

Scrutiny Committee Update – 14.11.16

Safeside Transport Funding

Following the Scrutiny Committee meeting on the 10th October 2016 staff at Safeside and within the Community Safety Team had been asked to explore options and opportunities maintain funding for transport to Safeside in order to increase visitor numbers especially from the most deprived areas.

The team investigated 3 main areas:

1. Utilisation of funding from the Primary Authority Scheme
2. External Sponsorship
3. Utilisation of underspent budgets/savings

In order to ensure that the positive impact of the previous funding is maintained it was decided, in the short term, to utilise a portion of the savings made from the recent Partnerships Review to support travel to the equivalent of £30k per academic year. This funding will be allocated until the end of March 2018.

The options of utilising the Primary Authority funding and/or gaining external sponsorship will take longer to come to fruition. So, in the meantime these will be developed further to provide more sustainable external income as part of the process of making the Safeside facility self-funding.