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Ellesmere Area Local Joint Committee

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## **2012/13 FINANCE REPORT, INCLUDING UPDATE ON FUNDING REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

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### **1. Summary**

- 1.1 This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the Ellesmere Area Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1 April 2012 up until 31 March 2013.
- 1.2 A total of £15,710 has been devolved to the committee to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for 2012/13.
- 1.3 A planning meeting takes place to discuss applications for funding and agree recommendations to be taken to the LJC where decisions will be made.
- 1.4 Eight applications have been received for this reporting period. This included 1 application which was approved under delegated powers prior to the meeting. These were considered at the planning meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2012. The recommendations from the planning meeting are listed in this report.

### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the LJC considers the applications received, and awards funding to those organisations and their projects as recommended in this report. The recommendation is to approve or not approve the following funding applications as detailed:

1	Ellesmere Flower and Gardening Club	£ 200.00
2	Cockshutt Millenium Hall CCTV	£ 750.00
3	Community First Responders Mobility and Kit	£ 750.00
4	St Simon & St Jude Commemorative Artwork	£ 300.00
5	Cockshutt Community Playgroup	£1300.00
6	Welsh Frankton Cricket Club	£1500.00
7	Oswestry & District Arts Association	Not Approved
8	Oswestry & District Sports Association	Not Approved
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£4800.00</b>

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

- 3.1 In determining this recommendation the Council has considered reputational risk and the course of action 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.

### **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1 The funding devolved to the LJC can be used for a number of different purposes over the year. At the present time, the Committee has not allocated funds to any specific purposes but has indicated that it will receive applications from local organisations for eligible purposes. Funding by the LJC must comply with the general Financial Rules for LJC's.

### **5. Background**

- 5.1 From 1 April 2009 Shropshire Council created 28 Local Joint Committees (LJC) to operate across the whole of Shropshire. The LJC's are legally constituted decision making Committees of Shropshire Council
- 5.2 The LJC for Ellesmere wards has membership from Shropshire Council (3 members) and parish councils (4 members) all with equal voting rights.
- 5.3 One of the responsibilities of the LJC is to determine expenditure of the devolved budget. A budget of £ 15,710 has been made available to the LJC for the current financial year. This is made up of £14,000 from the LJC budget; £1,040 from the arts funding which has been transferred to the LJC and £670 carryover from this LJC's' 2011/12 budget .The total recommended value for projects put forward in this round total £4800 leaving a remaining balance £7830 for future funding requests.
- 5.4 The committee have agreed that the annual budget should be equally split between the three meetings and under spend carried forward to the next meeting.

## **6. Additional Information**

6.1 A summary of applications has been compiled and included below.

### **6.2 Ellesmere and District Gardeners Club – Jubilee Display**

6.2.1 This project has been submitted by Ellesmere and District Gardeners Club to support the creation a new schedule for 2012. In addition the group plan to plant Jubilee Floral displays. The displays planted at the entry gateways to the town and assist in improving the welcome for locals and visitors. Total funds requested £200.00 with £200.00 match funding.

This project was approved under delegated powers

6.2.2 Need and demand – The group has 35 active members that meet on a regular basis offering social and learning outcomes. The participate in local events and festivals and take pride in the area.

### **6.3 Cockshutt Millennium Hall Group – CCTV**

6.3.1 This project has been submitted to enable the installation of CCTV to the hall building and perimeter. The hall suffered lead theft recently and the committee have recently upgraded the play area. Some minor vandalism occurs and the CCTV may deter this. Total funds required £2000 with £1000 match funding available.

6.3.2 Need and demand – This is a popular area and CCTV will improve the possibility of detection and act as a deterrent. The play equipment has recently been upgraded and it is popular within the village.

### **6.4 Community First Responders – Mobility and Kit Project**

6.4.1 This application has been submitted by St Martins Community First Responders on behalf of the area group. The project will cover the general running costs of 2 vehicles. 1 based in Oswestry and 1 at Stans Store, St Martins. It will also cover uniform and kit for 6 new volunteer responders that have joined the group to extend the services of the team which respond to 999 calls prior to the arrival of emergency services. The St Martins based volunteers responded to 214 calls in quarter 1 2012 and can demonstrate that 50% of callouts were for the LJC1 area. (30% Oswestry area and 20% Ellesmere.) The project costs are £5200 and they would like a 20% contribution from LJC 2.

Total funds required £750. with £1200. match funding available. (£1250. requested from Oswestry LJC and £2000. from Gobowen Area LJC. Making the total award £4000.

6.4.2 Need and demand – The Community First Responders give 365 days a year cover as an enhancement to the Ambulance service. They are an essential service in the community and can demonstrate not only assisting in saving lives but also re assuring clients until the emergency services arrive. In addition to this the members of the group fundraise within the community. This grant will provide them with more time to be available on offer piece of mind that the essential needs are covered this year.

## 6.5 St Simon & St Jude Commemorative Artwork

6.5.1 This application has been submitted by the PCC of St Simon & St Jude Church Cockshutt. The group are planning to install artwork commissioned to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee. Total project cost £1070.00 with £680.00 match funding.

6.5.2 Need and demand – This project will bring together the community in the design of a lasting memorial. Extensive consultation within the community has taken place to select the design of the artwork.

## 6.6 Cockshutt Community Village Pre School – Canopy Project

6.6.1 Cockshutt Community Pre School has 23 children on their register and would like to comply with early years welfare recommendations allowing access to outdoor space. The provision of an retractable canopy will offer shelter from rain or sun during break and provide an area for other use such as lunch, education or play.. Total project cost £2600 with £1300 match funding.

6.6.2 Need and demand – This playgroup sets early years education for children and their health and wellbeing is paramount to the community.

## 6.7 Welsh Frankton Cricket Club- Outfield Mower

6.7.1 This application is submitted by Welsh Frankton Cricket Club to replace their outfield mower which is beyond economic repair. The club has 80 junior members, 30 senior members and includes a girls section. The club host County matches, disabled games and is a popular location for youth matches. Total project cost £5000 with £2500 match funding.

6.7.2 Need and demand – The club has 4 acres of field and having a reliable mower is essential the existing mower will be part exchanged to lower the cost of a replacement. The club has a range of members and is an excellent example of intergenerational sporting activities.

## 6.8 Oswestry and District Sports Association- Delegated Funding

6.8.1 This application has been submitted by Oswestry & District Sports Association in support of their area funding.

Total funds required £700.00 5% of LJC1 budget.

## 6.9 Oswestry and District Arts Association- Delegated Funding

6.9.1 This application has been submitted by Oswestry and District Arts Association in support of their area funding.

Total funds requested £1040.

## Conclusions

7. The applications recommended were considered to be of benefit to the community, following need, demand and assessment checklist. The LJC considers the applications received, and awards funding to those organisations and their projects as recommended in this report.
8. The next LJC meeting is scheduled to take place at 7.00pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at Welshampton Parish Hall. Application closing date will be Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

8.1 Bids for future funding should be address to:

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<b>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</b>
Draft Medium Term Financial Plan 2011/12-2012/14, Appendix 5. Report to Cabinet 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2011-07-04
Locality Working Local joint Committees. Report to Cabinet 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2010
<b>Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)</b>
Councillor Gwilym Butler
<b>Local Member</b>
Councillor Brian Williams Councillor Ann Hartley Councillor Steve Davenport
<b>Appendices</b>
None