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2013/14 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 2013 up until 31st March 2014.

A total of £18,000 has been devolved to the Cleobury and Rural Local Joint Committee for the current financial year with a further £1,160 Arts grant allocation. Last year's committed funding of £2000 for the Cleobury Mortimer Parish Plan and £19 uncommitted funding has also been carried over to this financial year. The Cleobury Country Community Chest funds currently stand at £3,150 this gives the LJC a total of £24,329 to allocate this financial year.

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 2013/14 has not been reduced this financial year. This amount has however been 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 2013/14	£18,000
Community Arts allocation	£ 1,160
Committed carry-over from 2012/13 for Cleobury Mortimer Parish Plan	£ 1,000
Carry-over from 2012/13	£ 19
Community Chest under spend	£ 3,150
Total Budget for 2013/14	£25,329

Last year the Local Joint Committee decided the following allocation and priorities.

Budget breakdown 2012/13:

- £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.
- £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.
- £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 amount to be retained to be allocated depending on funding needs and priorities set by the Committee at future meetings.

Recommendations for 2013/14 Budget Break down

The LJC will need to decide how 2013/14 funding needs to be allocated. Based on last year's allocation and priorities the LJC may wish to consider the following budget break down.

Please note that £1,683 has already been committed by the LJC via delegated powers. The remaining amount will need to be divided and allocated to the Community Chest fund; Cleobury Youth Partnership and Larger grants fund.

It must also be noted that the LJC has received 4 LJC applications, 4 community chest applications, 2 Youth project applications and 1 Arts grant application for this round.

- £850 allocated to Cleobury Country Ltd to continue to operate the Community Chest small grants scheme. Cleobury and Rural LJC Members are requested to note the recommendations of the Community Chest appraisal panel and agree funding accordingly. Discussions are taking place on how the scheme operates.
- £1,160 Arts Grant allocation, this allocation is subject to Art's Officers approval.
- £6,000 allocated for youth priorities. It is recommended that the committee transfer the funding into the Cleobury Youth Partnership bank account and that Cleobury and Rural LJC Members are requested to note the recommendations of the Cleobury Youth Partnership and agree funding accordingly.
- £9,486 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.
- Committed funding from 2012/13 ring fenced for Cleobury Mortimer Parish Plan funding application. This amount has now been confirmed as £1,000.

6. Cleobury Rural LJC Applications for funding 2013/14

6.1 Applications under Delegated powers March 2013

The following application was supported by the Cleobury Youth Partnership and agreed by delegated powers in March 2013.

Group	Project	Amount	Recommendation
1 st Cleobury Mortimer Scouts	Trailer	£668	Agreed by delegated powers
South Shropshire Youth Forum	Skate Park Project	£1015	Agreed by delegated powers
Total		£1683	

6.2 Cleobury Mortimer Parish Plan

Cleobury Mortimer Parish Plan Group was awarded £2,000 match funding towards Cleobury Mortimer Parish Plan in October 2012. However CMPP group have re-submitted their application for £1,000 due to changes in the original costing of the plan. Recommendations on the above application will be confirmed at the LJC meeting.

Group	Project	Amount	Recommendation
Cleobury Mortimer Parish Plan Group	Parish Plan cost application resubmitted	£1,000	Application was agreed in October 2012

6.3 Arts Grant

One LJC Arts application has been received and the Cleobury Youth Partnership fully supported this application. Shropshire Council Arts Officer supports this application. Recommendations on the following application will be confirmed at the LJC meeting.

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

6.4 Community Chest Grant Scheme

Cleobury and Rural LJC Members are requested to note the recommendations of the Community Chest appraisal panel and agree funding accordingly. Please note a balance of £3,150 remains from 2012/13 for the community chest scheme.

Group	Project	Amount	Recommendation
Friends of St Mary's	Choir	£500	TBC
Severn Hospice Craft Club	Equipment	£500	TBC
Cleobury Country Tourism Group	Tourism Leaflet	£820	TBC and for ratification by the LJC
Cleobury Mortimer Concert Brass	Warm and Dry Brass Band Ambassadors	£500	TBC
Total		£2,320	

6.5 Cleobury Youth Partnership

Cleobury Youth Partnership met on 11th June 2013 and supported the applications received. Cleobury and Rural LJC Members are requested to note the recommendations of the Cleobury Youth Partnership and agree funding accordingly.

Group	Project	Amount	Recommendation
St Mary's Youth Group	Youth Activities	£3,000	Supported
South Shropshire Youth Forum	Youth Forum activities	£2,308	Supported
Total		£5,308	

6.6 Larger Grants - £9,486

Four applications have been submitted for funding from the larger grants allocation to be directly appraised by the LJC committee

Group	Project	Amount
Food and Ale Trail 2013	Food and Ale Trail	£1,540
Neen Savage Parish Hall	Neen Savage Parish Hall Double Glazing	£1,000
Clee View Bridleway Group	Catherton Common Improvements	£1,464
Cleobury Mortimer Concert Brass	2 x Brass Instruments	£13,517
Total		£17,521

7. Overall funding position

The current funding position is that **£1,683** has already been committed via delegated powers in March 2013. Also £1,000 committed funding from 2012/13 ring fenced for Cleobury Mortimer Parish Plan.

If all of the grant requests are funded a sum of **£25,149** will be committed. The LJC will then have over-spent for the second round of funding on 30th October 2013.

Accordingly the community chest currently stand at **£3,150** if all the requests of **£2,320** are granted this will leave **£830** in the community chest fund.

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

Non identified

Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)

Local Members

Cllr. Gwilym Butler

Cllr. Madge Shingleton

Cllr. Richard Huffer