



<u>Committee and Date</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Paper</u>
Meole, Column & Sutton Local Joint Committee	6	B
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BUDGET ALLOCATION

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Summary

The report considers the devolved funding allocated to the Meole, Column and Sutton Local Joint Committee. It outlines the financial procedures which must be met when allocating the £36,000 devolved budget.

Decisions Required

Members are asked to note the report.

REPORT

Background

1. At the Implementation Executive on 19 March 2009 it was determined that there will be 28 Local Joint Committee's for the new Shropshire Council. A devolved budget of £36,000 has been allocated to the Meole, Column and Sutton Local Joint Committee based on its electorate (8,687).
2. The Constitution governing Local Joint Committee's states :-
 - Each Local Joint Committee (LJC) has a delegated budget which will be confirmed on an annual basis.
 - The LJC must use the standard guidelines and application form when granting funding to third parties.
 - The LJC budgets will be subject to Shropshire Council's audit procedures.

Budget Allocation

3. The Local Councillors for the Meole, Column and Sutton Local Joint Committee will have voting rights when it comes to making decisions including the allocation of the budget.
4. The Committee has the opportunity to use the budget for a variety of purposes. It can seek to enhance service provision within the area. It is possible to use the budget to implement local priorities through enhanced service provision. The budget could also be used to establish a Community Chest that offers grants to small scale local projects.
5. Any expenditure from the devolved budget must be in accordance with the Financial Procedure Notes (Appendix A) drawn up by Shropshire Council for the Local Joint Committees.
6. The Committee will use the first meeting of the Meole, Column and Sutton Local Joint Committee to complete a workshop exercise that identifies key local issues. This will be used as a basis for identifying how the devolved budget should be allocated at future meetings whether this be via specific enhanced service provision or grants to small local projects.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

N/A

Human Rights Act Appraisal

The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998

Environmental Appraisal

Environmental appraisals will be carried out as necessary

Risk Management Appraisal

The Council addresses risk of legal challenge through the correct application of the LJC Constitution.

Community / Consultations Appraisal

None

Cabinet Member

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

Local Member

Councillor Jon Tandy
 Councillor Mike Owen
 Councillor Ted Clarke
 Councillor Liz Parsons

Appendices

A. Local Joint Committee Financial Procedures Notes