



Committee and date
Ludlow and Clee area Local
Joint Committee

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2012/13 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 2012 up until 31st March 2013
- 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 2012/13 year. Some grants have been repaid during the year, adding a further £2,113. Meaning that for the final round, there is £11,185 available to commit.
- 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 28th January 2013 and 7 applications have been received. The recommendations from the planning meeting feature in this report.
- 1.5 Following the budget reduction for the LJC, the following guidelines are to 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 for funding from the 2012/2013 budget, from those organisations and their projects, as detailed in this report, be considered following recommendations from the planning meeting.

Recommendation: To approve the recommendations made for grants listed in Appendix 'A' to this report.

- 2.2 Any unallocated budget can be carried forward in to 2013 /14 if set aside for a future project

Recommendation: That the unspent budget of £828 be carried forward into 2013/14 and used specifically for youth projects.

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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's.

5.0 Future applications

- 5.1 For application forms and guidance, projects and groups wishing to apply to Ludlow and Cleve Local Joint Committee should contact:

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The closing date for the receipt of applications for the next round of funding is **Thursday 9th May 2013**

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