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FUNDING APPLICATIONS AND REVISED CRITERIA - 24 MARCH 2010

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1. Summary

This report provides the Local Joint Committee with details of the budget and the latest applications received for funding. After allowing for the funding which was committed in October and February, the Committee has a total budget remaining for the Community Chest of £350 and for the larger grants scheme £9,528.54.

2. Recommendations

- (a) The Committee are requested to approve the revised criteria attached at Appendix 1.
- (b) The Committee are asked to consider the applications received along with the recommendations which have been summarised in Appendix 2 attached to this report in line with the revised criteria and in accordance with the Financial Procedure Notes governing Local Joint Committees and attached as Appendix 3.

3. Report

Revised Criteria

Members originally set some additional criteria for the Local Joint Committee to work to at a previous meeting. Following consideration of the first two rounds of funding, it has now become apparent that a couple of additional requirements are necessary to help the Committee make a full and proper assessment of the information obtained. The revised criteria is attached as Appendix 1 to this report where an amendment has been made to point number 1 and additional points have been added in at 8 and 9.

Budget Availability

The committee had a total budget of £21,000 for the 2009/10 financial year. This budget was split into two pots, £19,000 in one pot for larger grants schemes and another smaller pot as a Community Chest of £2,000 for grants up to £250.

The Committee has already committed expenditure of £11,121.46 at its meetings on 8th October 2009 and 10 February 2010 which leaves funds of £9528.54 in the larger grants scheme and £350.00 in the Community Chest – both of which are available for future projects.

As members will see Appendix 2 attached to this report makes recommendations for this third bidding round with 5 new project bids to consider which would result in 4 project bids being approved with a funding commitment of £1,600. A further commitment of up to £2,000 is also proposed for application 23/10 making a total spend of £3,600.

This amount of £3,600 together with the original funding allocated in October would mean the committee had allocated a total of £14,721.46 leaving an amount of £6,278.54 to carry forward to the next financial year. It is, of course, open to the committee to choose whether to support - accept with conditions - defer applications – or request additional information or totally reject them.

It is pleasing to note the level of interest in this budget which is very encouraging and shows a high level of demand from very many worthy local community groups.

Grants approved to date

To date the Local Joint Committee has approved the following bids:

Albrighton Youth Drop-In Centre	971.46
Jazz Specials	500.00
Albrighton Cricket Club	3000.00
Albrighton Civic Society	2500.00
Wesley Hall Car Park	2500.00
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Albrighton Senior Section Guides	250.00
Albrighton Methodist Church Art Group	250.00
Albrighton Broadplace	250.00
Red House Flower Show 2010	250.00
Albrighton Table Tennis Club	150.00
Albrighton Junior Youth Club	250.00
Albrighton Civic Society	250.00
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	1650.00

4. Deadline for applications for the next round

The next deadline for receipt of applications, subject to available budget will be 19th April 2010 in readiness for the meeting on 17th May 2010.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

Human Rights Act Appraisal

The recommendations in this report are compatible with Human Rights legislation.

Environmental Appraisal

Not applicable

Risk Management Appraisal

All funding applications will need to be evaluated against agreed criteria and in accordance with agreed financial procedures.

Community / Consultations Appraisal

Decisions on allocation of funding will be taken by the committee as local representatives of the community.

Cabinet Member

Councillor Gwilym Butler

Local Members

All members of the Local Joint Committee.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 Guidelines and local criteria
- Appendix 2 Summary of Grant applications
- Appendix 3 Financial Procedure Notes