

**Committee and date**

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Joint Committee Meeting

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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 2012 up until 31st March 2013.

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. The Cleobury Country Community Chest funds currently stand at £2,650 this gives the LJC a total of £21,812 to allocate this financial year.

However it must be noted that 2011/12 the LJC approved to fund the Olympic torch relay day project £2,650 part of the funding was from 2011/12 allocations and remaining amount of £618 is to come out of the 2012/13 allocation. Also it was agreed at the October 2011 LJC that a contribution of £300 be granted to Cleobury Country in recognition of the work undertaken for the voluntary and community sector with the remit of the LJC. This brings the total uncommitted allocation to **£20,894**

2. Recommendations

That the LJC considers the information and applications received.

Report**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 2012/13

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

LJC devolved Budget 2012/13	£18,000
Community Arts allocation	£ 1,162
Community Chest under spend previous LJC	£ 2,650
Total budget for 2012/13	£21,812
Agreed allocations (2011/12) Olympic Day Project (£618) Cleobury Country Ltd (£300)	£ 918 -
Total uncommitted Budget for 2012/13	£20,894

At last year Local Joint Committee decided the following allocation and priorities.

Budget breakdown 2011/12:

- £4,000 was 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. There was also a underspend on previous years of £1828; this gave a total of £5828 in the Community Chest budget. In 2011/12 eight Community groups received a total of £3,179 for local projects. There is £2,650 remaining in the budget.
- £1,162 Arts Grant allocation, this allocation is subject to Art's Officers approval. This was granted to the Olympic Relay Arts Project which will be completed this summer.
- £5,000 ring fenced for youth priorities. Recommendations from Cleobury Youth Partnership to be put forward to the LJC members for final endorsement. Six youth projects was granted £8,882 (this includes the Arts Grant)

- £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 and the remaining £11,134 to be retained to be allocated depending on funding needs and priorities set by the Committee at future meetings. Ten community groups applied to the LJC grants and received £16,637.56 funding for local projects (this also includes the VAS/Traffic signage which made available to Parish Councils)

The LJC will need to decide how 2012/13 funding needs to be allocated. Based on last year's allocation and priorities the LJC may wish to consider the following budget break down.

Recommendations for 2012/13 Budget Break down

- £2,500 ring fenced for Cleobury Country Ltd to continue to operate the Community Chest small grants scheme.
- £1,162 Arts Grant allocation, this allocation is subject to Art's Officers approval.
- £5,000 ring fenced for youth priorities. Recommendations from Cleobury Youth Partnership to be put forward to the LJC members for final endorsement.
- £9,582 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.

6. Cleobury Rural LJC Applications for funding 2012/13

6.1 Delegated powers

The following application was considered by delegated powers because the project was time sensitive. The application was fully supported by the Cleobury Youth Partnership at their meeting on 1st May 2012.

Group	Project	Amount
1 st Cleobury Mortimer Scouts	Equipment (Folding tables and Chairs	£1,409.58

6.2 Applications from LJC Youth Priorities

This application was fully supported by the Cleobury Youth Partnership at their meeting on 1st May 2012

Group	Project	Amount
South Shropshire Youth Forum	Youth Work	£2,784

6.3 Art Grant Allocation - £1,162

One LJC Arts application has been received and the Cleobury Youth Partnership fully supported this application at the Cleobury Youth Partnership meeting on 1st May 2012. Shropshire Council Arts Officer supports this application.

Group	Project	Amount	Recommendation
Hole in the Wall Young Promoters Project	Hole in the Wall Youth Project	£1,000	Supported by the Arts Officer

6.4 Community Chest Scheme

Cleobury and Rural LJC Members are requested to note the recommendations of the Community Chest appraisal panel and agree funding accordingly. The St Mary's Youth Project application was fully supported at the Cleobury Youth Partnership at their meeting on the 1st May 2012. Please note a balance of £2,650 currently remains for the community chest scheme.

Group	Project	Amount	Recommendation
Milson & Neen Sollars Parish Council	Jubilee Garden	£500	Verbal (12 June)
Milson Parochial Church Council	Milson Community Programme	£500	Supported
Cleobury country and Chamber of Trade	Loyalty Card Scheme	£500	Supported
St Michaels and all Angels Church, Hopton Wafers	Loop sound system	£500	Verbal (12 June)
St Mary's Youth Project	Life Skills	£373.50	Verbal (12 June)
Total		£2,373.50	

Please note that two representatives from the Community Chest Appraisal Panel will be standing down this year. A representative is needed from Cleobury Country Ltd and one from the Parish Council.

6.5 Larger Grants

Please see the delegated powers application (6.1)

7. Overall funding position

If the LJC grants all the current requests for funding a sum of **£8,485** will be committed. The LJC will then have a remaining balance of **£13,327** for the second round of funding on 23rd October 2012.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information) - None
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Appendices

LJC Budget spread sheet
