



## Cultural and Economic Services Committee

**Date:** 11 March 2019

**Title:** Youth Film Club

**Purpose of the Report:** To propose a pilot project to assess local take-up for a Youth Film Club longer-term.

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<b>Corporate Objective/s</b>	<b>LLTC Three Year Plan –</b> <b>Aim:</b> To continue to support a vibrant town through partnership working and initiatives including management of the street market, support for local businesses, town and community promotions and town centre enhancements. <i>(This work will be primarily within the remit of the Cultural &amp; Economic Services Committee.)</i> <b>Objective 27:</b> To consider ways to support the increase in leisure and personal development opportunities for youth.
<b>Implications:</b>	
<b>Financial</b>	√ Within existing budget / earmarked reserves
<b>Human Resources</b>	
<b>Operational/Service delivery</b>	
<b>Procedural/Legal</b>	
<b>Risk/Health and Safety</b>	

### 1. RECOMMENDATION/S

Should members be minded, the proposals are:

- 1.1 To run a pilot Youth Film Club to ascertain the viability and interest for a local scheme for long-term investment.
- 1.2 To endorse that the sum of £2,400 be utilised from Committee's earmarked reserve budget (970/9057) to facilitate the pilot project.

### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting on 28/01/19, Council endorsed the Five-Year Plan and Objectives for 2019-2024. Key to this Committee is the corporate aim:
  - To continue to support a vibrant town through partnership working and initiatives including management of the street market, support for local

businesses, town and community promotions and town centre enhancements. *(This work will be primarily within the remit of the Cultural & Economic Services Committee.)*

2.2 Beneath this aim are 11 objectives. Objective No. 27 states:

- To consider ways to support the increase in leisure and personal development opportunities for youth.

### **3. INTRODUCTION**

3.1 The Council is already in a successful partnership with the Leighton Buzzard Library Theatre (Central Bedfordshire Council) delivering the scheme 'Movies for the More Mature' (MMM). Considering the above objective, discussion has taken place between officers around delivering an affordable film club for local youth. The Library staff were supportive of this idea and researched how they thought it could work. A proposal document is attached at **Appendix A**.

3.2 It is proposed to deliver a pilot for early evening film screenings, once a week from Friday 19 July until Friday 6 September 2019 inclusive, for local young people between 13-17 years of age.

3.3 The cost of the pilot to the Town Council is £2,400. The Library Theatre will cover delivery of the screening - background film research/booking administration, promotional leaflets planning, on the day staffing of the screenings, venue costs, etc. It is proposed to utilise Committee's existing earmarked reserves budget, 970/9057.

3.4 Should the pilot prove popular, Committee will be asked to continue the Youth Film Club on the same lines as it does MMM, through a service level agreement between the two parties initially using earmarked reserves for the remainder of the year and then, if Committee is minded to, recommending to Council to create an annual budget line for future years.

### **4. CONCLUSION**

4.1 Committee has an opportunity to pilot a film club for local young people within the town and using local services. The pilot supports the aim of keeping our town vibrant with local use and activities as well as exploring what may work for young people.