



Committee and Date

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 2013 up until 31 March 2014.
- 1.2 A total of £15040 has been devolved to the committee to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for 2013/14. *An additional £1438 is also available as carry forward from 2012/2013.*
- 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 5 applications have been received for this reporting period for consideration at the planning meeting held on 9 October 2013. 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:

		Recommended
5	All Together Ellesmere – Office Equipment & Event Info	1320.00
6	Friends of Ellesmere Market Hall - Chairs	640.00
7	Fizzgigs –Ellesmere Lantern Parade	200.00
8	Cockshutt Millennium Hall – Village Security	Not funded
9	Welshampton & Lyneal Parish Council – Walk Leaflet	290.00
10	Oswestry & District Arts Association	Not Funded
11	Oswestry & District Sports Association	Not Funded
	TOTAL	£2450.00

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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 £ 15,040 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 towards funding of the arts and £1438 carryover from this LJC's' 2012/13 budget. Members agreed that the priority areas are community projects that offer IT support and support village based activities.
- 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. The balance available for the period 2013/2014 is £9630

6. Additional Information

A summary of applications has been compiled and included below.

6.1 All Together Ellesmere- Office Equipment and Event Information

- 6.1.1 This application has been by the group to enable them to have dedicated equipment in the newly created office at Ellesmere Market Hall. To date the part time contracted employee has used IT equipment and printers of members and relied on goodwill to complete office duties. The group have volunteered to keep

information on the Visitor Information sign up to date and promote activities and events in the town during 2014.

Total funds required £1320.47 with nil match funding

- 6.1.2 Need and demand – This is an excellent example of Big Society and the value of supporting work within the town which relies on goodwill.

6.2 Friends of Ellesmere Market Hall- Chairs Project

- 6.2.1 This project has been submitted to enable the friends to purchase 50 folding chairs and a trolley for Ellesmere Market Hall. The group which was set up in 2007 to support and promote a suitable refurbishment of the Market Hall. The volunteers have to date provided crockery and cutlery and wish to assist All Together Ellesmere with seating.

Total funds required £676.79 with £240.00 match funding available.

- 6.2.2 Need and demand – Providing folding chairs for events and activities will improve the Market Hall Offer and reduce costs to groups which have recently paid £99.00 to hire seating.
- 6.2.3 The committee agreed that this application would benefit a wide range of events in Ellesmere. The group were awarded £640. To enable them to purchase more chairs.

6.3 Fizzgigs – Ellesmere Lantern Parade

- 6.3 This project has been submitted by the newly created arts group- Fizzgigs (formerly Welshampton Bonfire Committee) to enable them to run workshops to make lanterns with the community. These will then be used in Winter Festival in Ellesmere on 29.11.2013.

Total funds requested £400.00 with £800.00 match funding.

- 6.3.2 Need and demand – The project will offer hands on community involvement and support involvement of Ellesmere's rural hinterland participating in a town event. Members The event will encourage community pride and support the town. The event in 2012 attracted 70 participants.

- 6.3.2 Reason for reduced offer: The committee agreed to support this application but felt the group could charge for attendance at the workshops and negotiate gifted materials. In view of the benefit to the town and community a reduced offer has been made.

6.4 Cockshutt Millennium Hall – Village Security Project

- 6.4.1 This application has been submitted to enable group to purchase and install 5 parking space barriers. This will allow the group to minimise the un authorised

parking at the site and possible allow them to offer parking to local residents in return for a fee.

Total funds required £1650.00 with nil match funding available.

6.4.2 Need and demand – The village has limited on street parking and unauthorised parking at the hall is disruptive to normal bookings.

6.4.3 Reason for decline: The committee noted the lack of community consultation and evidence of need. It was also noted that the group have cash reserves and did not offer match funding.

6.5 Welshampton & Lyneal Parish Council – Walking Leaflet

6.5.1 This application has been submitted to contribute towards the cost producing folders containing information on 5 walks in the area together with information on flora, fauna and wildlife within the routes.

Total project cost £3705.00 with £3415 match funding.

6.5.2 Need and demand – This application is an excellent example of local solutions to promoting the area and encouraging people to explore the countryside.

6.6 Oswestry and District Sports Association- Delegated Funding

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

Total funds required £800.00 5% of LJC1 budget.

6.6.3 Reason for decline: The committee felt they were outside the area of benefit.

6.7 Oswestry and District Arts Association- Delegated Funding

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

Total funds requested £1310.00.

6.7.3 Reason for decline: The committee felt they were outside the area of benefit.

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 Wednesday 19 February 2014 at, Cockshutt Millennium Hall, Cockshutt SY12 0JT

Application closing date will be Friday 17 January 2014.

8.1 Bids for future funding should be address to:

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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 2011/12-2012/14, Appendix 5. Report to Cabinet 13th January 2011-07-04

Locality Working Local joint Committees. Report to Cabinet 9th December 2010

Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)

Councillor Gwilym Butler

Local Member

Councillor Brian Williams
Councillor Ann Hartley
Councillor Steve Davenport

Appendices

None