



Committee and Date

Meole Column & Sutton Local
Joint Committee

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BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

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Summary

The report provides the Committee with details of new bids for funding from the local budget. It requests that Members agree budget allocations for the provision of a Community Café in Sutton (£2,512), setting up a Holiday at Home project for older people on Meole Estate (£950) and building improvements at Mereside Community Centre (£4,000).

Decisions Required

Members are asked to agree budget allocations as follows ;-

- A. contribution towards the set up of a community café at St Giles Community Hall (£2,512).
- B. contribution towards the set up of "Holiday at Home" project for older people on Meole Estate (£950).
- C. contribution towards building improvements at Mereside Community Centre (£4,000).

REPORT

Background

1. The Committee was given a devolved budget of £36,000 for the 2009/10 financial year. During 2009/10 commitments totalling £25,680 were made against this budget. The underspend from 2009/10 (£10,320) has been carried forward to be spent in 2010/11.
2. The Committee has been allocated a further £36,000 for the 2011/12 financial year. In total the Committee has £46,320 to spend in the current financial year.

3. The Committee can choose 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 other organisations for small scale local projects.

Approved Projects

4. In the last year the Committee has approved 9 projects for funding;-

	£
Trinity Centre Youth Club Setting up a new youth club at the Trinity Centre.	2,000
Shropshire Council Service enhancement with the provision of additional waste bins across the area.	2,000
Belle Vue Youth Club Contribution towards setting up a Friday Night Project for young people.	3,234
Meole Brace Scout & Guide Group Contribution towards replacement of dilapidated furniture.	800
Mereside Youth Club Contribution towards additional equipment and activities for young people.	1,390
International Family Support Group Contribution towards the setting up of a group to support adults with English as a second language	2,721
Meole Brace Peace Memorial Hall Contribution towards building improvements	4,351
Meole Brace Garden & Allotment Club Contributions towards improvements at the Washford Road and Stanley Road allotments	3,184
Shropshire Council Funding reserved for the establishment of a Community Plan for the LJC area	6,000
Total	25,680

Budget Bids

5. During the last quarter the LJC has received a number of bids for funding. In evaluating these bids the Committee have considered existing service provision and the additional benefits that these bids will provide to the local community.

Sutton Community Cafe

6. A bid has been received for the creation of a community cafe at St Giles Community Hall. The cafe will open every Thursday afternoon to coincide with the visit of the Shropshire Council mobile library. The cafe will offer local residents volunteering opportunities and support inter-generational activities. Other organisations such as Age Concern and diabetes support groups will be invited to the café to provide advice and support.
7. The Sutton Community Café have requested funding of £2,512 to pilot the project over a 52 week period with the intention that it will then become self sustainable. Full details of the application are shown at Appendix A.

Holiday at Home

8. The Local Joint Committee has received a funding bid from the Trinity Churches to organise a “Holiday at Home” event over a three day period in August. Many organised activities for older people cease during the summer holiday months and it is intended to offer a “Holiday at Home” to 35 to 40 older people from Meole Estate.
9. The Holiday at Home project will be open to all members of the community and will provide activities, games and outings over a three day period at Prestfelde School.
10. A request for funding of £950 has been received. Full details of the application are shown at Appendix B.

Mereside Community Centre

11. Mereside Community Centre has requested funding for a programme of on-going maintenance at the Centre. The works will include works to the hall ceiling, repairs and upgrades to the toilets and flooring and updating of furniture in line with health & safety requirements.
12. The Community Centre is ten years old and is used regularly by a wide range of groups. After consultation with these user groups the Centre is requesting a contribution of £4,000 towards the improvement works. Full details of the application are shown at Appendix C.

Future Budget Allocations

13. Following the allocation of budgets to these applications the Local Joint Committee has remaining funding of £38,858 to be spent during 2010/11.
14. The Committee believe the Mereside Youth Shelter needs further consideration and may require funding from the Local Joint Committee. Prior to bringing forward any proposals to the Committee it is suggested that work is completed to identify all possible options for the future of the youth shelter and that the views of the local community are canvassed. Funding for any consultation activities will be met from within the budget already reserved for community planning.
15. 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

In determining these recommendations the reputation risk and the course of action to minimise risk have been considered.

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 – Sutton Community Cafe
 B – Holiday at Home
 C – Mereside Community Centre