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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 a budget allocation of up to £5,000 for the relocation and refurbishment of the Mereside Youth Shelter subject to the approval of Shrewsbury Town Council Recreation Committee. The report highlights budget bids received from organisations and their benefit to the local community.

Decisions Required

Members are asked to agree a:-

- A. budget allocation of up to £5,000 for the relocation and refurbishment of Mereside Youth Shelter to a new location subject to the approval of Shrewsbury Town Council Recreation Committee.
- B. contribution towards improvements to the BMX track on Meole Estate (£6,000).
- C. contribution towards the purchase of an electric piano for Seabury Close Sheltered Housing Social Club (£650).
- D. contribution towards costumes, travel and competitions for the Salinka Stars Dance Troupe (£4,646).
- E. contribution towards the Safer Shrewsbury PubWatch for the Meole, Column & Sutton area (£750)
- F. contribution of up to £1,000 to Shrewsbury Amateur Operatic Society for the production of Oliver subject to all six Shrewsbury LJC's agreeing a similar contribution and clawback of funding in the event that ticket sales exceed 60%.
- G. contribution towards the repairs and refurbishment of the Mereside Community Centre (£6,805).

REPORT

Background

1. The Committee has been given a devolved budget of £36,000 for the 2010/11 financial year. In addition an underspend from 2009/10 (£10,320) has been carried forward to be spent in 2010/11.
2. In total the Committee has £46,320 to spend in the current financial year. At the July Committee a number of projects were approved leaving £36,858 available to be spent by March 2011.
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.
4. 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.

Mereside Youth Shelter

5. At the last LJC meeting in July a discussion took place about the Mereside Youth Shelter. Comments were received from members of the public, the Police, Youth Service and Community Regeneration regarding the position of the Youth Shelter and the activities of young people in the shelter.
6. Following the last LJC meeting consideration has been given to how the needs of young people can be addressed whilst also taking account of the concerns of local residents. The Youth Service have been in liaison with Shrewsbury Town Council to agree a suitable site for the relocation of the Youth Shelter.
7. It is proposed that the Committee enhance service provision in this area and agree a budget allocation of up to £5,000 for the relocation and refurbishment of the Mereside Youth Shelter to a location to be agreed between the Youth Service and Shrewsbury Town Council subject to the agreement of the Shrewsbury Town Council Recreation Committee.

Meole on Bikes

8. The Local Joint Committee has received a funding bid from Meole Estate Community Action (MECA) to improve the BMX track on Meole Estate and to help organise the young people on the estate into a group which can be part of the Shrewsbury BMX Club.

9. The Meole on Bikes project will provide for two lines of jumps and will address safety issues.
10. A request for funding from the LJC of £6,000 has been received. MECA are also looking to obtain match funding of £5,800 to deliver the project. Full details of the application are shown at Appendix A.

Electric Piano for Seabury Close

11. Seabury Close Sheltered Housing Social Club have requested funding for an electric piano. The sheltered accommodation currently houses 48 individuals many of whom are unable to travel. The electric piano would be used to provide entertainment and church services to the residents.
12. A request for funding of £650 has been received. Full details of the application are shown at Appendix B.

Salinka Stars Dance Troupe

13. The Salinka Stars Dance Troupe is a modern Morris dance troupe operating out of Meole Brace Peace Memorial Hall. The troupe is open to all girls and young women in the area between 3 and 17 years of age. In addition to providing dance lessons the volunteers provide a “pastoral” role for girls.
14. The Salinka Stars intend to compete throughout the Midlands area and are requesting funding for new costumes, mini-bus hire and venue hire. Full details of the funding bid for £4,646 are shown at Appendix C.

Meole, Column & Sutton Pub Watch

15. The Safer Shrewsbury Pub and Shop Watch Partnership have requested funding to extend the Pub Watch Partnership into the LJC area. The scheme has been in operation in the Town Centre since 2002. The scheme provides the Licensee with details of individuals subject to Football Exclusion Orders and training for responsible alcohol serving and proof of age cards.
16. The scheme has been successful at contributing to a reduction in violent crime in the Town Centre. In the period April to June of this year violent crime in Shrewsbury Town Centre fell by 29% compared to the same period last year.
17. The Safer Shrewsbury Pub and Shop Watch Partnership have requested funding of £750 to extend the scheme into the LJC area. Full details of the bid are shown at Appendix D.

Musical “Oliver”

18. The Shrewsbury Amateur Operatic Society have requested contributions from the 6 Shrewsbury LJC's for production of the musical “Oliver”. The society has attracted new members and provides reduced price tickets for the under 16's. It is understood the bid is submitted on the basis that 60% of tickets are sold and in the event that sales are above this level then lower funding would be required.
19. It is suggested the LJC agree a contribution of up to £1,000 to Shrewsbury Amateur Operatic Society for the production of Oliver subject to all six Shrewsbury LJC's agreeing a similar contribution and clawback of funding in the event that ticket sales exceed 60%. Full details of the bid are shown at Appendix E.

Mereside Community Centre

20. Mereside Community Centre has requested funding for a programme of maintenance at the Centre. The works will include works to the hall ceiling, repairs and upgrades to the toilets and flooring.
21. 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 £6,805 towards the improvement works. Full details of the application are shown at Appendix F.

Future Budget Allocations

22. Following the allocation of budgets to these applications the Local Joint Committee has remaining funding of £12,007 to be spent during 2010/11.
23. 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

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