

Questions from councillors for the adults and wellbeing scrutiny committee

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Question

Councillor NE Shaw, Bromyard Bringsty Ward

IOC's support for the Conservative administration's "Community Wellbeing Hubs" is appreciated.

The administration announced expanding "Talk Community Hubs" at the Parish Council Summit from 7 to 20 by the end of 2019/20 with ambition to expand this further, up to 50 hubs.

The project will require an invest to save commitment from the council of around £225k per year. A&C are working up the plans for this for Cabinet to consider within their current budget.

The significant challenge is finding appropriate venues, community leaders, training them and some further modelling development of how hubs can be community led and are sustainable in the long term.

Can the Chairman determine if an additional £70k would provide a vfm "accelerated roll-out" as IOC suggest that funding is the principle reason that these hubs cannot be rolled out faster than the way planned?

Response

Councillor PA Andrews, chairperson of the adults and wellbeing scrutiny committee

Thank you for your question. The committee will be scrutinising the evidence and rationale for the proposed alternative budget and will ensure that this issue is explored during the debate.