



Committee and date
Bridgnorth, Worfield,
Alveley & Claverley

Local Joint Committee

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Item No

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

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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the Bridgnorth, Worfield, Alveley & Claverley Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1st April 2013 up until 31st March 2014.

A total of £35,500 has been devolved to the Committee to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for the 2013/14 financial year.

£2,930 has been allocated to the Committee from the apportionment of the Shropshire Community Arts Budget.

£8,163 has been carried over from the 12/13 financial year from which two projects are being funded that were agreed at the last meeting to be dealt with under delegated authority (Norton Defibrillator £688 and Bridgnorth Foodbank £1715) leaving £5,760 carry over to be used for projects this financial year.

This totals a budget of £44,190 for the 13/14 financial year.

The Committee are asked to consider how to prioritise and allocated its funding for this year using the discussion paper (Item 5).

2. Recommendations

- That the LJC considers the applications received, and awards funding at its discretion based on the recommendations made.

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3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

- 3.1 In determining these recommendations the LJC has considered reputational risk and the course of action minimises this risk.
- 3.2 The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.
- 3.3 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

- 4.1 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 LJCs.
- 4.2 The Bridgnorth, Worfield, Alveley & Claverley Local Joint Committee has agreed individual criteria in addition to the general financial rules. These are detailed in appendix 1.

5. Background

- 5.1 A total of 4 applications have been received for consideration at the October 16th meeting.
- 5.2 Two applications are for consideration under the arts budget, one application is for consideration from the community chest budget and one application is for consideration from the larger grant scheme.
- 5.3 The total funding request is for £4,500 and if these are agreed in full a total £34,020 will be left unallocated.

5.4

Project	£ requested
Claverley Toddlers	1,000
Sinfonia	750
English Haydn Festival	750
Quatt Village Hall	2,000
TOTAL	£4,500

6. **Additional Information on projects**

Claverley Toddlers – Request of £1,000

This application is to support the costs of new play and educational equipment and some key events to help boost the newly relaunched toddlers group in Claverley.

A new management committee has recently taken the group over and has quickly raised numbers, offering a wider range of activities for pre-school children and their families. The group are working to develop their role in the wider community and are receiving support and guidance from Shropshire Council's Children's Centre Services, Community Action Team and Claverley Parish Council and Parish Plan committee.

The group are currently breaking even through fees and with increased numbers will generate a surplus for reinvestment into the group and to provide a wider range of services to the community.

Sinfonia- request of £750

This application is to support the costs of purchasing music stands and stand lights for the recently formed Bridgnorth Sinfonia, an orchestra with over 30 members from the Bridgnorth area.

The group have become extremely popular locally and provide a range of music and concerts to events and activities in the area.

Sinfonia have secured significant sponsorship from local companies and are able to sustain their costs going forward. This project is to provide key equipment to enable them to perform more effectively and will also provide this equipment to other groups locally.

English Haydn Festival 2014- request of £750

This application is to provide support to the costs of running the 2014 Haydn Festival, an internationally renowned event that provides significant stimulus to the area's economy and reputation.

The request is to the Community Arts Fund for £750 and demonstrates the festival's continuing work to become self-financing and less grant dependent.

Quatt Village Hall- Meeting Room- request of £2,000

This project is to provide capital support towards the costs of completing the meeting room annexe of the village hall as a key phase of the overall regeneration of the building.

The meeting room will transform the village hall's ability to put on a range of activities and events simultaneously, increasing its offer to the

local community and also helping to generate income to sustain this vital community facility.

The Committee have secured significant match funding, including a large contribution from Quatt Malvern Parish Council and are completing a range of works via in kind labour.

This project is requesting support through the larger grant scheme.

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 13th January 2011.

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

LJC application form for the projects listed

Bridgnorth LJC funding guidelines

Funding Priorities for 2013/14 item 5

Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder): Councillor Gwilym Butler

Local Members: Councillors John Hurst-Knight, Christian Lea, William Parr, Les Winwood, Michael Wood and Tina Woodward.

Appendices: None