

## **BUDGET 2010/11 DECISION REPORT**

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### **Summary**

An annual budget of £49,000 has been allocated to this Local Joint Committee. £2,841.06 underspend has been carried forward from 2009/10, making a total of £51,841.06 to be distributed in 2010/11. £20,000 of this sum is for a Community Chest scheme (applications for £1,500 or less, no match funding required) and the remainder for projects of more than £1,500 which require match funding. Following the last formal meeting of the LJC on February 10<sup>th</sup> 2011 a total of £49,103.77 had been allocated to projects, leaving £2,737.23 in the 2010/11 budget

### **Recommendations:**

A. Members are asked to confirm the budget allocations as set out in this report.

### **REPORT**

1. In January 2010 the LJC contributed £10,000 towards a project to restore Hopton Castle, which aimed to preserve the castle and to enable it to be accessible by members of the public.

Because of two bad winters, the project has been delayed by 6 months. It is now scheduled to be ready and open to use by everyone by 31 March this year. However, due to the 6 month delays, additional, unexpected costs have been incurred for the scaffolding and the site hut used by the contractors and it is going to be impossible to do the final bits of work to enable the site to be fully accessible by all members of the public unless more money is found. The scaffolding and site hut have been removed, but money is still needed to finish the project. One of the elements remaining to be completed is a set of wooden access steps leading up to the castle.

The Hopton Castle Preservation Trust has made a request to the LJC for an additional grant of £2500 to allow the above work to be completed.

Initial discussions with the Committee members suggests support for this proposal, and it is **therefore recommended that a grant of £2500 is awarded to the Hopton Castle Preservation Trust.**

## **2. Worthen Village Hall and Recreation Ground**

Worthen Village Hall Committee are requesting grant support to hold a weekend of events to celebrate the Royal Wedding at the end of April. The total cost of the project is £3679 and they are requesting a grant of £500 from the LJC.

The events include a party for pre school children on 27<sup>th</sup> April; a party for Worthen School children on 28<sup>th</sup>; a children's street part and evening party for the community on 30<sup>th</sup> April and a tea party at the village hall on 1<sup>st</sup> May. Children in the parish will also receive a commemorative coin and transport to events will be provided for members of the community who can't drive so they can access the events.

Matched funding for the project has been secured from local fund raising, ticket sales and in kind contributions.

If £2500 is allocated to the Hopton Castle application this would leave £237.23 remaining in the LJC budget for 2010/11. **It is recommended that £237.23 is allocated to this project.**

**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 contained in this report are compatible with the Human Rights Act 1998

**Environmental Appraisal**

**Risk Management Appraisal**

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

**Community / Consultations Appraisal**

Consideration has been given to the public opinion expressed at the previous Local Meeting.

**Cabinet Member**

Gwilym Butler

**Local Members**

Nigel Hartin, Heather Kidd and Peter Phillips

**Appendices**

None