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Eastern Shrewsbury Local  
Joint Committee

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## **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 was a carry forward of underspend from 2011/12 of £1,630, and £4,002 ring-fenced 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. The total amount available to the LJC for 2012/13 is therefore £21,222. Four projects totalling £7,455 were supported at the July 2012 meeting, leaving £13,767 for the remainder of the year (including the ring fenced sum). Five applications for funding have been received for consideration by the March meeting of the LJC, a further one is presented in outline for consideration in principle. One of the applications has been approved by the Chairman, using the authority delegated by Cabinet on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2011. Details of this, and the remaining four full applications received are contained in this report. The total amount requested by the delegated application, and the remaining four applications is £11,572.32 – if all are approved, £2,194.68 will remain.
- 1.3 The Committee are asked also to indicate their views on the outline proposal received for these remaining funds, and if in agreement, to delegate the Chairman to authorise approval once the full application is received.

## **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.

## **REPORT**

## **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, there was a carry forward of underspend from 2011/12 of £1,630, and £4,002 was ring-fenced 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 it is suggested that a proposal to this meeting from Shropshire Playbus, and an outline bid from the newly formed Monkmoor Friends Group, who are planning a community fun day on Upton Lane Recreation Ground on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2013 could be considered for this ring fenced funding. The total amount available to the LJC for 2012/13 is therefore £21,222. £7,455 has already been spent, leaving £13,767.00 (including the ring-fenced funds) for the remainder of this financial year.

## **5. Background**

- 5.1 The Eastern Shrewsbury LJC is responsible for the award and expenditure of a devolved budget. No specific priorities have been set for 2012/13, other than that for the ring-fenced funds.

## 6. Additional Information

- 6.1 To date four projects have received funding totalling £7,455 in 2012/13. A further five applications for funding totalling £11,572.32 have been received for consideration at this meeting, giving a potential total spend for 2012/13 of £19,027.32. One of the applications (Crowmoor Primary School IT Skills for parents) has been approved by the Chairman, using the authority delegated by Cabinet on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2011. A further outline application to the value of £3,150 is presented in outline for consideration in principle.
- 6.2 A summary of applications received and expected 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.	British Red Cross Young Carers	8,186.54	1,492.32	1,492.32
B.	Only Flutes Aloud	1,560.00	1,560.00	1,560.00
C.	Crowmoor Primary School – IT skills for parents	3,826.00	3,320.00	3,320.00 approved by Chairman under delegated arrangements
D.	Bricklayers Bowling Club	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,200.00
E.	Shropshire Playbus Outline project – Monkmoor	2,100.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
F.	Community Fun Day and associated young people's activities	3,150.00+ in kind contributions	3,150.00	3,150.00 (2,194.68 from 2012/13, and the remaining 955.32 to be approved in principle from 2013/14 budget)
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>22,022.54</b>	<b>14,722.32</b>	<b>13,767.00 + 955.32 in 2013/14</b>

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

5 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. British Red Cross Young Carers**Project Detail

The aim of this project is to give young carers an opportunity to take a break from their responsibilities at home, and have some time out to enjoy a variety of activities such as arts, crafts, music, sports activities and trips. Young carers also have access to advice and support. Within the Eastern Shrewsbury area, there are eight young carers who regularly attend the monthly peer support meetings. These eight are often socially isolated due to the nature of their caring role, and are therefore dependent on transport being provided, as they have no other means of attending the peer support meetings. The activities offered within the peer support meetings enable the young people to use creative thinking, problem solving, team working and more. The British Red Cross Young Carers project is jointly funded by the Big Lottery and through a service level agreement with Shropshire Council. The applicant states that the Shropshire Council funding is allocated towards staff wages and transport. This application seeks funding towards the costs of venue hire and activities for the young carers. A recent scrutiny review advised the British Red Cross Young Carers Project that they could approach the LJC's for funding towards specific projects.

## Project costs:

	£
Venue hire, transport, food and activity costs	8,186.54
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,186.54</b>

## Project funding:

Income raised from other sources	5,400.00
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<b>Amount requested from LJC</b>	<b>1,492.32</b>
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**B. Only Flutes Aloud**Project details

Funding is requested to support purchase of music stand banners to promote the choir and purchase suitable music. A website will also be developed to increase the visibility of the 'choir'. Only Flutes Aloud is the only flute choir aimed at adults in Shrewsbury, and was set up in May 2012, with the intention of creating a welcoming environment for adults to play the flute together and perform for the community. The group meets monthly at Belvidere School, and provides an additional outlet for players who lack confidence to join larger ensembles. The

choir develops musical skills, raises personal confidence, and encourages members to perform to a wider audience. Only Flutes Aloud adds value to the community by making musical entertainment more accessible to a wider audience, in local venues, as well as providing individuals with the opportunity to develop personally and musically. The group is currently negotiating with residential care facilities and the local hospice to provide entertainment for residents and staff.

Project costs:

	£
20 x Music stand banners	860.00
Music scores and parts	200.00
Website development	500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,560.00</b>

<b>Amount requested from LJC</b>	<b>1,560.00</b>
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### **C. Governors of Crowmoor Primary School – IT skills for parents**

#### Project details

This project has been approved by the Chairman, using his delegated authority. The project seeks to provide parents of school and those of pre-school children with improved IT skills. This will be achieved through the purchase of laptops which are specifically for adult learning, and access. The project will allow the school to provide parents with the opportunity to access computers on a regular basis as well as providing training on how to use them. The training will be provided free of charge by the Family Learning team, and the school is happy to provide the facilities. Currently, applications requiring computer access are accommodated around academic schedules. This limits the time available. The need for the project is evidenced by the fact that during the last online form completion requirement at the school, 80% of the class's parents came in to school to complete the forms; following a recent parental survey, of the parents who answered the question, 52% indicated they would find it useful to have access to a computer within school; the results of a recent extended schools questionnaire indicated that most parents would value IT training from the family learning team.

Project costs:

	£
10 x laptops	3,320.00
10 x licences	506.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,826.00</b>

Project funding:

School funds	506.00
In kind contributions	920.00

<b>Amount requested from LJC and approved</b>	<b>3,320.00</b>
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#### D. Bricklayers Bowling Club Pavilion

##### Project Details

This project seeks to purchase a replacement bowling pavilion with the aim of attracting more local people in the area to participate in using the bowling facilities. The need for the project is evidenced through a survey conducted by Shrewsbury Town Council in which the Club states that there was overwhelming demand for a pavilion which away teams could use to change and take shelter when raining, as there are no facilities for away teams to shelter from the elements. At present, the club runs 5 teams - they state they could run more, but people don't attend due to the fact that they have no protection from the elements, especially in the early and late parts of the season. Once the pavilion is in place, the Club states that it intends to run a youth team, which would be assisted by coaching from the older members of the club. The club is not offering any match funding towards this stage of the project which they describe as Phase 1. Phase 2 will include electrical installation, which will be funded by Shrewsbury Town Council, and laying of slabbing, which will be resourced by the Club.

Project costs:

	£
Pavilion purchase and transportation	3,200.00
TOTAL	3,200.00

<b>Amount requested from LJC</b>	<b>3,200.00</b>
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#### E. Shropshire Playbus

##### Project Details

This project seeks to bring the fully equipped Playbus with two qualified professional play workers to Eastern Shrewsbury as a follow up to, and to reinforce, the very successful programme of visits in 2012. The proposal is for 12 x 2 hour sessions in locations as recommended by the Local Joint Committee, but especially Bridgeford Way, Clive Green, Connyger Crescent and Abbots Road, which will be divided between holiday activities and after school activities. The idea of the visits is to go beyond pure displacement/diversionary activities to provide: a fun filled session of creative play for families and children up to 12 years; an opportunity for a parents and children to talk about what would make the locality an even better place for families and to work out how to go

about doing this with their local Councillor; a chance for health, police, fire and rescue staff and other professionals including the local Community Action Officer to engage with local people in an informal way. The target audience is families with children up to the age of 12. They will also run separate sessions for parents and others to consider and plan for community based activities involving members of the local community. Experience from 2012 demonstrated that the after school sessions were more popular with residents (especially in Bridgeford Way), therefore the majority of sessions are to be provided after school, but not totally excluding holiday sessions. A recent survey (attached to the application) carried out by Playbus staff in the snowy weather when the Playbus was off the road revealed a great enthusiasm for Playbus visits.

Project costs:

	£
12 x playbus sessions – includes playworkers and volunteer helpers @ £175 per session	2,100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,100.00</b>

Project funding:

Playbus fundraising and volunteer input	100.00
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**Amount requested from LJC 2,000.00**

**F Outline project - Monkmoor Community Fun Day and associated young people's activities**

Project Details

This outline project brings together three partners in the community – Monkmoor Friends Group, Shrewsbury Town Council, and Shropshire Positive Activities Team. Monkmoor Friends Group is a newly established community group, which brings together a number of local residents who are planning to organise a Community Fun Day on Upton Lane Recreation Ground on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2013. The day will bring together local schools, agencies such as the police and fire and rescue service, local charities, community groups and businesses to provide activities and entertainment for all ages between 11am and 3pm. This is the first time that such an event has been organised by a local community group at Upton Lane, and the group is currently being supported by their Community Action Officer to organise all aspects of the event. The group has approached a number of different organisations in the community, who are keen to support them to help make the day a success. In particular, the Positive Activities team has offered to provide the youth bus on the day, together with young people's activities. A number of the younger members of the Monkmoor Friends Group have benefited from the presence of the youth bus in their area, and they are now taking an active part in the work of the Friends Group. It is therefore proposed that part of this



project provides a resource to continue a weekly youth bus presence in the Bridgeford Way and Clive Road/Abbots Road area, with a view to building on this success to date, and working with local young people on activities which can raise awareness of the Community Fun Day, and contribute to the celebrations on the day, eg through crafts and arts activities.

Shrewsbury Town Council has indicated its willingness to act as the lead partner for the youth bus element of the project, which totals approximately £2,550. The remaining £600 relates to the funds required to put on the Fun Day, and include the costs of: public liability insurance; play bus attendance on the day; licensing; publicity; and other incidental costs. This funding will be paid to the Monkmoor Friends Group, which has now approved its constitution, and is currently setting up a bank account. The LJC is asked to approve this proposal in principle for a maximum of £3,150 towards the total project.

**Amount requested from LJC: £3,150.00 (£2,194.68 from 2012/13, and the remaining £955.32 to be approved and committed in principle from 2013/14 budget)**