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BUDGET ALLOCATION

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Summary

The report provides the Committee with details of bids for funding from the local budget. It requests that Members agree budget allocations for the provision of additional waste bins across the locality. In addition it is recommended that Members agree contributions to three youth projects which will enhance youth activities in a co-ordinated manner across the area. Contributions towards the setting up of a youth club at the Trinity Centre, the provision of a Friday Night Project at Belle Vue Youth Club and providing replacement furniture at Meole Brace Scout Hut are all considered.

Decisions Required

Members are asked to agree budget allocations as follows ;-

- A. provision of additional waste bins across the locality (up to £2,000).
- B. contribution towards setting up a youth club at the Trinity Centre (£2,000).
- C. provision of a Friday Night Project at Belle Vue Youth Club (£3,234).
- D. contribution towards replacement furniture for Meole Brace Scout and Guide Group (£800).

REPORT

Background

1. The Committee has a devolved budget of £36,000 for the 2009/10 financial year. This must be spent to improve services in the locality.
2. 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 offer grants to small scale local projects.
3. Any expenditure from the devolved budget must be in accordance with the Financial Procedures drawn up by Shropshire Council for the Local Joint Committees.
4. At the last Committee meeting attendees completed a workshop exercise to highlight key local issues and possible areas where the devolved budget could be allocated to enhance service provision.
5. The bids received have considered existing service provision and deliver enhancements in a co-ordinated way. For example, the youth projects deliver additional / enhanced youth provision alongside the support that is already provided by the Shropshire Youth Service, West Mercia Police and other agencies.

Additional Litter / Dog Mess bins

6. At the first Local Joint Committee for the Meole, Column and Sutton area, held on 21 July, the need for more litter / dog mess bins in the area was identified as an issue. In particular it was highlighted that there should be dog mess bins situated at the entrances to the Reabrook conservation area.
7. An application has been submitted for the funding of additional bins over and above those that would ordinarily be funded from the base budget of the Council and the Committee are asked to agree allocating up to £2,000 for the funding of these bins. On-going servicing costs for these additional bins will be met from existing Council resources.
8. Attendees at the Meole, Column and Sutton Local Joint Committee will be asked to indicate where they believe additional bins should be located. Full details of the application are shown in Appendix A.

Trinity Centre Youth Club

9. The Trinity Centre have highlighted that they wish to establish a Youth Club for 11-16 year olds. The Youth Club will be fully inclusive and open to all youngsters in the community. The main aim of the new Youth Club is to attract youngsters from the Meole Estate and hence

an application has been made to this Local Joint Committee for funding.

10. The Trinity Centre have applied for a contribution of £2,000 towards the provision of equipment for the Youth Club. Details of the application are shown at Appendix B.

Belle Vue Youth Club – Friday Night Project

11. The Belle Vue Youth Club have highlighted that within the area there is a need for building based youth evening activities during the winter months. The project is additional to existing projects run by volunteers from Belle Vue Youth Club.
12. Belle Vue Youth Club have applied for funding of £3,234 for the provision of a Friday Night Youth project over a 24 week period. Details of the application are shown at Appendix C.

Meole Brace Scout & Guide Group – Replacement of Dilapidated Furniture

13. Meole Brace Scout and Guide Group have highlighted a need to replace dilapidated furniture which was originally acquired from second-hand donations. The existing furniture does not meet health and safety guidelines.
14. The Group have requested a funding contribution of £800 from the Meole, Column and Sutton LJC. In recognition of the fact that some attendees are from outside the Meole, Column & Sutton area they are seeking a further contribution from another local joint committee and also contributing £738 of their own funds. Full details of the application are shown at Appendix D.

Future Bids

15. Following the allocation of these budgets the Local Joint Committee has remaining funding of £27,966 to be spent before the end of March 2010. Bids for future funding should be addressed to:-

E-mail - communityworking@shropshire.gov.uk

Telephone - 01743 253077

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
Councillor Kath Owen
Councillor Jackie Brennand

Appendices

- A. Additional Litter / Dog Mess Bins
- B. Trinity Centre Youth Club
- C. Belle Vue Youth Club – Friday Night Project
- D. Meole Brace Scout & Guide Group – Replacement of Dilapidated Furniture