



Committee and date
Eastern Shrewsbury Local
Joint Committee

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

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Summary

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

A total of £17,518 has been devolved to the Committee to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for the 2011/12 year.

Prior to each LJC, a planning meeting takes place to discuss applications for funding and agree recommendations.

Four applications have been received for this reporting period. Two of these were considered at the planning meeting held on 19th April, and the recommendations from that meeting feature in this report for decision by the LJC. Two further applications have been received and are put forward for decision at this meeting as the LJC is not due to meet again until 3rd October 2011.

Recommendations

- That the LJC considers the applications received, and awards funding to those organisations and their projects as recommended in this report.
- In view of the reduced funding available, that the LJC considers whether it wishes in future to prioritise and/or invite project proposals which address particular themes or known priorities in the LJC area.

Report

Background

1. The Eastern Shrewsbury 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 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 2010/11. This is the final year that any carry forward of under spend will be permitted.

2. The total amount therefore available to Eastern Shrewsbury LJC is calculated as follows:

Total LJC electorate as at August 2010:	9323
Budget based on this electorate	£40,000
Amount available for 2011/12 following 50% budget reduction	£20,000
Minus 30% top slice of funding for Shrewsbury wide allocation	£6,000
Plus apportioned allocation of community arts budget	£1,588
Plus carry forward of under spend	£1,930
TOTAL budget for 2011/12	£17,518

Recommendations put forward to the LJC on 12 May 2011

3. Those applications for funding received in time for the planning meeting were considered on 19th April. A further two applications have been received since that date. Summaries of the projects are attached at Appendix A, the detailed applications are available to view on request. Recommendations totalling £8,938.00 are now put forward to the Eastern Shrewsbury LJC. These are as follows:

	£
A. Pre-school Learning Alliance Messy Play Days	1,438.00
B. 1 st Robertsford Scout Group – re-roofing project	2,000.00
C. Monkmoor Fun Day	500.00
D. Floor renovation and access improvement works to Monkmoor Baptist Church Hall.	5,000.00
TOTAL	8,938.00
Total Funding Requests	8,938.00
Original Budget	17,518.00
Spend to Date	0.00
Balance Remaining	

4. Future Funding

- 4.1 In view of the reduced funding available, the LJC may wish to consider whether it wishes in future to prioritise and/or invite project proposals which address particular themes or known priorities in the LJC area.
- 4.2 Bids for future funding should be address to:

Gill Jones or Fiona Howe at Shropshire Council, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate,
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5. A report on the progress and impact of projects already funded by the LJC is provided later on the agenda.

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

Draft Medium Term Financial Plan 2011/12 – 2013/14, Appendix 5. Report to Cabinet 13th January 2011.

Locality Working Local Joint Committees. Report to Cabinet 9th December 2010.
LJC application forms for the projects listed

Human Rights Act Appraisal

The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.

Environmental Appraisal

None.

Risk Management Appraisal

In determining these recommendations the Council has considered reputational risk and the course of action minimises this risk.

Community / Consultations Appraisal

Consideration has been given to the public opinion expressed at the previous Local Meeting.

Local Member

Shropshire Councillors – Miles Kenny, Jo Jones, Tony Durnell

Appendices

None.