**Agenda item 12a Wem Youth Club meeting Request**

Dear Penny

I have just watched the video of the SC Cabinet meeting which voted unanimously to pass the new proposals for youth service provision and funding.

Now we must look at the best way to work with the new system to support all our local young people. Would it be possible to arrange a meeting with WTC and Ed Potter and Wem Youth Club (and any others involved in youth provision who want to) to see how and when the new system would work here? Ed did say in the meeting that there were ongoing conversations with town councils about how the new provision would unfold locally.

I'm sure there will be lots of people and WT Councillors with ideas about how we might go forward - might some of these concerns be usefully discussed by WTC? For example,

* how would payroll and human resources (employment of youth workers) for open access clubs be handled (this was not mentioned in the report or today's discussion);
* how would the new outreach workers work with existing provision - assuming they would ?
* how will Wem benefit from the new system (numbers/hours of visits, numbers/types of young people engaged with, communication with WTC etc), local WTC contact/selection of staff; evaluation of impact and reporting;

Ed and the report mentions schools and other statutory bodies but not existing open access clubs who often have local knowledge and who might provide a 'way back' for alienated young people (eg WYC has considered the possibility of hosting a 'Youth Cafe' for older teenagers);

I feel sure that it will be possible to strengthen our provision in Wem by working in partnership with the new system to develop a locally designed response.

Best wishes

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