

## **FUNDING REQUESTS TO EASTERN SHREWSBURY LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

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### **1. Summary**

- 1.1 This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the Eastern Shrewsbury Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 up until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013.
- 1.2 A total of £15,590 has been devolved to the Committee to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for the 2012/13 year. In addition, there is a carry forward of £4,002 being the remaining funding ring-fenced in 2011/12 to support initiatives which help develop community-based and led projects in the areas of Bridgeford Way, Buttington Road and surrounds and Clive Road, Abbots Road/Barleyfields and surrounds. This amount has been accrued to 2012/13. Four applications for funding have been received for consideration by the July meeting of the LJC. Details of these are contained in this report. The total amount requested is £7,455.

### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 To consider the funding applications received and agree levels of support or otherwise, in accordance with the funding guidelines and the delegated powers approved by Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2011.

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### **3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal**

- 3.1 In determining these recommendations the LJC has considered reputational risk and the course of action proposed minimises this risk.
- 3.2 The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.
- 3.3 The proposals under consideration will improve the levels of community based and community driven activity in the LJC area. Comments made in this report include those received as a result of consulting with stakeholders including Shrewsbury Town Council.

### **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 The amount allocated to the Eastern Shrewsbury LJC is £15,590. In addition £4,002 has been accrued in to 2012/13, being the remaining funding ring-fenced in 2011/12 to support initiatives which help develop community-based and led projects in the areas of Bridgeford Way, Buttington Road and surrounds and Clive Road, Abbots Road/Barleyfields and surrounds. Work is continuing in this area, and further bids are anticipated as the year progresses. Should the Committee agree to the funds requested £8,135 will remain for distribution in accordance with priorities over the remainder of the financial year.

### **5. Background**

- 4.3 The Shrewsbury LJC is responsible for the award and expenditure of a devolved budget. No specific priorities have yet been set for 2012/13. The Committee should therefore consider whether it wishes to identify priorities for funding.

### **6. Additional Information**

- 6.1 To date four applications for funding have been received for 2012/13.
- 6.2 A summary of applications received is provided below. Further details are contained at Appendix A to this report.

	<b>Project</b>	<b>Total project cost £</b>	<b>Amount requested £</b>	<b>Proposed grant £</b>
A.	Shrewsbury Croquet Club security fencing	3,564	3,000	3,000 (ringfenced to allow the applicant time for further discussions with Shrewsbury Town Council regarding their long term plans for the area, and effective use of the grant funding)
B.	Abbots wood community exercise taster sessions	250	125	125
C.	St Peter's Church Hall – Phase 1 refurbishment	6,158	3,000	3,000
D.	Monkmoor Football Club (application due 3.7.12)	1,830	1,330	1,330
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>11,802</b>	<b>7,455</b>	<b>7,455</b>

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

4 x LJC applications as detailed in Appendix A of this report

**Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)**

Gwilym Butler

**Local Member**

Miles Kenny; Hannah Fraser; Tony Durnell

**Appendices**

Appendix A – Project application details

**APPENDIX A****A. Shrewsbury Croquet Club**Project Detail

The club has a licence to operate at Monkmoor Recreation Area. They have recently re-turfed their two croquet lawns (partially supported by the Shrewsbury wide LJC, but also significantly funded through the club's own fundraising efforts), and installed a water supply to their clubhouse. The project now proposed is for the erection of a fence to protect this investment, due to ongoing damage/vandalism to the lawns – the length of fencing required is approx. 48 metres, which includes 3 metre wide double gates for access. The project has been developed in consultation with Tim Sneddon of Shropshire Council, and Gary Farmer of Shrewsbury Town Council, as the Town Council commences management of the Recreation Centre with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012.

The applicant states that the new lawns have increased interest in the sport to the extent that the club's annual beginners course has twice the usual number of entrants. Also requests from local clubs such as U3A, Rotary and WI have increased significantly. Whilst the club welcomes new interest and members, it is difficult to keep the lawns at playing standard if they are open to misuse by people who use them inappropriately. Since re-turfing the lawns have been misused by the playing of football, biking and even dog exercising. Should this continue, the club fears that the new found interest will diminish, along with a number of existing members, which would inevitably result in a decrease in income. Vandalism to the area has taken a number of forms. In addition to the aforementioned bikes and football, an attempt has been made to burn down one of the small wooden shelters – which was subsequently pushed over on to the lawn, causing extensive damage.

## Project costs:

Fence	£1,887.00
Double gates	£1083.00
VAT	£594.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£3,564.00</b>

## Project funding:

Donation	£500.00
Club funding	£64.00

**Amount requested from LJC    £3,000**

Since receipt of the application, discussions have been held with Shrewsbury Town Council officers who have indicated that they would

prefer any offer of funding to be ring-fenced at this stage, to allow time for further discussions with the applicant about the Town Council's plans for the site. In particular, it is understood that the Council has plans to fence and secure the site, and may be using different maintenance equipment. It would therefore be important to ensure that any fencing and gates allow appropriate access. The Town Council will be consulting with all user groups and residents about their plans in due course. The Committee may therefore at this stage wish just to ring-fence the funds for the croquet club to agree with the Town Council the most appropriate solution to their problem.

## **B. ABBOTS WOOD COMMUNITY EXERCISE TASTER SESSIONS**

### Project details

Funding is requested to support Tai Chi Community exercise and well-being sessions at Abbots Wood – a community based day centre for adults with learning disabilities set in a residential area of Monkmoor. The 'Abbots Wood Caring for People' group aims to try and bring the community and the centre together. This project is to support a series of exercise sessions for those who want to try a different type of exercise, or may not have engaged in exercise before. Offering the sessions at the centre creates new activities for the area and brings people together integrating a mix of abilities. This Tai Chi taster will involve an instructor attending Abbots Wood to deliver a 6 week programme, with a session in the summer to gather interest. The sessions will be open to all who attend Abbots Wood, local groups and residents. It will be promoted locally by the Abbots Wood caring for people group. Funding will pay for the first 7 sessions but people taking part will be asked to contribute £2 per session which will enable the sessions to become sustainable. There is potential for other activities to take place at the centre if there is local demand.

#### Project costs:

	£
Tai chi instructor	210.00
Promotional material/advertising/refreshments	40.00
Room hire – physio room at Abbots Wood	77.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>327.00</b>

#### Project funding:

Abbots Wood caring for people group	125.00
In kind room hire contribution	77.00

<b>Amount requested from LJC</b>	<b>125.00</b>
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## C. ST PETER'S HALL REFURBISHMENT – PHASE 1

### Project details

Funding is requested towards the costs of refurbishment of the kitchen facilities within St Peter's Hall, with the aim of increasing community usage of the facility. Example activities provided by the applicant are: possible luncheon club, budget training, and other community usage. This project is part of larger refurbishment proposals for the building, which are intended to encourage greater community involvement and activity there. Phase 1 of the refurbishment relates to kitchen improvements – at the moment, the limited facilities mean that the hall is very limited in the numbers that can be catered for, and many bookings are lost due to its inadequacies – the kitchen facilities can only cater for approximately 12 people, whereas the building is capable of accommodating approximately 80 people. The proposal addresses this problem by refurbishment of the kitchen facilities with up to date units and equipment. The application is made by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Holy Cross, Abbey and St Peter's. In support of the application, the applicant explains that prospective hall bookings often don't materialise because of the inadequate kitchen facilities. The hall is located within the 3<sup>rd</sup> most deprived super output area in Shropshire, and there is a dearth of accessible community venues of this kind in the area. The applicant also explains that they work closely with other churches and community providers in the area, and plan to offer even more in the future as they develop their facilities. Estimates or quotations have been provided for all elements of the proposed work

### Project costs:

	£
Kitchen units	2,459.00
Dishwasher	949.00
Hob and oven	1,700.00
Electrical works and fitting	550.00
Heater	250.00
Doors	250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,158.00</b>

### Project funding:

PCC funds and planned fundraising	3,158.00
<b>Amount requested from LJC</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>

Fitting of the kitchen units will be provided voluntarily.

**D. MONKMOOR FOOTBALL CLUB**Project details to follow

Funding is requested towards the start-up costs for this newly formed local football club, which has recently been accepted by Shropshire FA to begin playing in the Shrewsbury League for the 2012/13 season. The application seeks support towards the costs of pitch fees; training equipment; player insurance; and 12 month's referee fees, to help get the team off the ground. Once set up, the team envisages being self-supporting in the longer term. The club comprises 20 – 25 young men, aged between 16 and 34 years, and the team has been recognised by a local shopkeeper as offering valuable diversionary activity to young men in the area who don't have much money to support their involvement in the team. This same businessman has sponsored the purchase of the team's home strip, and they are currently seeking sponsorship of their away strip.

Project costs:	£
Home strip	250.00
Pitch fees (1 season)	570.00
Training equipment	200.00
Player insurance	200.00
Referee fees	360.00
Away strip	250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,830.00</b>
Project funding:	
Sponsorship of home strip	250.00 (secured)
Sponsorship of away strip	250.00
<b>Amount requested from LJC</b>	<b>1,330.00</b>