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Local Joint Committee

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## **2013/14 FINANCE REPORT, INCLUDING UPDATE ON FUNDING REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

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### **1. Summary**

This report considers the funding allocated to the Albrighton Area Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 up until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.

We now have confirmation that the LJC budget for the 2013/14 financial year will be £11,582 which includes a small carry forward of £212 that relates to underspend on the administration budget. There is also an additional adjustment to the budget of £3500 making total finance available of £15,082.

The committee usually allocates its funding into two pots:

- a 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 for other projects.

Prior to each LJC, a planning meeting takes place to discuss applications for funding and agree recommendations. Due to the level of applications received the budget is shown as one pot for this meeting.

### **2. Moving Forward**

The LJC's are a key part of the overall work to deliver localism in Shropshire, and will be supported by Shropshire Council to achieve this. Recognising this strategic importance there is increasing onus on LJC's to have a very clear understanding of their local communities and how the various elements (public, voluntary and private) can best work together to deliver real outcomes that make a difference to the lives of local people.

The LJC is aware of various priorities within the community that may need significant help in forthcoming months in order to complete various projects and will be considering how best to allocate their funding based on how these projects progress.

In addition it is clear that with the ever increasing pressure on local authority budgets there is uncertainty whether LJC's will have a budget next year, however there will be no roll forward on any unallocated funding into next financial year.

### **3. Applications Received**

Ten valid applications have been received for this reporting period. These were considered at the planning meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2013 and the recommendations arising are detailed in this report for members to consider at the meeting.

### **4. 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.

### **5. 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.

### **6. 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.

## 7. Background

A total of ten applications have been received for consideration at this meeting.

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:

<b>Grants</b>	<b>£</b>
Donington & Albrighton Nature Reserve	581.00
Albrighton & District Historical Society	610.00
2497 (Cosford) Squadron Air Training Corps	2000.00
Albrighton & District Footpaths Group	600.00
Say Yes, Shifnal & Albrighton Christian Youth Project	350.00
Albrighton Village Halls Trust	1950.00
Albrighton Patient Participation Group	371.50
Albrighton Arts & Heritage Forum	600.00
Albrighton Fayre Committee	500.00
Albrighton Traders' Association – Shopwatch Radio Link Scheme	250.00
<b>Total recommended at this meeting</b>	7812.50
<b>Total spent previously</b>	2200.00
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<b>Remaining budget</b>	5069.50

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

Draft Medium Term Financial Plan 2011/12 – 2013/14, Appendix 5. Report to Cabinet 13<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

Locality Working Local Joint Committees. Report to Cabinet 9<sup>th</sup> December 2010.

LJC application form for the projects listed

Albrighton Area LJC funding guidelines

### **Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)**

Cllr Gwilym Butler

### **Local Members**

Councillors Malcolm Pate and Stuart West

### **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Summary of Applications