



<u>Committee and date</u>	<u>Item</u>
Cleobury and Rural Local Joint Committee Meeting	
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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 years committed funding of £2,000 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	£ 2,000
Carry-over from 2012/13	£ 19
Community Chest under spend	£ 3,150
Total Budget for 2013/14	£24,329

In July 2013 the Local Joint Committee decided the following allocation and priorities.

Budget breakdown 2013/14

- £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.
- £1,160 Arts Grant allocation, this allocation is subject to Art's Officers approval.
- £6,000 allocated for youth priorities transferred directly into the Cleobury Youth Partnership bank account. Feedback on any projects funded through this allocation to be reported back to the LJC at every meeting.
- £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.
- £2,000 committed funding from 2012/13 ring fenced for Cleobury Mortimer Parish Plan funding application which is currently on hold. Please note that at the July meeting the Cleobury Mortimer Parish Plan was awarded £1000.

6. Cleobury Rural LJC Applications for funding 2013/14

There is a total of £5,900 remaining in the budget for consideration at the February meeting.

If the grant requests are funded a sum of **£4,894** will be committed. The LJC will then have an underspend of £1,006. As members will recall, there is **no carry-over** of funds unspent this financial year and as such members are asked to consider how to allocate this funding.

At the preparation meeting, members suggested that any unspent funds would be paid to the Cleobury Youth Partnership to continue to support youth provision in the area.

6.1 Larger Grants

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

Group	Project	Amount
Farlow & Oreton Village Hall	Decorations of committee room & creation of car parking area	1,187
Chorley Family Playgroup	Ipads and dressing up materials	1,291
Holy Trinity Church, Sidbury	Church access	800
	TOTAL	3,278

6.2 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.

Group	Project	Amount	Recommendation
Wheathill Parish Plan Grp	Production/implementation of PP	137.68	Approve in full
Borders Classic Bike Show	Promotional materials	150	Approve in full
Cleobury Country Ltd	Bespoke advertising boards for Farmer's Market	500	Approve in full
	TOTAL	787.68	

6.3 Arts Grant - No applications received

6.4 Cleobury Youth Partnership

Group	Project	Amount	Recommendation
SSYP	Friday Night Football	193 top up to 6,000 delegated to the Youth Partnership	193 top up agreed by LJC via email and delegated powers
Chorley Chapel	Youthquake (considered and supported by Youth Partnership but no funds remaining in the Youth Partnership budget)	1,616	Youth Partnership wish to support but have spent all of their 6,000 delegated grant so ask for the LJC to consider this request directly

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 Shington

Cllr. Richard Huffer

Appendices : Application