

2011/12 FINANCE REPORT, INCLUDING UPDATE ON FUNDING REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION

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1. Summary

This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the Albrighton Area Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1st April 2011 up until 31st March 2012.

A total of £16,460 was devolved to the Committee to fund projects in the local community served by this LJC for the 2011/12 year.

The committee has chosen to allocate its funding into two pots:

- a small pot of £2,000 to be used as a community chest for grant applications up to a value of £250.
- A larger pot with the remaining budget of £14,460 for other projects.

To date a total of five applications have been approved totalling £7,700 leaving a balance of £8,760 available to be committed in 2011/12.

Prior to each LJC, a planning meeting takes place to discuss applications for funding and agree recommendations.

Six valid applications have been received for this reporting period. These were considered at the planning meeting held on 19th October 2011 and the recommendations arising are included in this report for members to consider at this meeting.

2. Recommendations

- That the LJC considers the applications received, and awards funding to those organisations and their projects as recommended in Appendix 1 to this report.

- That the LJC notes that a budget has now been allocated for the 2012/13 financial year at the same amount as this year and that unspent balances for this year will be allowed to roll forward into next year.
- That the LJC considers that it's priorities for future funding be directed at activities that help develop community-based, and led projects in the area for the 2012/13 financial year.

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3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

In determining these recommendations the LJC has considered reputational risk and the course of action minimises this risk.

The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.

The proposals under consideration will improve the levels of community based and community driven activity in the LJC area, and in particular in those communities identified by local Councillors as not benefiting previously from LJC support

4. Financial Implications

The funding devolved to the LJC can be used for a number of different purposes over the year to address local priorities. Funding by the LJC must comply with the general Financial Rules for LJC's and additional criteria agreed by this committee.

5. Background

A total of six applications have been received for consideration at the 23rd November meeting. Five are for the larger grants scheme and one for the community chest. However, both budgets may need to be combined if committee wish to fund all of these projects in the sums requested.

Details of the individual applications are listed on the attached Appendix 1 to this report. Recommendations are now put forward to the Albrighton Area LJC and are summarised below as follows:

Grants	£
Shifnal & Albrighton Youth for Christ – Costs associated with Panna Cage and Youth Programme	500.00
Albrighton & District Crime Prevent Panel – Repairs and Modifications to equipment	932.70
Albrighton Traders' Association	4000.00
St Mary's Nursery – St Mary's Nursery Garden	750.00
RAF Cosford Youth Club	700.00

Albrighton Traders Association – Shopwatch Radio Link Scheme	250.00
	7132.70
Original Budget	16,460.00
Spend to Date (June)	7,700.00
Recommended spend at this meeting	7,132.70
Balance Remaining	1,627.30

<p>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</p>
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Draft Medium Term Financial Plan 2011/12 – 2013/14, Appendix 5. Report to Cabinet 13th January 2011.

Locality Working Local Joint Committees. Report to Cabinet 9th December 2010.

LJC application form for the projects listed

Albrighton Area LJC funding guidelines

<p>Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)</p>

Cllr Gwilym Butler

<p>Local Members</p>

Councillors Malcolm Pate and Stuart West

<p>Appendices</p>

Appendix 1 – Summary of Applications