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Local Joint Committee
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UPDATE ON LEISURE FUNDING AND FACILITIES : BIRCHMEADOW CENTRE

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1. Summary

This report provides the Committee with updated information on proposals for the use of the grant of £5,000 to the Birchmeadow Centre.

2. Purpose of the Report

Members are asked to consider the proposals of the Birchmeadow Centre Project Committee on the use of the £5,000 provisionally awarded by this Committee.

3. Birchmeadow Centre

3.1 Background

In August 2009 Broseley Town Council were successful in being awarded £48,000 from Shropshire Council's Community Fund towards an extension on the Birchmeadow Centre. The extension is to the front of the building and will add additional toilet, storage and changing facilities for Broseley Amateur Dramatics (Broads) and will also give improved access to the stage.

Broseley Town Council have now set up the Birchmeadow Centre Project Committee comprising of 4 Town Councillors, and 2 co-opted representatives from the Birchmeadow Management Committee and 2 co-opted members of the Broseley Partnership in order to progress the project. The Town Council members have been given delegated authority to spend the grant funding awarded for the development project without reference back to full Council in order to allow the project to progress swiftly. It is a requirement of the original grant that the project is completed within 12 months.

3.2 Funding

At a previous meeting of this Committee, members provisionally agreed to allocate £5,000 of the budget this financial year to the Birchmeadow Centre project. This decision was subject to further information being sought on the specific use of this money in relation to the overall project.

The Birchmeadow Centre Project Committee have decided that their preferred use of this money would be to allocate it to the cost of project management of the scheme, thereby allowing most of the Community Fund award to be spent on the actual project.

They have agreed to appoint qualified architects to project manage and undertake the following aspects:

- Amend and resubmit plans
- Prepare appropriate documents for building regulations approval
- Liaise with local contractors, organise and manage the tender process
- Monitor and administer the project on site

6. Conclusion and Recommendation

That the Local Joint Committee approve the use of the grant in the sum of **£5,000** towards the cost of appointing architects to progress the Birchmeadow Centre project to its conclusion.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information) DCSF Design for Play Guidance;
Human Rights Act Appraisal There are no human rights implications arising directly from this report.
Environmental Appraisal Not applicable
Risk Management Appraisal All funding applications are assessed against agreed criteria which will minimise any risks associated with these projects.
Community / Consultations Appraisal Decisions on allocation of funding from this committee are subject to approval by the Broseley and Barrow Local Joint Committee as representatives of the local community.
Cabinet Member Gwilym Butler
Local Members Jean Jones, Milner Whiteman
Appendices None