	Darlingscote	High Street	Reconstruct
South	Shipston		Mayo Dr	All		Reconstruct
South	Stratford		Chapel Lane	All		Reconstruct
South	Stratford		Bridge Street	All		Reconstruct
South	Stratford		Church St	All		Reconstruct
South	Stratford		High St	All		Reconstruct
South	Stratford		Banbury Road	Shipston Road Island	Bridgetown Road	Reconstruct
South	Stratford		Luddington Road	All		Reconstruct
South	Stratford		Halford Road	All		Reconstruct
South	Stratford		Cottage Lane	The Tryst House	Anne Hathaways Cottage	Reconstruct
South	Stratford		Gt William St	All		Reconstruct
South	Stratford		Bishopton Ln	All		Reconstruct
South	Stratford		Bordon Hill	Top of hill away from Town towards Dodwel	towards Dodwell	Reconstruct
South	Stratford		Hunts Road	All		Reconstruct
South	Tiddington		Wellesbourne Road	Alveston Lane	Church Lane	Reconstruct
South	Tredington		Ilmington Road	D6564	Lower Farm	Reconstruct
South	Whichford		Ascott Road	All		Reconstruct
East	Kineton		King Johns Road	entire		Reconstruct
East	Kineton		Brookhampton Lane	All		Reconstruct
East	Long Itchington		Model Village	All		Reconstruct
East	Napton		High St	Chapel Yard	Dog Ln	Reconstruct
East	Southam		Parkfields	Little Park	Garages	Reconstruct
East	Southam		Little Park	Park Ln	Garages	Reconstruct
	Southam		Horsewell	Parkfields	Garages	Reconstruct
East	Southam		Elm Close	All		Reconstruct

East	Southam		Market Hill	Coventry Hill	High Street	Reconstruct
East	Warmington		School Ln	Banbury Rd	Village Rd	Reconstruct
East	Wellesbourne		Footpath	SD 122/122A Lowes Ln	Garden Terrace	Reconstruct
				SITE		
Area	Settlement	Rd No	Road	From	To	Treatment
	STRATFORD FOOTWAYS					
East	Nothend		The Prebend	All		Reconstruct
East	Hatton Rock		A439	D6080	Springfield Cottages	Reconstruct
East	Gaydon		Kineton Rd	Church Close	St Marks Close	Reconstruct
East	Avon Dassett		Lower End	Hillside Farm	Honeywood	Reconstruct
East	Warmington		Chapel Street	School Lane	Church Hill	Reconstruct
West	Alcester		Kinwarton Rd	Gunnings Bridge	Ten Acres	Reconstruct
West	Claverdon		Station Road A4189	both sides of C40 Saddlebow Lane junction	w Lane junction	Reconstruct
West	Henley		High Street	Phase 1 of 11		Reconstruct
West	Henley		Cherry Orchard	All		Reconstruct
West	Tanworth		Shutt Lane	All		Reconstruct
West	Tanworth		The Green		+ Adj FW's	Reconstruct
West	Ullenhall		Ullenhall St C208	St Marks Close	Forde Hall Lane	Reconstruct
West	Wilmcote		Station Road	Mary Ardens	Bidge	Reconstruct

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AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Stratford-on-Avon South Joint

Committee

Date of Committee 19 March 2009

Report Title Provision of primary school places in

Stratford-upon-Avon town

Summary The purpose of this report is to provide feedback on

consultations with stakeholders on a review of primary school places in Stratford-upon-Avon and to invite any comments for Cabinet when it considers

the matters.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? [please identify]

relevant plan/budget provision]

No

Background papers

- School Organisation Framework Document 2005/10
- WCC Stratford-on-Avon Area Committee report 25.9.05
- Stratford South Joint Committee report 25.9.08
- Cabinet report 16.10.08
- Consultation document "Proposals on the provision of schools places in Stratford-upon-Avon", January 2009

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-

Details to be specified

Other Committees X Stratford West Joint Committee 12.3.09

Local Member(s) X Stratford town members consulted at Joint

Committee meeting 25.9.08



Other Elected Members	<u>[X]</u>	Spokespersons for information: Cllr John Burton Cllr Richard Grant Cllr John Whitehouse
Cabinet Member	X	Cllr Izzi Seccombe
Other Cabinet Members consulted		
Chief Executive		
Legal	X	Diane Nation – no comments to make
Finance		
Other Strategic Directors		
District Councils		
Health Authority		
Police		
Other Bodies/Individuals	X	All stakeholders
FINAL DECISION	NO	
SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:		Details to be specified
Further consideration by this Committee		
To Council		
To Cabinet	X	Cabinet 2.4.09 meeting
To an O & S Committee		
To an Area Committee		
Further Consultation		



Stratford-on-Avon South Joint Committee 19 March 2009

Provision of primary school places in Stratford-upon-Avon town

Report of the Strategic Director for Children, Young People and Families

Recommendation:

- (1) That the Joint Committee considers the proposals and the feedback on consultations with stakeholders on proposals to:
 - (a) increase the capacity of The Willows C of E (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School from 40 to 45 pupils per year with effect from September 2010,
 - (b) increase the capacity of Alveston C of E (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School from 20 to 30 pupils per year with effect from September 2010,
 - (c) change the Bridge Town Primary School priority area by transferring the parish of Clifford Chambers to the priority area of Welford-on-Avon Primary School with effect from September 2010 admissions.
- (2) That the Joint Committee considers any comments it wishes to make to Cabinet.

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 On 25th September 2008, the Joint Committee considered a report setting out the position concerning the provision of primary school places in Stratford-upon-Avon and indicating the intention to bring forward proposals to address the situation.
- 1.2 At its meeting on 16th October 2008, Cabinet agreed to carry out formal consultation on proposals to:
 - increase the capacity of The Willows C of E (Voluntary Controlled)
 Primary School from 40 to 45 pupils per year
 - increase the capacity of Alveston C of E (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School from 20 to 30 pupils per year



- change the Bridge Town Primary School priority area by transferring the parish of Clifford Chambers to the priority area of Welford-on-Avon Primary School
- increase the admission number of Welford-on-Avon Primary School from 28 to 30 places.

Each proposal would come into effect from September 2010 admissions.

1.3 The formal consultations with stakeholders took place between 5th January and 27th February 2009. The purpose of this report is to feedback to Members on the response to those consultations and to seek any comments on the proposals for forwarding to Cabinet when it determines these matters.

2. Background

- 2.1 The town of Stratford-upon-Avon is served by eight primary schools, including St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School, three Church of England Voluntary Controlled schools and four Community primary schools.
- 2.2 Stratford has attracted significant numbers of new houses as the only town in South Warwickshire to be designated for large-scale housing developments. A large number of new houses have been built over the last 10 years and the number of additional children living in the town has resulted in some schools being full while others have year groups or some classes that are full.
- 2.3 Three primary schools are currently operating above their physical capacity: Stratford Primary School, Alveston Church of England (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School and St. Gregory's Catholic (Aided) Primary School. In December 2007 it was agreed that an additional classroom would be provided at Bishopton Primary School to enable the school to increase its capacity from 22 to 30 pupils per year from September 2009.
- 2.4 Table 1 sets out the number of pupils on roll in each primary school in Stratford for September 2008:



Table 1
Number of primary school pupils on roll and school capacities as at September 2008
(source: September School Survey)

School	Capa- city	No. on roll Sep 2008	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	PAN*
Alveston Church of England Primary	140	145	29	21	18	14	18	25	20	20
Bishopton Primary	154	140	24	25	19	14	19	19	20	22
Bridge Town Primary	315	307	45	45	42	38	46	47	44	45
Shottery St. Andrew's Church of England Primary	70	64	10	12	6	10	7	12	7	10
St .Gregory's Catholic (Aided) Primary	210	221	30	30	30	32	35	32	32	30
Stratford Primary	210	214	30	30	30	30	29	31	34	30
The Willows Church of England Primary	280	269	38	41	34	37	41	36	42	40
Thomas Jolyffe Primary	420	405	58	58	60	59	55	55	60	60
Total	1,799	1,765	264	262	239	234	250	257	259	257

^{*} PAN = the official Planned Admission Number

- 2.5 The pupil forecast for Stratford indicates that the pupil population of primary schools could rise by a further 113 pupils by September 2012. While this would largely be as a result of additional pupils from new housing developments due to be built in the town by 2012, the increase will also be supported by a stable birth rate, according to health authority data. A breakdown of the pupil forecast from 2008 to 2012 is set out in Table 2.
- 2.6 The situation with regard to new housing developments after 2012 is still under consideration by the District Council and this will need to be monitored carefully. It is clear, however that there will be further new housing constructed in the town after 2012. One potentially contentious development which may yet arise after 2012 is in the Shottery Fields area, where some 700 plus dwellings have been planned at various times. If this development were to go ahead in the future, it is intended that the current Shottery Church of England Primary School would be enlarged and relocated to the new estate with a contribution from developers towards the cost.



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Table 2
Forecast numbers of pupils up to 2012, including expected rise in pupil numbers resulting from housing development* and forecast school capacity also up to 2012

Dunil Numbere	Actual	Forecast						
Pupil Numbers	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012			
(a) Demographic Factor	1,765	1,749	1,742	1,750	1,759			
(b) New Housing Factor	included	42	63	98	119			
(a + b) =Total demand	1,765	1,791	1,805	1,848	1,878			
Primary School Capacity in Stratford	1,799	1,855	1,855	1,855	1,855			
Number of spare places	34	64	50	7	-23			

This table:

- (i) Assumes housing built up to 2012 is developed at a steady rate throughout the period, and
- (ii) Shows the capacity of Bishopton Primary School increasing from September 2009 admissions.
- 2.7 Table 2 shows that on the basis of the demographic and new housing information available, it is estimated that the number of primary school pupils in the town will exceed current total capacity of schools in the town by 2012.
- 2.8 In September 2008 admissions, the current Reception year capacity of Stratford town schools was exceeded by 8 pupils and was managed mainly by Bishopton and Alveston schools admitting above their published admission limits. In 2009, the number of applications received so far indicates that all schools could ultimately be fully subscribed. Although the situation may be slightly improved in 2010, a large Reception cohort of 281 pupils is forecast for 2011, some 16 above the agreed Reception year capacity.

Table 3
Total actual and forecast Reception class pupil numbers –
Stratford-upon-Avon town primary schools 2008 to 2012

	Act	ual	Forecast				
School name	Jan 2008	Sep 2008	Sep 2009	Sep 2010	Sep 2011	Sep 2012	
Total demand for reception class places in Stratford	255	264	264	249	281	268	
Total reception year capacity in Stratford	257	257	265	265	265	265	
Surplus reception class places in town	2	-7	1	16	-16	-3	



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2.9 As well as ensuring that there are enough school places across the town, there is also an issue about whether the current school places are located where they are needed. Families should be able to secure a school place in a local school within a reasonable distance from their home. In the town of Stratford-upon-Avon there is a degree of 'cross over' of pupils, with pupils living in one priority area attending a school in another area. Whilst most of this is due to parental preference, it can also happen if a school is unable to provide places for all of the children in its priority area. There is a particular problem in relation to Bridge Town Primary School where, due to new housing developments close to the school, it was unable to admit all of the applicants from its priority area for admission to the Reception Year Group in September 2008. Indications are that the level of oversubscription at Bridgetown Primary from within its priority area may be even higher in September 2009.

3. Proposal

3.1 This consultation includes four separate proposals. Each proposal is self-contained. As they relate to schools within the Joint Committees for both Stratford West and Stratford South, they are included in this paper for information and completeness.

3.1.1 Proposal 1 – Increase the capacity of The Willows Church of England (Controlled) Primary School from 40 to 45 places per year

The Willows is a 4-11 years school serving part of the central area of the town and has 273 pupils on roll against a current capacity of 280 pupils. Increasing the school's capacity to 45 pupils per year would require the addition of two classrooms. It is also proposed to locate new early years provision on the site, following the withdrawal of the previous private provider. The proposal has the support of the school's governing body.

3.1.2 Proposal 2 – Increase the capacity of Alveston Church of England (Controlled) Primary School from 20 to 30 places per year

Alveston School in Tiddington is a 4-11 years school and is one of two schools serving the south-eastern side of the town. It has 137 pupils on roll against a current capacity of 140 pupils. Increasing the school's capacity to 30 pupils per year would require the addition of three classrooms. The proposal has the support of the school's governing body.

An increase in the admission numbers of Alveston and The Willows would enable these schools to provide school places for pupils living in Stratford. Other schools in the town are also benefiting from higher pupil numbers and this proposal is unlikely to have a negative effect on them.

A total of up to £2.2m has been allocated from within the County Council's capital programme to provide the additional accommodation at Alveston and The Willows schools.



3.1.3 Proposal 3 – Increase the admission number of Welford-on-Avon Primary School from 28 to 30 places per year

Welford-on-Avon Primary School is a 4 to 11 years school serving the parishes of Welford, Milcote, Dorsington and parts of the parishes of Long Marston, Temple Grafton and Binton. The school has 214 pupils on roll against a current capacity of 196 pupils when the school was last measured in 2002. Although it is not proposed to add further accommodation, the school is, in effect, already very successfully operating above 28 pupils per year. The proposal has the support of the school's governing body

3.1.4 Proposal 4 – Reduce the priority area of Bridge Town Primary School by transferring the parish of Clifford Chambers to the priority area of Welford-on-Avon Primary School

The priority area of Bridge Town Primary School covers a comparatively large geographical area comprised Stratford east of the river to the Tiddington Road, Loxley Road and the parishes of Atherstone-on-Stour, Clifford Chambers and Preston-on-Stour (excluding Sweet Knowle). In 2007 of the 45 reception places offered at Bridge Town Primary School, 44 children lived in the school's priority area. In 2008 there were 61 applications from pupils living in the school's priority area for 45 reception places and therefore16 'in area' pupils were refused admission including pupils living in Clifford Chambers. Initial information on school preferences for September 2009 admissions suggests there may be a similar problem.

It is currently considered that the school site at Bridge Town School is too small to extend its buildings.

The admission criteria for Community schools like Bridge Town and Welford give priority for admission to those children living within the priority area of the school and if there too many 'in area' pupils places are allocated firstly to 'in area' pupils who have an older brother or sister already at the school and then to those living nearest to the school, using straight line measurement. Although children living in the parish of Clifford Chambers are within the priority area for Bridge Town Primary School, they are furthest away and recent experience has shown that they are unlikely to be offered a place at the school given the level of oversubscription.

Taking the parish of Clifford Chambers out of the Bridge Town Primary School priority area will reduce the pressure for places at Bridge Town and give pupils living in Clifford Chambers a higher priority for admission to Welford Primary School. Bridge Town School approximately 1.5 miles from Clifford Chambers and Welford Primary is approximately 3 miles.

Welford Primary School is a popular and oversubscribed school and although it is also full, almost one-third of its intake comes from outside its school priority area. If the parish of Clifford Chambers were in the priority area of Welford Primary School, parents living in Clifford Chambers would almost certainly be able to secure a place at that school.



Given that there are, on average, only 3 reception pupils per year living in Clifford Chambers, it is accepted that the proposal will not solve oversubscription at Bridge Town Primary School, although it will help. More far reaching changes to the priority area of Bridge Town may have to be considered in the future.

It is not anticipated that the proposal would have any negative effect on pupil numbers at Bridge Town Primary School and the school will continue to fill to its admission number. The parents of pupils living in the parish of Clifford Chambers would still be able to apply for a place at Bridge Town Primary School but would have a lower priority than pupils living in the priority area and would be unlikely to obtain a place. The proposal is not supported by the governing body of Bridge Town School but is supported by the Welford School governors.

Table 4
Number of pupils currently on roll and forecast to be on roll at Bridge Town
Primary School and Welford-on-Avon Primary School

	School capacity	NOR Sept 2008	Forecast				
School			Sept 2009	Sept 2010	Sept 2011	Sept 2012	
Bridge Town Community Primary	315	310	310	308	306	311	
Welford-on-Avon Community Primary	196	214	214	211	210	211	

Source: September 2008 actual figures – September 2008 PLASC return.

A map showing the proposed priority areas changes is attached as **Appendix A** of this report.

Although priority area issues are usually determined by the Area Committee, as Welford Primary is located in the Stratford West Joint Committee area, and this proposal therefore affects schools in two different Joint Committee areas, the legal advice is that determination should be made by Cabinet.

3.2 If approved, each proposal would affect admission arrangements with effect from September 2010 admissions onwards.

4. Consultation

4.1 A consultation paper setting out the proposals was sent to all parents, prospective parents, staff, the governing bodies and the Pupil School Councils of Alveston Church of England (Controlled) Primary, The Willows Church of England (Controlled) Primary, Bridge Town Primary and Welford-on-Avon Primary Schools, other schools in Stratford-upon-Avon, Stratford-on-Avon District Council and Parish Councils in Stratford District, Diocesan Education Authorities, admission authorities and neighbouring Local Authorities.



- 4.2 The responses received at the time of drafting the report are summarised below. Copies of the full response will be placed in Members' Group Rooms for inspection.
- 4.2.1 Proposal 1 Increase the capacity of The Willows Church of England (Controlled) Primary School from 40 to 45 places per year

<u>Alveston C of E Primary School</u> – supports the proposed change.

4.2.2 Proposal 2 – Increase the capacity of Alveston Church of England (Controlled) Primary School from 20 to 30 places per year

Alveston C of E Primary School – supports the proposed change.

Two parents of Alveston Primary School

Part of the school's appeal is its small size but a larger staff will bring new and different skills. The opportunity to move to single aged classes will have many advantages and is welcomed.

4.2.3 Proposal 3 – Increase the admission number of Welford-on-Avon Primary School from 28 to 30 places per year.

Welford Parish Council – supports the proposal.

A parent of Welford Primary School

The parent is concerned that pupils have risen above 30 as a result of pupils being admitted on appeal and concerned that the situation could be made worse by an admission number of 30.

Two parents of Welford Primary School – support the proposal.

Comment

There is no reason why an admission limit of 30 should lead to classes of more than 30 on appeal. For infant classes there is a legal presumption against class sizes of more than 30 pupils.

Clifford Chambers and Milcote Parish Council – fully support this proposal

4.2.4 Proposal 4 – Reduce the priority area of Bridge Town Primary School by transferring the parish of Clifford Chambers to the priority area of Welford-on-Avon Primary School

Alveston C.of E. Primary School

The school does not think that moving the priority area for Clifford Chambers will contribute much to resolving oversubscription at Bridge Town Primary School and wonders why the Loxley Road area is not transferred to the priority area of Alveston C of E Primary.



Comment

The consultation document makes it clear that the proposed changes for Clifford Chambers will not resolve oversubscription at Bridge Town although it may help and should assist pupils in Clifford Chambers in securing primary school places in a local school. The document also says that changes to the Bridge Town Primary School priority area may have to be considered in the future given the level of oversubscription for Bridge Town Primary School for September 2009 admissions is even higher than in 2008 and greater than forecast.

Welford Parish Council – supports the proposal.

Four sets of parents of Welford Primary School

Support the proposal and two of these sets of parents stress that Clifford Chambers pupils are not guaranteed a place at Bridge Town Primary School and the proposal would provide greater security of a place at Welford Primary. The same parents point out that Quinton should not be considered as an alternative school, asserting that the main residential area in Clifford Chambers is closer to Welford.

<u>Clifford Chambers and Milcote Parish Council</u> – fully support this proposal

Stratford-on-Avon District Councillor

Parents living in Clifford Chambers but working in Stratford may find it difficult to transport pupils to and from Welford School, e.g. if children need to take part in after-school activities.

General comments made by a Stratford-on-Avon District Councillor, a parent of two children attending Welford Primary School and a parent of a local school:

- Concern that under the proposals there will still not be enough school places in Stratford. Paper does not address problems caused by lack of spare places in year groups other than reception.
- Shortage of spare places limits parental choice.
- New housing does not take sufficient account of the availability of schools and the impact on access to local schools for existing residents.
- Shottery Primary School should be relocated and enlarged.
- Offers no solution to oversubscription at Bridgetown Primary.
- Class sizes will increase under the proposals
- Consultation does not address secondary school places situation in the town.

Comments

The proposal is a very deliverable way of providing 105 additional primary school places in Stratford, in addition to the 56 places provided at Bishopton. By 2012 it is forecast that this would mean a surplus of approximately 82 places instead of a shortage of 23. Longer term solutions to oversubscription in



the Bridge Town Primary area, particularly in the light of the latest admission round, will need to be further addressed and it is hoped to bring a further paper for the consideration of Members later in the year.

While the County Council has developed a much closer working relationship with District Council planners and there has been very good liaison in terms of the Regional Spatial Strategy and local plans after 2011 and the Eco town, this Authority has no veto over the size and location of housing developments.

The development of Shottery Primary School cannot be actioned until and unless the possible development of the Shottery Field area is finally determined. A plot has been reserved on the development, should it go ahead, for a larger school just to accommodate the needs of the development.

Class size is not an issue here. None of the proposals would mean schools breaching the Infant Class Size Regulations and having more than 30 pupils in an infant class. The proposal would, over time, mean Alveston Primary School being able to move to single age classes.

The expansion of secondary school places in Stratford was the subject of similar consultations in 2007, which resulted in Stratford High School increasing its admission limit from 240 to 265 places with effect from September 2009. The High School has been able to meet all in-area demand since it transferred to its current site and the new build already approved will enable it to continue to do so.

5. Summary

It is clear that there is a need to provide additional primary school places in Stratford town to meet an increased demand for places due to the impact of rising new births as well as new housing. There is broad support for the proposals and also a concern that there may need to be further steps taken to provide some surplus capacity across the town to widen parental choice and in particular address the pressure for school places in the Bridge Town area.

6. Recommendation

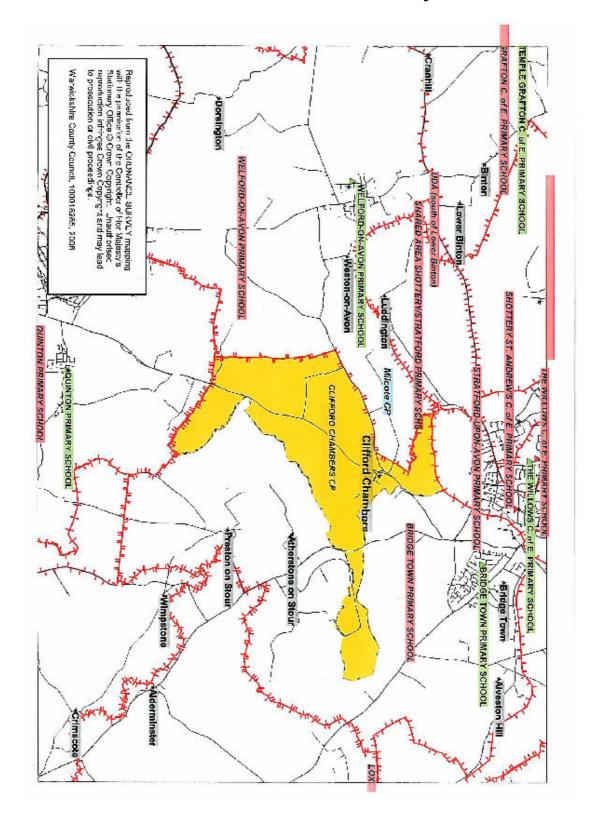
The Joint Committee is asked to consider the proposals and the responses to the consultation and any comments it wishes to make to Cabinet.

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5th March 2009



Proposed change to priority area of Bridge Town Primary School and Welford-on-Avon Primary School





Agenda No

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee	Stratford on Avon South Joint Committee
Date of Committee	19 March 2009
Report Title	The Shakespeare Line Rail Upgrade
Summary	The Shakespeare Line Upgrade is a set of linked initiatives which are aimed at delivering a step change in the quality and attractiveness of rail travel in Stratford District, improving accessibility to the rail network and delivering modal shift away from the private car. The report seeks to inform Members of the proposals and invites Members to provide comments to the WCC Cabinet meeting on 23 April.
For further information please contact	Tom Pierpoint Transport Planner Project Manager Tel. 01926 735672 tompierpoint@warwickshire.gov.uk
Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework?	Yes /No
Background Papers	None.
CONSULTATION ALREADY	UNDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified
Other Committees	
Local Member(s) (With brief comments, if appropriate)	
Other Elected Members	
Cabinet Member (Reports to The Cabinet, to be cleared with appropriate Cabinet Member)	X Councillor M Heatley
Chief Executive	
Legal	χ I Marriott – agreed.



Finance	
Other Chief Officers	
District Councils	
Health Authority	
Police	
Other Bodies/Individuals	
FINAL DECISION	NO (If 'No' complete Suggested Next Steps)
	NO (If 'No' complete Suggested Next Steps)
FINAL DECISION SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:	NO (If 'No' complete Suggested Next Steps) Details to be specified
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Stratford on Avon South Joint Committee – 19 March 2009

The Shakespeare Line Rail Upgrade

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy

Recommendation

That Members note the proposals to improve rail provision in Stratford District, and provide comments to the WCC Cabinet meeting on 23 April.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Stratford-upon-Avon has direct rail access to both London and Birmingham, although service frequencies are insufficient to offer a real alternative to the private car for many travellers. In addition, many of the stations within Stratford District do not meet the current minimum standards in the Warwickshire Local Transport Plan 2006-2011, and therefore do not make rail an attractive option.
- 1.2 Warwickshire County Council has made substantial investment in providing improved rail facilities and continues to place a high priority on rail in delivering its transport policy. The Shakespeare Line Upgrade is a set of linked initiatives which if delivered will improve the rail line between Stratford-upon-Avon and Birmingham Snow Hill. The programme is aimed at delivering a step change in the quality and attractiveness of rail travel in Stratford and the surrounding areas, improving accessibility to the rail network and delivering modal shift away from the private car.
- 1.3 Stratford on Avon District Council was active in the production of the Local Transport Plan 2006-2011, seeking to promote sustainable transport methods across the District in conjunction with Warwickshire County Council. The District Council considers that the Shakespeare Rail Line Upgrade implements the objectives of the LTP, and welcomes the proposals to enhance the service frequencies between Stratford and Birmingham whilst also improving service facilities at the stations along this line to enhance the environment and safety of rail users.
- 1.4 The schemes are focussed around the 'Shakespeare Line' between Stratford-upon-Avon and Birmingham, as this has been identified by the rail industry as having substantial growth potential. However, the Stratford Leamington/London branch will also benefit from the improvements, and service improvements on this line are also being pursued.



- 1.5 The proposals comprise:-
 - (i) Improvements at Stratford-upon-Avon Station
 - (ii) Service Enhancements
 - (iii) The development of a Bus/Rail interchange on the cattle market development in Stratford-upon-Avon
 - (iv) The development of Stratford Parkway Station
 - (v) New Rolling Stock
 - (vi) Station Travel Plans at all Stations on the line in Warwickshire
 - (vii) The provision of Real-Time Information and CCTV at all stations
- 1.6 It is hoped that the upgrade will be delivered as a rolling programme of improvements between 2009 and 2014. The deliverability of some elements will depend on the business case and support of partners.

2. Improvements at Stratford-upon-Avon Station

- 2.1 Warwickshire County Council are currently working with rail industry partners to develop a scheme to deliver significant improvements at Stratford Station.
- 2.2 In 2008 Arup Consultants completed a review of current facilities at the station and developed a wide range of options for improvements. Arup Consultants have recently reviewed this work, and through extensive consultation with rail industry partners have prioritised proposed improvements at the station in line with the potential funding which may be available to the delivery partnership. A specific consideration in working up the proposals has been to ensure that they do not preclude a more ambitious scheme which might be developed in the future as part of the World Class Stratford Initiative.
- 2.3 The proposal is in the very early stages of development but it is envisaged that any improvements scheme will include:-
 - (i) A Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliant footbridge between the platforms:
 - (ii) Improved facilities on the Island Platform;
 - (iii) Improved facilities in the existing station building;
 - (iv) Improved access and signage.
- 2.4 The scheme will be developed further over the coming months and will be brought back to the Stratford South and West Joint Committees for comments in due course.

3. Enhanced Service Frequencies

3.1 In December 2008 London Midland introduced an increased service frequency of 2 trains per hour (tph) on Saturdays between Stratford-upon-Avon and Birmingham, subsidised by Centro and WCC.



- 3.2 This is seen as an incremental step in delivering a 2tph Stratford- Birmingham throughout the week (Mon Sat).
- 3.3 Centro have recently identified that evening services on the line are poor with the last service from Birmingham to Stratford at 2030. Consequently, London Midland are currently investigating the operational feasibility and costs of such a service.
- 3.4 WCC have recently commissioned Chiltern Railways to investigate the operational feasibility of an hourly service between Stratford-upon-Avon and London.

4. Stratford Bus/Rail Interchange

- 4.1 The Local Transport Plan 2006-2011 states that an important part of the development of a public transport network is integration between modes. The delivery of an bus/rail interchange in Stratford will allow for easy and efficient interchange between the bus/rail and bus/bus modes.
- 4.2 The Stratford District Council Local Plan and the Warwickshire County Council Local Transport Plan both support the development of a bus/rail interchange on the site of the former cattle market close to Stratford Station. Planning permission for redevelopment of the site has now been granted, a condition of which is that the developer must provide a bus/rail interchange outside Stratford Station. Whilst the development has been deferred due to the economic climate, the construction of the bus interchange will be in the first phase of works on the site and should therefore be delivered as soon as work on site begins.

5. Stratford Parkway Station

- 5.1 WCC are currently progressing the development of Stratford Parkway Station, as detailed in the Warwickshire Local Transport Plan 2006-2011. The proposed station would be located adjacent to the bus-based Park and Ride site, next to the A46 and A3400. The location, close to the strategic road network, is similar to that of Warwick Parkway, which has proved to be very successful and has not had a significant adverse effect on Warwick Station.
- 5.2 It is the County Council's policy to encourage modal shift away from the private car, and promote accessibility to sustainable modes of transport. Stratford Parkway Station is promoted in the Local Transport Plan 2006 2011 (LTP2) as a parkway station that would improve access to the rail network and reduce passenger journey times. Stratford Parkway Station has been identified by the Region as a 'priority' and one of a small number of priorities that can be taken forward quickly and delivered before 2014. This is supported by Centro's West Midlands Rail Network Development Plan which describes the station as a strategic Park and Ride. It is also referred to in Network Rail's Business Plan.
- 5.3 Stratford Parkway is particularly appropriate at the current time due to proposals to increase service frequencies on the Shakespeare Line and the constrained access to Stratford Station following the development of the former cattle market site.



- 5.4 Stratford Parkway Station will complement Stratford town station by providing convenient access to the rail network for local people in the north of Stratford District, as well as fulfilling the role of a strategic Park and Ride. The new station would release parking capacity at the town station for car users from the south.
- 5.5 Steer Davies Gleave consultants have recently completed a business case for the station. The business case forecasts that:-
 - (i) There will be approximately 140,000 single passenger trips every year. Other sources of demand are have not yet been investigated but might reasonably be expected to boost the number of passengers.
 - (ii) Whilst the new station would abstract some passengers from Stratford Station, the demand at Stratford Station will increase substantially due to the enhanced service frequencies and background growth, and therefore the patronage abstracted to Stratford Parkway will be replaced.
 - (iii) The development of Stratford Parkway Station substantially increases the business case for the enhanced service frequencies.
- 5.6 Steer Davies Gleave have also reported that the station will have a minimal impact on traffic levels in Stratford.
- 5.7 A report will go to WCC Cabinet on 23 April to obtain authority to seek tenders for a Joint Promoter for the station. The appointment of a Joint Promoter is essential to the development of the scheme and will allow the station to be delivered using a similar method to that used at Coleshill Parkway.
- 5.8 It is envisaged that the scheme could be delivered by 2013.

6. New Rolling Stock, Station Travel Plans and the provision of Real-Time Information and CCTV

- 6.1 In 2010, London Midland will be introducing new rolling stock on the Shakespeare Line between Stratford and Birmingham. The new vehicles will deliver a significant enhancement to the customer experience, making rail a more attractive mode choice.
- 6.2 Station Travel Plans set out ways to reduce the barriers to access to rail travel by identifying improvements that are appropriate to individual stations.
- 6.3 Station Travel Plans have already been completed for Wilmcote, Henley-in-Arden and The Lakes, and are currently being undertaken at Danzey, Earlswood, Stratford-upon-Avon, Wood End and Wootten Wawen.
- 6.4 The completion of Station Travel Plans will inform decisions about improvements at stations on the Shakespeare Line which could be, delivered through the Warwickshire Quality Rail Partnership (WQRP).



- 6.5 Both CCTV and Real Time information are part of minimum station standards as set out in the Local Transport Plan 2006-2011.
- 6.6 CCTV improves the perceived security of a station and Real Time Information allows up to the minute communication with passengers, informing them of delays or cancellations. These provisions are particularly important at unmanned, remote stations, which most of the stations within Warwickshire on the line are.

7. Conclusion

7.1 The Shakespeare Rail Line Upgrade presents an opportunity to deliver a step change in the quality and attractiveness of rail travel in Stratford District, thus delivering modal shift away from the car. Background growth for rail is currently strong and external interventions such as the new rolling stock present an opportunity to substantially improve the rail links between Stratford and Birmingham.

8. Recommendation

8.1 That Stratford on Avon South Joint Committee notes the progress being made to improve rail provision in Stratford District, and provides comments to the WCC Cabinet meeting on 23 April.

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2 March 2009



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BRIEFING NOTE (FOLLOWING SITE VISIT)

Please find below responses to the comments made following the recent site meeting:-

- The proposed traffic signal junction and the existing Pelican crossing on Bridgefoot should be linked together to ensure co-ordination is achieved between the two facilities in order to reduce delay and congestion. Response – The two facilities will be linked in order to reduce delay and congestion.
- After implementation of the scheme the traffic signal junction should be monitored and if necessary the timings and/or the sequence of operation of the traffic signal junction and/or crossing should be adjusted this is to ensure the impact of the scheme does not grid lock the Town centre.
 Response The scheme will be monitored after implementation and adjustments will be made to the traffic signal junction and/or crossing as required.
- For the proposed traffic signal junction, the two lane approach on Guild Street should be as long a possible.
 Response - Agreed.
- 4) Warwickshire County Council (WCC) should seek approval from Stratford District Council to gain access to their Town centre CCTV system. This will allow WCC officers to monitor the proposed traffic signal junction and existing crossings on Bridgefoot and make the necessary adjustments to the timing from the office.
 - **Response** WCC will seek approval from Stratford District Council to gain access to their Town centre CCTV system to gain access to their Town centre CCTV system.
- 5) With the implementation of proposed traffic signals and the likely queues on Bridgefoot this may have adverse affect on traffic coming out of Bridge Street.
 - **Response** The Design Team will investigate this matter and if necessary provide queue detection loops on Bridge Street after the existing Zebra crossing which will activate the existing Pelican crossing on Bridgefoot to go to vehicle red.
- 6) The signing and road marking should be reviewed at this location. **Response** Agreed
- 7) High friction surface should be extended passed the proposed traffic signal to the entrance to Payton Street.

 Response The Design Team will investigate this matter.

8) Loading and unloading restriction should be extended to Payton Street on Warwick Road.

Response – The Design Team will investigate this matter

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AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Stratford-on-Avon South Joint Committee Date of Committee 19 March 2009 Report Title Stratford-upon-Avon Grammar School for Girls, A Specialist College for Language and Science Summary Following Members' request at the last Joint Committee meeting, this report outlines the opportunities for linking funding from the Authority with funds raised by Stratford Grammar School for Girls to provide additional accommodation at the school. For further information John Harmon please contact: Assistant Head of Service – Capital and **Property** Tel: 01926 742130 johnharmon@warwickshire.gov.uk Would the recommended No decision be contrary to the **Budget and Policy** Framework? [please identify relevant plan/budget provision] Minutes of Stratford-on-Avon South Joint Committee Background papers meeting 18.12.08 **CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-**Details to be specified Other Committees Local Member(s) X Cllrs Mike Perry and Richard Hyde – Stratford South Other Elected Members X Spokespersons for information: Cllr John Burton **Cllr Richard Grant** Cllr John Whitehouse **Cabinet Member** X Cllr Izzi Seccombe



Other Cabinet Members consulted	
Chief Executive	
Legal	∑ Diane Nation – no comments to make
Finance	
Other Strategic Directors	
District Councils	
Health Authority	
Police	
Other Bodies/Individuals	
FINAL DECISION	YES
SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:	Details to be specified
Further consideration by this Committee	
To Council	
To Council To Cabinet	
To Cabinet	



Stratford-on-Avon South Joint Committee 19 March 2009

Stratford-upon-Avon Grammar School for Girls, A Specialist College for Language and Science

Report of the Strategic Director for Children, Young People and Families

Recommendation:

That the Joint Committee considers the actions taken and proposed in relation to additional accommodation for Stratford-upon-Avon Grammar School for Girls.

1. Background

At its meeting on 18th December 2008, the Joint Committee raised the issue of funding for additional accommodation at Stratford Grammar School for Girls (SGSG) and requested a report on the opportunities for linking funding from the Authority with funds raised by the school.

2. County context

2.1 Places

Stratford Grammar School for Girls (SGSG) provides 375 places for girls aged 11-16 and a further 200 plus places post 16.

Warwickshire has 36 secondary schools providing over 34,000 places; there are 213 primary, nursery and other schools providing a further 41,000 places.

The total number of schools is 249 providing places for 75,000 pupils.

2.2 Funding

As part of its three-year settlement the Authority received £54 million for capital funding of schools.



Of this sum, £32 million is ring-fenced for specific policy areas, for example, Access Initiative which provides adaptations for pupils with disabilities in mainstream schools; and a further £2 million per year (£6 million total) is allocated to addressing the backlog of repair in schools.

The remaining £16 million is available to the Authority to address its most urgent priorities. This equates to approximately £5.3 million per year.

2.3 Backlog of repair

The backlog of repair in Warwickshire schools is approximately £120 million.

2.4 Temporary buildings

There is a legacy of over 250 temporary buildings on school sites, providing permanent classroom or occasional teaching spaces, childcare and community provision. At some schools temporary classrooms represent one-third to one-half of the teaching accommodation.

2.5 Current pressures on funding

The Authority is facing rising numbers of pupils in some areas of the county and has, this year, committed resources to providing additional secondary school places in Rugby and additional primary and secondary school places in Stratford Town. Further demand for places is forecast in other areas of the county.

The Authority has a statutory duty to provide sufficient school places. Rising numbers in Stratford and Rugby and forecast increased demand elsewhere will remain our highest priority for funding.

2.6 Economic climate

Warwickshire's funding settlement is not sufficient to meet demand from schools and the Authority has historically used capital receipts to meet or mitigate the cost of some of its proposals.

A number of current proposals and ongoing projects were predicated on achieving a capital receipt from the disposal of vacant sites and buildings. For example, primary school amalgamations in Rugby will release two sites which, if sold, would have met the cost of the amalgamations.

In September 2008, having regard to the economic climate, the Council resolved that it would operate a presumption against any further disposals until market conditions were more favourable.

In the absence of capital receipts, Warwickshire has had to commit its existing and future resources to meeting the shortfall in funding.

There is currently no indication of when the market will improve and when the expected receipts will be realised.



2.7 Capital programme

At its meeting on 29th January 2009, Cabinet approved a capital programme for 2009/10 with no new projects.

The need to meet the shortfall in capital receipts, plus the exceptional increase in pupil numbers, has required the county to commit all of its 2009/10 and part of its 2010/11 allocation.

There are no resources available at this time to support any new projects.

3. Stratford Girls Grammar School

The Authority has had a number of meetings with the school and its representatives and has worked to find an affordable and achievable scheme.

The Authority accepts the desirability of improving the accommodation at SGSG and has agreed to fund the design of the proposed new buildings, based on sketch proposals provided by the school, and to seek planning permission.

Once planning permission has been achieved the scheme will be held in abeyance until resources are available.

The school has requested the following accommodation:

6 additional classrooms Learning resource centre / library ICT suite Dance / Drama studio PE studio

The total value of these proposals is estimated to cost £2,600,000 towards which the school might contribute up to £600,000 subject to agreement from the Authority on draw-down of future years funding.

The current proposals would require the Authority to find up to £2 million for the complete scheme or £1.1 million to deliver a first phase.

The Authority has agreed in principle to the disposal of former caretakers' houses and the reinvestment of those receipts at SGSG.

4. Process

4.1 WCC sets it capital programme according to national strategies and local priorities. As detailed in paragraph 2.2 above, the Authority has discretion over approximately £5.3 million per annum to meet the local needs and the aspirations of schools.



- 4.2 Any school can make representation to the Authority that it has accommodation needs. For inclusion in the capital programme, a business case must be prepared that sets out the proposal, benefits, cost, outcomes and relationship or dependency on any other project, policy or scheme.
- 4.3 Each request is considered by the Capital and School Organisation Board made up of senior officers, who may decide to recommend to Council that proposals are supported, deferred or not supported.
- 4.4 The Authority worked with SGSG to prepare a business plan which was considered by the Board who decided to support the proposal by meeting the cost of design work to achieve planning permission.

5. Other sources of funding

5.1 Government

The Authority bids for funding whenever the opportunity arises and has recently secured funding for food technology spaces in schools. A further bid for improvements to kitchen and dining spaces was submitted at the end of February 2009.

The Authority has written to the DCSF requesting an urgent review of funding arrangements and recognition of the exceptional growth in pupil numbers in some areas of the county.

The Authority is awaiting the outcome of its revised submission for Building Schools for the Future which included proposals for every secondary school in the county.

5.2 Capital receipts

See paragraph 2.6 above.

5.3 Developer contributions (Section 106 funds)

Where a housing development is considered to impact on the number of pupils attending local schools, the developer is asked to contribute to the provision of additional school places.

In return the Authority must undertake to use the contributions for the purpose given and to provide places at schools that serve the development.

As SGSG is a selective school, the Authority cannot guarantee to a developer that places at the school will be available to pupils from his development. For this reason the Authority does not receive contributions from developers that it could use at SGSG.



6. Summary

- 6.1 The Authority has agreed to support SGSG by meeting the cost of design work sufficient to provide an agreed, approved scheme.
- The Authority will continue to review its priorities and will, when funding is available, implement proposals for SGSG.

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5th March 2009



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26 February 2009

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Yours sincerely

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Transport

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Route:

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Transport

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Route

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South Joint Committee – 17 February 2009

Report of the Stratford-upon-Avon Community Forum

The Stratford-upon-Avon Community Forum met on 17 February at Stratford High School and this is the note of their meeting.

Matters Discussed (for information only)

The following items were discussed:

The Forum received an update on progress made on matters raised at the last meeting. This included parking at Welcome Hills School, nameplates at Trinity Mead, Rushbrook Road crossing, parking in vicinity of Stratford girls Grammar School.

Paul Ledden updated the Forum on progress being made in implementing the Clopton Anti Social behaviour Action Plan.

Sgt Daf Goddard provided a presentation on community policing issues relating to the area. This included an update on previous matters raised at the previous meeting of the Forum

Tom Pierpoint, WCC, consulted the Forum on the proposals for improvements to the Shakespeare rail line through to Birmingham, including improvements to Stratford upon Railway station and parkway.

Sustainable Community Strategy – comments were sought on the consultation draft that had been circulated and was also available on-line

Locality Profile – statistics produced by the Warwickshire Observatory were presented to the meeting. These provided a snapshot profile of the Stratford area.

Trevor Honeychurch was agreed as the representative from the Forum on the Stratford District Partnership.

Matters Referred to the Joint Committee for attention (for discussion)

No issues were referred to the Joint Committee

For further information on anything contained within this report, please contact Martin Gibbins (tel: 01789 290784)

South Joint Committee - 18 December 2008

Report of the Stour Community Forum Thursday 26th February 2009 Quinton & Admington Village Hall, The Close, Lower Quinton

Bulldog Bash Debrief

Assistant Chief Constable Bill Holland attended the meeting to discuss the need for improving communication with local communities as the Policing arrangements are being developed for this event. The criticism of last year's policing were noted and he sought to engage with the public and parishes at an early stage. He read out a press release to this effect, seeking to promote discussion. It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged with representatives from all the surrounding Parish Councils. (Quinton, Long Marston, Clifford Chambers, Alderminster, Preston-on-Stour and Mickleton Parish Councils)

Safer Neighbourhoods Policing Report

The Safer Neighbourhood Team gave a presentation on the crime statistics which on the whole showed an improvement on last years.

Stratford on Avon Sustainable Community Strategy

Trevor Russel spoke of the partnership working surrounding this, which will replace the community plan. This is a strategy to 2026 with priorities and actions involving SDC, WCC, the PCT and police.

The consultation ends in mid-March and Trevor urged those present to fill out the questionnaire available at the home page of www.stratford.gov.uk

Locality Profile

Graham Fitton WCC gave a presentation regarding the overview of each locality. The presentation used data complied by the Warwickshire Observatory .The key areas for the locality were compared against county averages as at October 2008 and included:

Car ownership, jobs, income, benefits, skills, education, health, community safety and deprivation are all areas covered. A possible link between post office closures and areas of deprivation was discussed and considered likely.

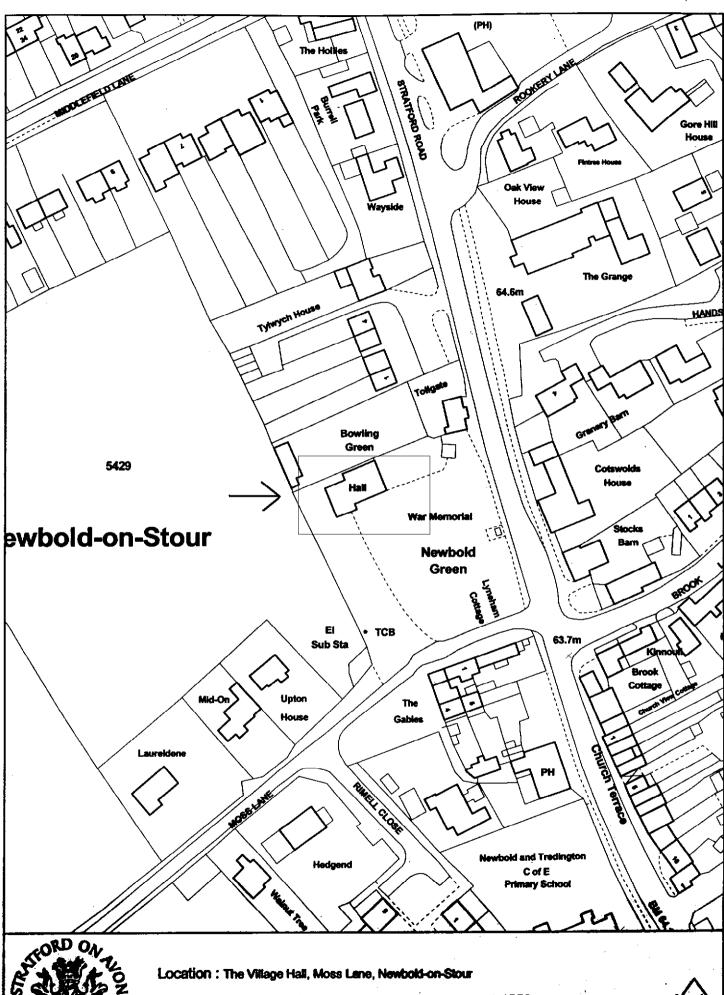
The key concerns are activities for young people, transport and affordable housing. More information at www.warwickshireobservatory.org

Representative for the Stratford District Partnership

The District Partnership is keen to ensure that there is representation on the Core Group from each of the Community Forums. Cllr P Seccombe proposed and Cllr Roache seconded Trevor Russell, who duly accepted the role.

Matters Referred to the Joint Committee for attention (for discussion)
No items were identified to be raised at the meeting of the Joint Committee

For further information on anything contained within this report, please contact Robert Weeks (Tel: 01789 260810)



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