

### **SHYPP Support Housing for Young People Project**

#### **SHYPP Proposal in response to proposed Contract Cuts**

Following our initial response which formed part of the Consultation feedback submitted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016. SHYPP would now like to outline in more detail our proposed route forward following various discussions.

SHYPP was encouraged by the Councils commitment at the full council Budget meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> February when it was made absolutely clear that the council is committed to supporting our most vulnerable children and young people, in particular young people at risk of homelessness. It was also stated that 'Should it not be sensible or wise to deliver the proposed level of savings from with the SHYPP contract at this time there is sufficient flexibility with current budgets to address this'

In light of this statement and the positive discussions that have already taken place SHYPP wishes to outline a plan which will enable the continuation of SHYPP services across the county whilst also recognising the need of the council to make a level of savings.

The discussions and work on the transfer of 100k of funding into exempt rents are ongoing and we are working closely with officers on this. Martin Samuels in correspondence with SHYPP staff and young people has also made the commitment that 'were DWP to conclude that these services were not within the scope of exempt rents, then the change in funding route would not proceed.'

This leaves 160k of proposed cuts, SHYPP has reviewed its current funding streams and staffing model and is confident that with a restructure, a drop of some of the extra training elements that we deliver and a increase in virtual working we could take a cut of 60k and continue to deliver the same level of support and housing services to Young People across the whole county.

For the remaining 100k there are 20 units of accommodation that sit under this funding and currently receive floating support. Six of these units are the SHAC flats designated exclusively for LAC/Former relevant Young People. Kemble Housing will re-let these properties as General needs if there is not funding to provide the SHYPP floating support which ensures these vulnerable Young People have successful tenancies. This could put 20 young people at risk of homelessness and limit the accommodations options for future young people. In order to secure the floating support across all 20 units SHYPP would need 60k of funding per annum. Please note that Kemble would not accept other external agencies providing this support it would need to be SHYPP, as they have proved their effectiveness and work so closely with Kemble. We are flexible as to how this funding is received it could be by an increase in exempt rents, via Childrens services or via adults.

For the remaining 40k of savings that then need to be made SHYPP plans to seek alternative funding sources to bring in this money but this will take some time so SHYPP requests that we have a transition period to allow us time to bring in this extra funding. SHYPP would like this funding to continue for 6 months and then drop to half for the remaining 6 months. We plan to seek alternative sources of income to fund this including Eveson, rural funding, police & crime commissioners, city council and contributions from housing associations. Long term this transitional funding will allow the full SHYPP service to continue across the county ensuring that there isn't a increase in homelessness and the key preventative work continues.

## Appendix 2

Funding Breakdown per annum	Delivering
<b>132k</b> from existing contract, to continue.	To support the delivery of existing Foyer services including 30 bed spaces for young people
<b>100k</b> from exempt rents or if level of increase not possible to be provided by adult services.	To support the delivery of existing Foyer services including 30 bed spaces for young people
<b>60k</b> from either further exempt rents or Adults or Childrens services.	To support the delivery 20 bed spaces across a mix of accommodation models. Move – on flats, SHAC flats, and SLP Potential for Childrens service to ‘buy’ nomination rights for some properties. Also to support the provision of a duty crisis service.
<b>20k</b> Transitional funding for the first period of 6 months. Reducing to <b>10k</b> for the remaining 6 months.	To support the provision of floating support and Duty Crisis support across the county to YP. Move-on Support for all young people as they move on from all forms of SHYPP accommodation.
SHYPP will provide <b>60k</b> of savings and after 6 months a further <b>10k</b> .	

Please note these costing are based on the current SHYPP model if the number of Childrens services nominations increased dramatically or a change to the model was required staffing changes may be required and in turn costs might need to alter. SHYPP would need agreement on this complete funding breakdown before any elements including the 60K of savings could proceed. Following these cuts LA funding will only fund approx 30% of the total cost of the SHYPP service.

There still remain a number of questions regarding SHYPPs contractual arrangements with Childrens services and we are optimistic that some of these can be resolved through discussions in the coming months. In particular we would like a clear steer on whether the continued provision of the Grove House project is required or whether this 3 bed unit could be used in a better way. SHYPP is very keen to work with the council to understand the housing needs for young people and create successful pathways.

This plan offers the Council a potential saving of 170k in 2016/17 and 200k saving in 17/18. Most importantly it offers these savings with no loss of accommodation or service to vulnerable young people at risk of homelessness across the entire county. This in turns means no negative impact on temp accommodation budgets or Childrens services budgets. We are also further encouraged to receive today a letter from Jesse Norman MP explaining that Herefordshire has just been awarded 4.38million extra for next year which makes us even more optimistic that our proposals above will be acceptable to you.

This plan offers the council a cost saving route that will also ensure the continuation of the SHYPP service which the council has helped build over the last 15 years. It allows the council to demonstrate its commitment to young people and their long term futures; we look forward to your response to this proposal.