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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 £10,000 for the development of the BMX track at Mereside. It also recommends approval of funding for the Meole Brace School Multi-Cultural Week, Belle Vue Youth Football Club and for the installation of goal posts at Whitehart and Kemps Eye. The report highlights these budget bids and their benefit to the local community.

Decisions Required

Members are asked to agree a;-

- A. budget allocation of up to £1,672 for the installation of goal posts at Whitehart and Kemps Eye by Shrewsbury Town Council.
- B. contribution towards the expansion of the Belle Vue Youth Football Club (£598).
- C. contribution towards Meole Brace School Multi-Cultural Week (£1,000).
- D. budget allocation of up to £10,000 for the development of the BMX track at Mereside.

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. The Committee have approved a range of projects leaving £19,007 available to be spent by March 2011. It has been agreed that any underspend in 2010/11 will be carried forward to be spent in 2011/12.
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.

Provision of goal posts at Whitehart and Kemps Eye

5. Young people in the area have highlighted to Members of the Committee their desire to have improved football facilities at Whitehart and Kemps Eye. These areas are well used by young people but the current facilities require updating.
6. Shrewsbury Town Council are responsible for the kick about areas at Whitehart and Kemps Eye and have submitted costings for improved facilities at these locations. This will involve the provision of two goal posts at each site and the burning of football pitch lines.
7. It is proposed that the Committee enhance service provision in this area and agree a budget allocation of up to £1,672 for the provision of two goal posts at both Whitehart and Kemps Eye.

Belle Vue Youth Football Club

8. The Committee has received a bid from Belle Vue Youth Club for the expansion of the Belle Vue Youth Football Club. The aim of the project is to provide qualified coaches and equipment for youth football in the area.
9. The funding will allow the Club to purchase new kits, age specific goal posts and other equipment such as footballs and corner flags. The funding will also be used to create two new teams and will allow the Club to accept players regardless of their financial situation.
10. There is a clear demand for youth football in the area with the existing Club regularly getting 30 children playing football. The funding will enable the existing arrangements to be expanded. The Belle Vue Youth Football Club offers the opportunity for young people of any ability to play football.

11. Belle Vue Youth Football Club have requested funding of £598 to provide the project.

Meole Brace School Multi Cultural Week

12. Meole Brace School Science College have requested funding for a multi-cultural week. This will gather together a wide range of artists, speakers, performers, musicians and visitors to celebrate the diversity of cultures, traditions and heritages. The project will involve all students, staff and parents together with members of the local community.
13. The School has provided a similar festival over the last three years and the funding from the LJC will enable a higher quality of professional artists and performers to lead the planned activities. The project will enhance inclusivity in the local community and meet the priorities of the Shropshire Community Strategy.
14. Meole Brace School require funding for the booking of artists and performers and associated expenses. The School is requesting funding of £1,000 from the Local Joint Committee and will also provide match funding of £500.

Mereside BMX Track

15. Young people in the Mereside area have constructed the existing Mereside BMX track with soil deposited in the area but have highlighted their desire to have improvements.
16. In January, Members met with young people from the area to establish their requirements for an improved BMX track. The young people mentioned that the existing track deteriorates in wet conditions and needs improvement. The young people were very willing to assist with any digging required.
17. Following the meeting with young people costings were sought for the possible improvement of the track. It is proposed that the Committee enhance service provision in this area and agree a budget allocation of up to £10,000 for the provision of an improved BMX track at Mereside. Arrangements will be made to involve the young people with the design of the new track.

Other Budget Bids

18. A number of other bids were received in the last quarter which are not recommended for approval at this point in time. Shrewsbury-wide bids were received for Cage Football and a Digital Hotdesk project. In the next financial year there will be a budget allocation for Shrewsbury-wide projects and it is proposed that this source is used for funding of these projects.

19. A bid has also been received from Trinity Churches for the provision of the Holiday at Home and Christmas Lunch projects for residents on Meole Estate. The Committee supported both these projects last year but in view of the smaller budget available to the Committee for next financial year it is proposed not to support this bid in 2011/12. Trinity Churches will be encouraged to look for alternative sources of funding for these valuable projects.
20. A bid has also been received for a toddler group at Meole Estate. It is felt this may be a worthwhile project but that further work is required prior to bringing it forward to the Committee. The Community Action Worker is to approach the project and provide advice.
21. A further Shrewsbury-wide bid has been received from St Winefrides RC Church for a car park extension. It is felt this project does not meet the aims of the local joint committee and is not recommended for approval.

Future Budget Allocations

22. Following the allocation of budgets to these applications the Local Joint Committee has remaining funding of £5,737 to be carried forward into 2011/12.
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

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Councillor Mike Owen
Councillor Ted Clarke
Councillor Liz Parsons
Councillor Kath Owen
Councillor Jackie Brennand

Appendices

N/A