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Meole, Column and Sutton
Local Joint Committee

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MEOLE, SUTTON AND COLUMN LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE BUDGET 2012/13 - PRIORITY SETTING AND INFORMATION ON SPEND TO DATE

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1. Summary

- This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the Meole, Sutton and Column Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1st April 2012 up until 31st March 2013.
- A total of £14,086 has been devolved to the Committee to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for the 2012/13 year.
- The committee prioritises 2012/13 funding for community priority projects for road safety awareness and litter prevention and to support community based and led projects in the Meole, Sutton and Column areas.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the LJC prioritise funding carried forward from 2011/12 and funding for 2012/13 to support initiatives that will raise awareness of road safety and discourage speeding in the Meole, Sutton and Column LJC area as highlighted by the community as areas of concern and initiatives to prevent littering and dog fouling.
- 2.2 That the LJC also considers applications received in the context of Community priorities as highlighted by Members and community led planning for the Meole, Sutton and Column LJC area.

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3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

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

- 3.2. The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.
- 3.3. The proposals under consideration will improve the levels of community based and community driven activity in the LJC area, and in particular in those communities identified by local Councillors as not benefiting previously from LJC support

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The funding devolved to the LJC can be used for a number of different purposes over the year to address local priorities. Funding by the LJC must comply with the general Financial Rules for LJC.

5. Background

- 5.1 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 was £14,086. Since the October 2011 LJC meeting, five projects have been funded through delegated funding powers:

Meole Brace School Multi-cultural week	£500
Sutton Lane Allotments Communal tool shed roof replacement	£173.50
Re-seeding of Meole Brace Primary school playing pitch	£500
Community Textile project	£1050
Community event for Jubilee on the Meole Estate	£200

Carry forward amount from 2011/12	£7995 (tbc)
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- 5.2 The total amount available to Meole, Sutton and Column LJC for 2012/13 is calculated as follows:

Total LJC electorate as at August 2010:	8722
Budget based on this electorate	£12600
Plus apportioned allocation of community arts budget	£1,486
TOTAL budget for 2012/13	£14,086

- 5.3 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. LJC funding is available to support projects in connection with community identified priorities. Speeding traffic, litter and dog fouling were all issues highlighted in the survey responses.

6. Additional Information

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

Draft Medium Term Financial Plan 2011/12 – 2013/14, Appendix 5. Report to Cabinet 13 th January 2011.
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Locality Working Local Joint Committees. Report to Cabinet 9 th December 2010.

LJC application forms for the projects listed

Meole Sutton and Column Community led plan report Aug 2011
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Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)
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Councillor Gwilym Butler- Portfolio holder for partnership working, performance and productivity and customer service.
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Local Member

Shropshire Councillors – Mike Owen, Jon Tandy, Liz Parsons, Ted Clarke
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Appendices

None
