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Shropshire Council
Abbey Foregate
Shrewsbury
Shropshire
SY2 6ND

5th June 2018

Dear Councillors,

'We Don't Buy Crime' – Leading from the Front

As part of my commitment to building a safer West Mercia, I would like to work with you to help prevent burglary. I fund the "We Don't Buy Crime" – Leading from the Front project, which seeks to reduce acquisitive crime throughout West Mercia. Crime deterrent 'Smartwater' is part of this and it is distributed across villages and towns to protect people's property. This offer will be a further opportunity for you to build partnerships with community groups, parish councils and engage with residents in your constituency.

As part of this proposal **I am committed** to providing you with the following:

- **25% of the total cost** of the required Smartwater kits for a chosen area
- **A reduced rate** for purchasing the property marking kits
- **100% of the signage cost** to promote your new WDBC area
- **A dedicated PCC post** to co-ordinate the project and be your first point of contact
- **Police volunteer support** (where necessary)

Enclosed you will find the application pack. I very much look forward to hearing from you and to the prospect of working together.

Yours sincerely

John Campion
Police & Crime Commissioner
West Mercia

Friday, 27th July 2018

Our Ref: FS207/18

Members of
Wem Town Council

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Dear Members of Wem Town Council

As the Police Commander for Shropshire, I am writing to you as a key stakeholder for the prevention of crime and disorder across the county.

As I have no doubt you are aware these have been challenging times across the West Midlands Region for many agencies, including the police, with this current spell of persistent hot weather seeing levels of demand that are exceptional.

I realise that as a key partner, working to keep people safe in Shropshire, there may be times when you may be frustrated with the availability of police resources, and I am writing to ensure you have my details as the senior point of contact should you need to discuss matters that affect operational policing across the county.

At a local level you have the Safer Neighbourhood Teams, led by Chief Inspector Sarah Corteen, Inspector Ed Hancox and Inspector Tracy Ryan, who work with our partner agencies across the county, to ensure we work together to make Shropshire safe. They are available to assist partners where they can, whilst our Safer Neighbourhood Officers and Police and Community Support Officers (PCSO's) should be accessible through a variety of formats, and you can access their details on the internet here

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/2112/Shropshire-policing-area>

Our website does also contain a plethora of useful information that you may find useful.

Yours sincerely



Superintendent Jason Wells

Town Clerk

From: Dianne Dorrell <dianne.dorrell@shropshire.gov.uk>
Sent: 10 August 2018 13:06
Cc: Clare Fildes
Subject: Community Enablement Team Review

Sent on behalf of Clare Fildes, Outdoor Partnerships Manager, Shropshire Council

To Town and Parish Councils, Shropshire

I would like to update you on the current situation with regard to the Community Enablement Team at Shropshire Council.

As many of you will be aware, the difficult decision was taken by Full Council to disband the Community Enablement Team (CET) from April 2019 as part of the Financial Strategy. This will leave significant gaps in support in a variety of areas and a review of the work delivered by the CET is being undertaken. This review is being led by Clare Fildes, who is now managing the team.

We have an opportunity, as a result of that review, to take a critical look at how we can most effectively work with local communities to deliver the Council's strategic priorities for the county. We hope to take a paper to the September Cabinet meeting on options for place-based working in the future, which may enable us to retain some of the Community Enablement Officers in a new team.

If there is support from Cabinet, we will then engage with communities to develop the new approach.

Lisa Bedford, Belinda Doolan and Sue Thomas are all leaving the team in August/ September. As the team is under review, these posts will not be replaced. We have asked these officers to identify key work in their areas, so that other team members can pick up this work as appropriate. We would like to formally thank Lisa, Belinda and Sue for all their considerable hard work over the years and wish them well in their new roles.

We would appreciate your patience as this process is carried out and will be back in touch once we are clear on a way forward.

Best wishes

Clare


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Freshwater First [ERDF project Shropshire and Telford]

Briefing Note – In October 2018 it is expected that a Call will be made to invite applications to submit outline applications to the ERDF Priority 6d programme. Shropshire Wildlife Trust are working with potential delivery partners to develop a provisional package of activity in readiness to bid into this opportunity. The notes below outline the criteria and constraints on activity eligibility

Priority 6d – Protecting and restoring biodiversity, soil and promoting ecosystem services including Natura 2000 network and green and blue infrastructure.

Local Priorities

- **Water and wetlands focus, addressing water quality, flooding, drought and biodiversity issues.**
- **Contributing towards WFD and Biodiversity 2020 targets.**
- **Sustainable drainage can be a design function incorporated within Green infrastructure and water quality improvements.**
- **Under this investment priority activity in green and blue infrastructure such as green corridors in urban areas and waterways are supported.**

Financial overview - Project financial threshold bidding level £500,000.

3 year project - 2020 - 2022

Lead Partner – Shropshire Wildlife Trust

Delivery partners [provisional]

Telford and Wrekin Council – Over 40 locations in urban Telford

Shrewsbury Town Council – Monkmoor River Ground

National Trust – Quatt Brook, Dudmaston Estate

Environment Priority (Axis 6d)

Output note

- The primary output that all funded activity under 6d must deliver against is C23 - “Surface area of habitats supported in order to attain a better conservation status”.
- The Marches has been given a target of 51.30 hectares over the lifetime of the programme (17.90 hectares in Herefordshire and 33.40 hectares in Shropshire and Telford).
- Based on the current Marches allocation (£1,895,608) under the environmental priority, the cost value per hectare that must be delivered is £36,951.
- The Marches ESIF Sub Committee will have an obligation to ensure that the projects which they support are value for money and together deliver the overall Marches output target for C23.

Output definition

The output guidance provided by DCLG sets out the criteria the projects must meet in delivering the C23 output. This guidance specifies to an extent the sorts of projects that would be suitable for funding through 6d.

The essential criteria is as follows:

1. The defined area of habitat must have in place a management plan which can demonstrate how the proposed activity being undertaken will improve the biodiversity of the site.
2. Utilisation of Local GI strategy [TWC and SC], Local Plans, links to BAP targets, LNP priority plans, River Basin MP/FCRM Plans, and Business Improvement District [BID] plans will help with supporting bids.
3. Public access to the site will be required.
4. Activity can be associated with one species or include wider habitat improvements, including access improvements when not related to statutory rights of way.

Exclusions

5. All activity eligible for Countryside Stewardship support is not supported by this funding.

6. Existing activity (e.g. continuing delivering of current initiatives) being supported through DEFRA or non-departmental organisations that manage DEFRA funds, including Environment Agency and Natural England, or other EU funding is excluded.
7. Wider landscape management is excluded (projects must be site-specific).
8. Activity relating to mitigation, such as displacement / relocation of species due to development is excluded.
9. Formal gardens and/or land without public access is excluded.
- Activity that is unable to meet all of the output criteria is unlikely to be able to come forward as an ERDF project.

Financial notes

1. ERDF funding will provide 60% of eligible project costs. 40% needs to be secured from clean match sources. A letter confirming match as secure will be required for submission of an Outline Application.
2. EA CSR13 FCRM funding is eligible as match funding.
3. Design costs of site activity can constitute up to 12.5% of total activity cost.

Project delivery notes

1. Biodiversity gain must be demonstrable.
2. Monitoring protocol must be in place.
3. Required Consents and Permits either are in place or application process is underway
4. Project Design up to RIBA Stage 1
5. Schedule of Costs in estimated form required for Outline Application Stage – be aware Project Total Cost is set early on and cannot be changed.
6. Programme delivery timetable has to be considered carefully over the three year period as any changes need specific consent from DCLG.

Priority Axis 6: Preserving and protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency

1. England faces a number of challenges and associated development needs in relation to achieving biodiversity, air quality and other environmental targets. The European Regional Development Fund will help reverse the decline in, restore and enhance degraded ecosystem services such as water quantity and quality, pollination, soil and air quality and to halt overall biodiversity loss.
2. Product and service innovation in resource efficiency are also not well supported and business opportunities exploited, particularly in small and medium enterprises. So, within the context of promoting local economic development, investment under this axis will focus on two key objectives:

- Investments in green and blue infrastructure and actions that support the provision of ecosystem services on which businesses and communities depend to increase local natural capital and support sustainable economic growth;
- Investment to promote the development and uptake of innovative technologies, in particular in resource efficiency, in order to increase the resilience and environmental and economic performance of businesses and communities.

Use of European Regional Development Fund

3. The focus of activity within this Priority Axis will be on protecting and preserving the environment but projects may also provide additional benefits such as attracting inward investment, increasing employment opportunities and improving employee retention.

4. Indicative actions to be supported include:

- Investment in green and blue infrastructure such as green corridors in urban areas and waterways;
- Sustainable drainage to improve water quality and in some cases local air quality;
- Provision of support and advice for businesses in the adoption of innovative technologies and processes for the management and reuse of energy, materials, water and waste (including recycling and recovery);
- Provision of support for the piloting and demonstration of innovative technologies to promote resource efficiency in order to encourage their greater take-up.

5. The support provided through this Priority Axis will aim to increase the amount of land becoming available for site development for Green infrastructure by about 1,500 hectares. The projected number of enterprises receiving support by 2023 within this Priority Axis is over 3,500.

Further notes:

2.A.2.1 Description of the type and examples of actions to be supported and their expected contribution to the specific objectives, including , where appropriate, the identification of main target groups, specific territories targeted and types of beneficiaries.

Under this investment priority, indicative actions to be supported by European Regional Development Fund may include but are not limited to:

- Investment in multifunctional green infrastructure that creates new habitats to enhance the connectivity and resilience of priority sites and species.
- Revitalisation of brownfield land and other sites, regeneration of sites through soil desealing and decontamination and incorporating Green Infrastructure into development sites to maintain delivery of its many ecosystem services that increase the biodiversity, recreation and aesthetic quality of the site.
- Sustainable drainage to improve water quality and in some cases local air quality (with potential for associated carbon reductions also).
- Investment in green and blue infrastructure such as green corridors in urban areas and waterways

