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Local Joint Committee Budget

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Summary

This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the Ellesmere Area Local Joint Committee (LJC) for 2009/10.

A total of £28,000 has been devolved to the committee to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC. Deadline dates are proposed for receipt of applications prior to future LJCs taking place. Two applications have been received for consideration at this LJC with three additional applications proposed to be considered at the next LJC in January 2010.

Recommendations

- That the LJC agree to funds allocated to three time periods throughout the year.
- That the two applications received for the Ellesmere Link and the extended schools workshops are awarded funds to support their activities.
- That three applications recently received are considered at the next LJC meeting.
- That the LJC agree deadline dates for applications.

Report

1. From 1 April 2009 Shropshire Council has created 28 Local Joint Committees to operate across the whole county. These LJCs are legally constituted decision making committees of Shropshire Council.
2. The LJC is responsible for awarding and expenditure of the devolved budget. A budget of £28,000 has been made available to the Ellesmere LJC. Expenditure against this budget is agreed by the Committee after consideration at planning meetings, decision reports then voting by

Committee members. Voting is undertaken by the members of the Committee, all with equal votes, with decisions determined by a simple majority.

3. The funding devolved to the LJC can be used for a number of different purposes over the year. It is recommended that funding is allocated over three separate time periods:
 - £10,000 until 30th September 2009
 - £9,000 until 30th January 2010
 - £9,000 until 30th March 2010

If funding is not spent within the given period, it may be rolled over into the next period.

4. To avoid any last minute assessments of applications, the future deadline dates for receipt of applications are as follows:
 - 16th November 2009 ready for the January LJC
 - 12th February 2010 ready for the March LJC

Applications received prior to the planning meeting

5. The following two applications have been received and recommended to the LJC:
 - a) Ellesmere Link – British Red Cross Shropshire Young Carers. £100 to support transport for six months of peer support group meetings at Oswestry.
 - b) Extended schools workshops – £2,500 for three years of art activity at Ellesmere. Part one involves 18 weeks of art workshops for pupils beyond school hours. Part two involves opportunities for adult learning in the form of arts and craft courses. Part 3 involves the annual exhibition to be held at ‘SPACE’ in Ellesmere.
6. The recommendation is that both applications receive funds for the total amounts requested. For b) the extended schools workshops, the LJC award is dependent on match funding bid from the arts council.

Applications for consideration, received after the planning meeting

7. The following applications were received after the LJC planning meeting and are recommended for consideration by the LJC:
 - Cockshutt Village Hall Fire Safety – installation of a fire alarm system costing £2,500
 - Cockshutt Primary School (Forest school project) – developing a forest area in the school grounds for children’s learning opportunities costing £1511.50

- Party in the Park event held on 5th September (retrospective) – could be treated as an exceptional circumstance as it has already been delivered and was mentioned at the first meeting costing £8,000

To avoid applications not being reviewed at LJC planning meetings, deadlines for the receipt of applications are proposed.

8. The following applications have been received and are proposed to be rolled over for consideration at the next LJC:
 - Ellesmere Sculpture Exhibition
 - Refurbishment of Frankton Cricket Club

Deadline for applications

9. Applications received by 16th November 2009 will be reviewed for eligibility and a formal decision on which applications to fund will be taken at the next LJC Meeting on **7th January 2010**.