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2013/14 FINANCE REPORT

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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 2013 up until 31st March 2014
- 1.2 The Committee had £27,435 to fund projects in the local community for 2013/14, this includes £1,970 for arts funding, and £965 remaining from 2012/13 which has been set aside for youth projects. A loan to the Small Gardens festival of £3,000 has now been repaid which gave £18,039 to allocate in funding rounds 2 and 3.
- 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 15th January 2014 and 6 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
 - To normally not fund more than 50% of the total cost of the project.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the balance of the grant to South Shropshire Youth Forum is paid following the receipt of the progress report.

Recommendation: to agree to pay the remaining £781 to South Shropshire Youth Forum for their gardening project.

- 2.2 That following advice from Shropshire Council, Local Joint Committee budget officer – the money allocated during 2013 /2014 as loans to be repaid in 2014 /2015 can be allocated to this final round of grants

Recommendation: to fully allocate all budget available for this final round of funding.

- 2.3 That the applications from the 2013/2014 budget, from those organisations and their projects as detailed in this report be considered for funding, following recommendations from the planning meeting.

Recommendation: To agree the recommendations made for grants listed in the table.

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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.

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, Vivienne Parry, Tracey Huffer, Richard Huffer