

57 SOUTH STREET PROJECT – JOINT MANAGEMENT BOARD

1 SUMMARY

1.1. The purpose of this report is to advise Council of progress to date on the above project and to seek two Member representatives to the Joint Management Board.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1. This scheme has taken some considerable time to bring to fruition, having commenced in late 1997, when the Council originally considered disposal of the above building, which was surplus to requirements.
- 2.2. Following representations from the Parish Council, it was agreed to try to create a youth facility for Rochford. The Council has been working in partnership with the Rochford Parish Council and Essex Youth Service in order to achieve this aim.
- 2.3. The facility was officially opened on 7 December and will be known as the “Information Station”. It is currently open three days per week, each session being three hours. It is hoped to increase opening hours subject to demand.
- 2.4. The centre provides information and advice to young people on such diverse issues as drug awareness, careers and health.

3 JOINT MANAGEMENT BOARD

- 3.1. One condition of the joint agreement with our partners is that a Joint Management Board be set up for the future management of the project. The Board is to consist of:-

- 2 Rochford District Councillors
- 2 Rochford Parish Councillors
- 2 Essex Youth Service Representatives
- 2 Young people
- Officers from Rochford District Council and Rochford Parish Council.

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- 3.2. The first meeting of the new board has been scheduled to take place at 6p.m. on 28 February at 57 South Street. It is anticipated that meetings will be quarterly.
- 3.3. Rochford District Council officers will be responsible for administering the meetings.

4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. There will be officer time involved in organising and attending meetings. This will probably be in the region of 16-20 hours per annum.
- 4.2. Should Council agree attendance as an approved duty, then attendance allowances will be payable to the two Member representatives. The current budget allocation for Members Allowances would meet this cost.

5 PARISH IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. This is a valuable facility for Rochford Parish as it provides information for youth in an area that has been identified in the Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy as requiring investment.

6 RECOMMENDATION

It is proposed that Council **RESOLVES**

To nominate two representatives to serve on the Joint Management Board and determine whether the above should rank as an approved duty.

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Background Papers:

None.

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