

MEOLE, SUTTON AND COLUMN LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE BUDGET AND FUNDING REPORT 2013/14

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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 2013 up until 31st March 2014.
- A total of £14,090 is available as of July 2013 for the funding of Local Joint Committee and Community priorities. In addition there is carry forward of £22,844 available to support projects in connection with community identified priorities and need.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the LJC Committee note the budget for 2013/14.

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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'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 2013/14 is £14,090 plus carry forward.
- 5.2 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) | £14,090 |
| Carry forward | £22,844 |
| TOTAL budget for 2012/13 as of Jan 2013 (including C/F) | £36,934 |

- 5.3 LJC funding is available to support projects in connection with community identified priorities and need, 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.
- 5.4 Funding has been ring fenced for the provision of mixed use litter bins, repainting of street lighting columns to enhance areas within the Meole, Sutton and Column LJC area and speed awareness initiatives.

6. Additional Information

6.1 Returned funding

Grant funding returned to the LJC budget includes:
Mereside Youth shelter refurbishment - £5000 (Youth shelter removed)
Shrewsbury Amateur Operatic society - £1000 (not needed, covered by ticket sales)
White Hart and Kemps Eye installation of goal posts -£279 (balance returned)
Belle Vue Football Club expansion - £598 (Club was unable to run due to lack of support)

This funding has been returned to the LJC budget for 2013/14.

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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) |
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| 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. |
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| LJC application forms for the projects listed |
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| 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 |
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| Shropshire Councillors – Mike Owen, Jon Tandy, Jane Makenzie, Ted Clarke |
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| Appendices |
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