



Committee and date
Ludlow and Clee Local Joint
Committee

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2011/12 FINANCE REPORT, INCLUDING UPDATE ON FUNDING REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION

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1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the Ludlow and Clee Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1st April 2011 up until 31st March 2012.
- 1.2 A total of £26,470 has been devolved to the Committee, this includes £1,970 for arts funding, to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for the 2011/12 year and with £6,600 unspent from last year the total available is £33,070
- 1.3 Prior to each LJC, a planning meeting takes place to discuss applications for funding and to agree recommendations.
- 1.4 The closing date for applications was 23rd January 2012 and 6 applications have been received. The recommendations from the planning meeting feature in this report.
- 1.5 £12,442 of the budget was granted to projects in the first funding round, £12,575 of the budget was granted in the second round, leaving £8,053 for this final round.
- 1.6 Following the budget reduction for the LJC, the following guidelines be taken into consideration when assessing applications:
 - To normally only accept one application per project per financial year
 - To normally have an upper limit of £3,000 per grant
 - To normally expect the project to include a financial contribution from the organisation applying
 - All projects must complete a monitoring form, and where possible, provide photographs to illustrate how the money has been spent
 - All grants to be claimed within 3 months

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the applications from those organisations and their projects as detailed in this report be considered for funding.

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3.0 Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

- 3.1 All of the funding applications have been assessed against agreed criteria which will minimise any risks associated with these projects
- 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.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The funding devolved to the LJC can be used for a number of different purposes over the year. The Committee will continue to receive applications from local organisations for eligible purposes. Funding by the LJC must comply with the general Financial Rules for LJC.

5.0 Applications, Summaries and Recommendations

For the committee to agree this proposal

- 5.1 Applications received by the committee for consideration are detailed in the table attached as **appendix A**.
- 5.2 That the unspent budget for 2011/2012 be available for groups to apply for a grant towards the celebrations around the Olympic Torch Relay or the Queens Diamond Jubilee – these grants will be decided under delegated powers held by the Chair of the Committee.

Recommendation: Approve

6.0 Future applications

- 6.1 For applications forms and guidance, projects and groups wishing to apply to Ludlow and Clee Local Joint Committee should contact

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Closing date for applications to be received are

Wednesday 9th May 2012

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 - 2013/14, Appendix 5.

Report to Cabinet 13th January 2011. Locality Working Local Joint Committees.

Report to Cabinet 9th December 2010. LJC application forms for the projects listed

Cabinet Member

Councillor Gwilym Butler - Portfolio Holder for Community Working and Customer Services

Local Member/s

Shropshire Councillors – Rosanna Taylor-Smith, Martin Taylor-Smith, Tracey Huffer, Richard Huffer