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FUNDING APPLICATION : MERESIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Summary

The report provides the Committee with details of a bid for funding from the Mereside Community Centre. The report also informs Members of the remaining budget to be allocated in the current financial year. It requests that Members agree a budget allocation of £6,805 for repairs and refurbishment of Mereside Community Centre.

Decisions Required

Members are asked to agree a 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 Committee meetings in July and October a number of projects were approved leaving £18,812 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 bid for funding from Mereside Community Centre. In evaluating the bid the Committee have considered existing service provision and the additional benefits that this bid will provide to the local community.

Mereside Community Centre

5. 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.
6. The Community Centre is ten years old and is used regularly by a wide range of groups. The Management Committee of the Community Centre have received a number of complaints regarding the condition of the facilities. It is expected that the improvements proposed will lead to increased usage of the hall particularly over the weekends and during school holidays.
7. After consultation with user groups the Centre is requesting a contribution of £6,805 towards the improvement works. Full details of the application are shown at Appendix A.

Future Budget Allocations

8. Following the allocation of budgets to this application the Local Joint Committee has remaining funding of £12,007 to be spent during 2010/11.
9. 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 – Mereside Community Centre