

**MEOLE, SUTTON AND COLUMN LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE BUDGET
AND FUNDING REPORT 2012/13****Responsible Officer** Lucy Roberts

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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. Since May 2012 one project has been funded through delegated powers for £200 therefore the budget with the additional carry forward from 2011/12 for Meole, Sutton and Column is £20,631.
- The committee is asked to ring fence up to £5000 to assist with the repainting of street lighting columns to enhance areas within the Meole, Sutton and Column LJC area.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the LJC Committee agree to ring fence up to £5000 for the Meole, Sutton and Column LJC area to repaint street lighting columns in areas that have highlighted a need.
- 2.2 That the Committee note the decision made under delegated powers to fund £200 towards a 'Ducksfoot clamp' to house a mobile CCTV camera on the Meole estate.

REPORT**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's.

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 2012/13 was £14,086.

5.2 Since the May 2012 LJC meeting, one project has been funded through delegated funding powers:

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| CCTV Ducks foot clamp | £200 |
| (Details can be found in additional information) | |

5.3 The total amount available to Meole, Sutton and Column LJC for 2012/13 is calculated as follows:

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| Total LJC electorate as at August 2010: | 8722 |
| Budget based on this electorate (including arts funding) | £14,086 |

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| TOTAL budget for 2012/13 as of Oct 2012 including carry forward from 2011/12 | £20,631 |
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5.4 Members of the community attended an Estate Walk about on Brunel Way, Stephenson Drive and Seabury Close and highlighted the issue of the unsightly street lamp columns. The columns have peeling paint and residents feel that they bring the area down, making the area look untidy and uncared for. Repainting of the columns would make a big difference to the neighbourhood environment.

5.5 Shropshire council street lighting does not have a budget to paint street lamp columns although work could be organised for this to happen if funding was made available.

5.6 A 5m lamp column with minimal corrosion would cost approx. £40 per column to repaint. £5000 could potentially fund the repainting of up to 125 street lighting columns. The condition of street lamps would be assessed in areas that identify a need and those in the poorest condition would be prioritised.

- 5.7 LJC funding is available to support projects in connection with community identified priorities and priorities highlighted as part of information gathered by a Community led plan survey in 2010.
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. Speeding traffic, litter and dog fouling were all issues highlighted in the survey responses.

6. Additional Information

- 6.1 The LJC committee agreed funding through delegated powers to fund £200 towards the provision of a 'Ducksfoot clamp' to house a mobile CCTV camera on the Meole Estate. West Mercia Police made the application. It was jointly funded by Safer Shropshire Partnership, Bronze level tasking and Severnside Housing. The clamp enables the mobile CCTV camera to be deployed onto the estate in times of need and to act as a deterrent to ASB and crime. The clamp has a power supply connected to it and will be positioned so that it is able to view access on and off the estate. The need for the CCTV camera was highlighted due to large scale criminal damage to vehicles and a number of hate crime incidents being reported in the area.

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| <p>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</p> |
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| <p>Draft Medium Term Financial Plan 2011/12 – 2013/14, Appendix 5. Report to Cabinet 13th January 2011.</p> |
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| <p>Locality Working Local Joint Committees. Report to Cabinet 9th December 2010.</p> |
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| <p>LJC application forms for the projects listed</p> |
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| <p>Meole Sutton and Column Community led plan report Aug 2011</p> |
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| <p>Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)</p> |
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| <p>Councillor Gwilym Butler- Portfolio holder for partnership working, performance and productivity and customer service.</p> |
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| <p>Local Member</p> |
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| <p>Shropshire Councillors – Mike Owen, Jon Tandy, Liz Parsons, Ted Clarke</p> |
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| <p>Appendices</p> |
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