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2011/12 FINANCE REPORT, INCLUDING UPDATE ON FUNDING REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION

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1. Summary

This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the Cleobury Rural Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1st April 2011 up until 31st March 2012.

A total of £18,000 has been devolved to the Cleobury and Rural Local Joint Committee for the current financial year with a further £1,162 Arts grant allocation. Last years uncommitted funding of £4,849 as also been carried over to this financial year. There is also an under spend of £1,773 from previous Cleobury Country Community Chest funds this gives the LJC a total of £25,784 to allocate this financial year.

To date 11 funding applications totalling £9,927 have been approved and are underway or have been completed in the area.

2. Recommendations

That the LJC considers the information and applications received.

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3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

In determining these recommendations the LJC has considered reputation risk and the course of action minimises this risk.

The recommendation contained in this report are compatible with the provision of the Human Rights Act 1998.

The proposal 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

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.

5. Background

The Cleobury Rural LJC is responsible for the award and expenditure of a devolved budget. The amount available to the LJC in 2011/12 has reduced as a result of Shropshire Council budget decisions, and a review of locality working in Shropshire. This amount has however supplemented by the transfer of funding previously available for Community arts projects in to the LJC budgets and some under spend carried forward from 2010/11

The amount therefore available to Cleobury Rural LJC is calculated as follows:

LJC devolved Budget 2011/12	£18,000
Community Arts allocation	£ 1,162
Carry forward of under spend	£ 4,849
Community Chest under spend previous LJC	£ 1,773
Total budget for 2011/12	£25,784

At the LJC meeting on 26th May 2011 meeting the Committee decided the following allocation and priorities.

Budget breakdown 2011/12:

- £4,000 ring fenced for Cleobury Country Ltd to continue to operate the Community Chest small grants scheme for grants up to 50% of total costs to a maximum of £500. Recommendations from the Community Chest panel to be put forward to the LJC members for final endorsement.
- £1,162 Arts Grant allocation, this allocation is subject to Art's Officers approval.
- £8,000 ring fenced to operate a larger open grant pot for grants up to a 70% of total project costs to a maximum grant of £2,000.
- £5,000 ring fenced for youth priorities. Recommendations from Cleobury Youth Partnership to be put forward to the LJC members for final endorsement.
- The remaining £5,849 to be retained to be allocated depending on funding needs and priorities set by the Committee at future meetings.
- All of the above allocations can be reviewed by the committee

6. Cleobury Rural LJC Applications for funding

Community Chest Scheme Remaining Budget- £4,246

Please note the LJC granted Cleobury Country Community Chest fund £4,000 from the LJC devolved budget for community chest applications in May 2011. After looking at previous allocation of Community Chest funding there was a current under-spend of £1,773 from previous years this amount as been carried forward to this years scheme therefore the total Community Chest fund stands at £5,773 of which £1,527 funding was granted at the LJC meeting in May, therefore leaving a balance of £4,246.

Cleobury and Rural LJC Members are requested to note the recommendations of the Community Chest appraisal panel and agree funding accordingly.

Group	Project	Amount
Clee View Bridleway Group P3	Bridleway improvements – Jack Mylton way, Detton-Prescott	£500
Cleobury Mortimer Friendship Club	Enhancing the lives of senior citizens	£400
Skate Park Group	Skate Park Inspection	£300

Larger Grants Remaining budget £3,819

The LJC allocated £8,000 to the larger grant budget. In May four applications were successful and were granted a total of £4,180 leaving a budget of £3,819. Two applications have been submitted for funding from the larger grants pot, to be directly appraised by LJC members.

Group	Project	Amount
Chorley Family Playgroup	Development of Outdoor Garden play area	£5,000
Melville Methodist Church	Melville Window Appeal to replace window in the Melville Chapel	£1,500

Applications from LJC Youth Priorities Remaining budget - £780

The LJC awarded £5,000 towards Youth Priorities in the Cleobury Rural LJC area. In May three applications were granted a total of £4,220 leaving a remaining budget of £780

Cleobury and Rural LJC Members are requested to note the recommendations of the Cleobury Youth Partnership and agree funding accordingly.

No applications have been received.

Remaining Retained Allocation £5,849

The LJC set aside the remaining £5,849 to be retained and allocated dependent on funding needs and priorities set by Cleobury and Rural LJC at future meetings.

In July 2011 Milson and Neen Sollars Parish Council have since requested and granted £250 towards the cost of speed reduction signage. Funding for speed safety signage was agreed in the October 2010 Cleobury Rural LJC meeting that £250 be granted, in principle, to all parishes within the remit of this Committee and to be used in this financial year 2010/11, for the funding of speed reduction measures in their respective areas. Therefore the grant of £250 as been allocated from the retained allocation, therefore leaving a remaining retained allocation of £5,599.

7. Cleobury Country

The LJC award Cleobury Country a grant of £150.00 for the remainder of this year 2011/12 and £300 for 2012/13 (from next year's confirmed LJC budget) in recognition of the work they undertake for the voluntary and community sector within the LJC area. The award be allocated from the retained allocation, therefore leaving a remaining retained allocation of £5,449.

8. Overall funding position

In May 2011 Cleobury Rural LJC allocated a total of £9,927 in grants to community groups. If the LJC grants all the current requests for funding a sum of £8,100 will be committed.

The LJC will then have a remaining balance of **£7,749** which consists of £3046 remaining in the Community Chest fund, £780 remaining in the Youth Priorities, £1162 Arts Grant and larger grants/retained allocation £2,761 in total for the final round of funding on 29th February 2012.

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

Non identified

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Cllr. Gwilym Butler

Local Members

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Cllr. Madge Shington

Cllr. Richard Huffer

Appendices

1. Funding Spreadsheet
