

MEOLE, COLUMN AND SUTTON LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE BUDGET REPORT**Responsible Officer** Lucy Roberts

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Summary

This report considers the devolved funding allocated to Meole, Sutton and Column Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1st April 2011 up until 31st March 2012.

To report to members on the 2011/12 Local Joint Committee budget and propose that funding allocations are made in accordance with the priorities of the Community Led Plan for Meole, Sutton and Column.

Recommendations

- (i) The Committee are asked to note that a budget of £14,086 has been allocated to the Local Joint Committee for 2011/12.
- (ii) In view of the reduced funding available, that the LJC considers whether it wishes in future to prioritise and/or invite project proposals which address particular themes or known priorities in the LJC area.
- (iii) It is asked that the committee consider allocating the 2011/12 budget to fund activities identified as priorities by the Meole, Sutton and Column communities from information gathered by the Community Led plan survey.
- (iv) Defer decision making on funding applications received for the May 2011 LJC meeting until priorities have been fully identified.

REPORT**Background**

1. The Meole, Sutton and Column LJC is responsible for the award and expenditure of a devolved budget. The amount available to the LJC in 2011/12 has reduced as a result of Shropshire Council budget decisions, and a review of locality working in Shropshire. This amount has however been supplemented by the transfer of funding previously available for Community arts projects in to the LJC budgets.

2. The total amount therefore available to Meole, Sutton and Column LJC is calculated as follows:

Total LJC electorate as at August 2010:	8722
Budget based on this electorate	£36,000
Amount available for 2011/12 following 50% budget reduction	£18,000
Minus 30% top slice of funding for Shrewsbury wide allocation	£5,400
Plus apportioned allocation of community arts budget	£1,486
TOTAL budget for 2011/12	£14,036

3. Previously funding, for the Meole, Sutton and Column LJC has been utilised for smaller community grants. In view of the reduced funding available, the LJC may wish to consider whether it wishes in future to prioritise and/or invite project proposals which address particular themes or known priorities in the LJC area for example information on Community priorities gathered from the Community led plan survey.
4. A Community Led plan survey was sent to all residents in the Meole, Sutton and Column areas, asking their thoughts and opinions on the areas they live in, services, facilities, the environment and planning. The main issues and priorities will then be set out as part of an action plan, whereby the communities will work in partnership with different service providers and organisations to fulfil the actions.

Funding applications

5. Funding Applications from the Trinity Centre for a Christmas Lunch event 2011 and Meole Brace Scouts and Guide group have been received for consideration at the May 2011 meeting.
6. The Trinity Centre has applied for £500 to contribute towards the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch. This event would help to reduce social isolation, bring people together, creating community cohesion for older people. It is open to all senior citizens in the Meole area to attend.
7. Meole Brace Scout and guide group have asked for a contribution of £2,284 towards the cost of a new kitchen. The current facilities are inadequate for the activities that they would like to do. The Scout and guide hut is just outside the LJC boundary but has 45% of the young people attend from the LJC 15 area.
8. Full copies of both applications are available to view on request.
9. In light of this report, there is an option to recommend that decisions made on these applications be deferred until priorities from the Community Led plan have been identified.

Future Funding

Bids for future funding should be address to:

Lucy Roberts or Ann Almond at Shropshire Council, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury SY2 6ND

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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

None

Risk Management Appraisal

In determining these recommendations the Council has considered reputational risk and the course of action minimises this risk.

Community / Consultations Appraisal
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Consideration has been given to the public opinion expressed at the previous Local Meeting.

Cabinet Member

Councillor Gwilym Butler- Portfolio holder for partnership working, performance and productivity and customer service.

Local Members

Shropshire Councillors - Mike Owen, Jon Tandy, Liz Parsons, Ted Clarke

Appendices
