



Committee and date  
Bridgnorth, Worfield,  
Alveley & Claverley

Local Joint Committee

20<sup>th</sup> February 2014

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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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 up until 31<sup>st</sup> 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 2012/13 financial year

**This totals a budget of £46,593 for the 13/14 financial year.**

Prior to the February 2014 meeting a total of 12 applications have been supported totalling £15,355 leaving £31,238 left to be committed at the February meeting.

It has been confirmed that there will be no delegated funding for LJC's in the current format in future years and that any unspent funds from this financial year will not be carried over.

### **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 35 applications have been received with a combined funding request of £70,780, some £39,542 or 56% over budget.
- 5.2 Two applications were agreed via delegated authority prior to the meeting.
- 5.3 The number of applications and scale of the combined request present a challenge to the Committee. As such, at the Preparation meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> February, the Committee considered all applications in detail and agreed a course of action to enable the remaining funding to benefit as many groups as possible with priority given to groups that have not previously benefited from LJC funding and projects that have a long lasting and wide reaching benefit.
- 5.4 Due to the number of applications it is not practical to discuss all of these individually at the meeting and as such the Committee will vote on the proposed course of action agreed at the Preparation meeting. This course of action will see a total of 31 groups supported and will see all of the remaining budget allocated to the Bridgnorth LJC area.

**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

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