

2011/12 FINANCE REPORT, INCLUDING UPDATE ON FUNDING REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION

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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the Much Wenlock and Shipton Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1st April 2011 up until 31st March 2012.

A total of £7500.00 has been devolved to the Committee to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for the 2011/12 financial year. In addition £515.00 has been allocated to the Committee from the apportionment of the Shropshire Community Arts Budget and a sum of £7,336.00 was carried over from 10/11 making a total budget of £15351.00 for the 11/12 financial year.

- 1.2 To date a total of 8 applications have been approved totalling £6,634.00 leaving £8,717.00 left to be committed in 2011/12.
- 1.3 Prior to each LJC, a planning meeting takes place to consider applications for funding already received and agree recommendations for the main meeting.

Eight applications have been received for this reporting period. These have been considered at the planning meeting held on 12 October 2011. The recommendations from the planning meeting feature in this report, and are put forward to the LJC to be held on 16 November 2011.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the LJC considers the applications received, and awards funding to those organisations and their projects at its discretion based on the recommendations made.
- 2.2 That the LJC begins to consider its funding priorities for the 2012/13 financial year to support initiatives which help develop community-based and led projects in the area.

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.

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 A total of 8 applications have been received for consideration at the November 16 meeting with a combined funding request of £19697.00. This is £10908.00 over the amount available to the committee. Applications were considered at the LJC planning meeting on 12 October and details of the individual applications are listed on the attached Appendix 1 to this report. Recommendations are now put forward to the Much Wenlock and Shipton LJC and are summarised below as follows:

Ref	Organisation/Project	£
9.	Much Wenlock Bowling Club	2000.00
10.	Much Wenlock Christmas Lights	2000.00
11.	Shipton Village Hall	1000.00
12.	William Penny Brookes Foundation	1500.00
13.	Easthope Jubilee Flag Pole	424.00
14.	M21 Live Art Event	0
15.	The Edge Arts Centre	1500.00
16.	Global Village Proposal	0
Total Funding Recommended		8,424.00
Original Budget		15,351.00
Spend to Date		6,634.00
Balance Remaining		293.00

6. Future Funding

All bids for future funding should be addressed to:

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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)

Draft Medium Term Financial Plan 2011/12 – 2013/14, Appendix 5. Report to Cabinet 13th January 2011.

Locality Working Local Joint Committees. Report to Cabinet 9th December 2010.
LJC application forms for the projects listed

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

Consideration has been given to the public opinion expressed at the previous Local Meeting.

Local Member

Shropshire Councillors – Milner Whiteman and Jean Jones

Appendices

None.

MUCH WENLOCK AND SHIPTON LJC – 2011/12 - SUMMARY OF GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applications for consideration at 16 November 2011 from the budget of £8717.00					
No.	Project Title / Organisation	Summary	Amount Requested	Recommendation	Committee Decision
09	Much Wenlock Bowling Club	<p><i>For safety work to the Bowling Green Area</i> This project will enable the Bowling Club to carry out essential repair works following a risk assessment by the Shropshire Crown Green Bowls Assoc in June 2011.</p> <p>Works will include erecting new rabbit-proof fencing, improving and levelling borders, re-slabbing, erecting a ramp and fitting a handrail.</p> <p>The safety works will benefit the existing 40 members, visiting teams from all over Shropshire (2 or 3 league matches weekly with 56 players) and spectators.</p> <p>The total cost is £4995 and they are requesting funding of £4735.00.</p>	£4735	That a grant be awarded of £2000.00	
10	Much Wenlock Christmas Lights	<p><i>To replace all overhead lights with a new energy saving LED system</i> Each Christmas the town square provides a focal point for some two hundred people to enjoy community singing around a Christmas Tree when a “lights switch on” event is facilitated by local volunteers.</p> <p>The towns’ old overhead incandescent system ran 850 individual lights and has been disposed of in compliance with safety regulations. The new system</p>	£4000	That a grant be awarded of £2000.00	

		<p>will use LEDs which burn 1 watt per hour.</p> <p>The intention is to replace the old lights with 100 metres of 230v, 1280 cool white LED's and new safety infrastructure along Much Wenlock High St. which will give another focal point as part of the town's Christmas celebrations.</p> <p>The total cost is £9,055.00 and they are requesting funding of £4000.00.</p>			
11	Shipton Village Hall	<p><i>To purchase new stage and window curtains</i> Shipton Village Hall serves 4 villages (Shipton, Stanton Long, Easthope and Brockton) and consequently is in regular use by a pre-school, 3 churches, WI group, YFC group as well as private parties and events.</p> <p>The Hall also hosts Arts Alive sponsored live theatre, music and dance at which professional theatre companies from all parts of the UK perform on the stage.</p> <p>The intention is to replace the worn and tatty stage and window curtains which will give users a higher quality resource at their disposal.</p> <p>The total cost of the scheme is £3738.00 and they are requesting funding of £2,038.00.</p>	£2038	That a grant be awarded of £1000.00	
12	William Penny Brookes Foundation	<p><i>To create a Sculpture Trail Public Art Project</i> The project aims to celebrate Much Wenlock's unique place in the history of the modern Olympic movement, the town's broader heritage and contemporary connections to the games in 2012.</p>	£3000	That a grant be awarded of £1500.00 subject to match funding from the Arts Council.	

		<p>The local community will be involved in the design and creation of a number of public art pieces that draw links between the town's past, present and future.</p> <p>One of the pieces will be sited outside the entrance to the WBS and five pieces will be sited at each of the five entrance points to the Gaskell Field.</p> <p>The total project costs are £94,716.70 and they are requesting funding of £3,000.00.</p>			
13	Easthope Jubilee Flag Pole	<p>To replace the flagpole in the centre of the village In the past there have been two flagpoles in the village, one located in the centre and one on top of Natel Hill. These have fallen into disrepair and have been removed.</p> <p>The purpose of the project is to replace the flagpole in the centre of the village to which will bring life back to this ancient tradition by having a union jack flying again on occasions, e.g. the Olympics and the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.</p> <p>The total project costs are £508.80 and they are requesting funding of £424.00.</p>	£424.00	That a grant be awarded of £424.00	
14	M21 Live Art Event	<p>To support the residency of a group of Shropshire based performers at M21 Live Art Event M21 will be a live art event in Much Wenlock in May 2012 which will explore what it means to be alive in the 21st Century using the medium of Live Art to achieve this.</p> <p>The residency will enable the Shropshire based performers to work with one of the commissioned</p>	£1000	That the application be rejected on the grounds that the Committee give preference to local clubs/projects.	

		<p>artists to create a new piece of work which will be shown across Much Wenlock.</p> <p>The total project costs are £45000.00 and they are requesting funding of £1,000.00.</p>			
15	The Edge Arts Centre	<p>To replace the grand piano William Brookes School has relied on its 100 year old Bechstein piano which has been with the school for decades. Despite a refurbishment in 2006, the piano's soundboard has cracked irrevocably and so the instrument is no longer suitable for professional use.</p> <p>The Arts Centre attracts world-class musicians and our reputation demands a first-class instrument. The Edge remains a key asset for the school, town and the region. In a difficult financial climate, there is a need to make bold decisions about future growth and capacity that in turn will benefit all.</p> <p>The total project costs are £20,000 and they are requesting funding of £4000.00.</p>	£4000	That a grant be awarded of £1500.00	
16	NHS Foundation Trust	<p>Global Village Proposal South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (SSSFT) which serves all postcodes in Shropshire has been consulting about the future direction of mental health services for Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin. NHS bodies responsible are committed to strengthening mental health care delivered in the community and a major aspect of this process is to replace the 157-year old Shelton Hospital</p>	£500.00	That the application be rejected on the grounds that the Committee give preference to local clubs/projects.	

		<p>in Shrewsbury with modern, purpose-designed facilities on an adjacent site.</p> <p>The Trust is now in the process of building brand-new facilities - a new mental health 'village' on an adjacent site creating a better environment for those who need inpatient care.</p> <p>The Arts for Health programme for the Trust has put together an arts strategy for this new build. The basis for this strategy is to maximise this fantastic opportunity to develop some excellent and high quality artwork within the building.</p> <p>The total project costs are £52,900 and they are requesting funding of £500.00.</p>			
		<p>TOTAL BUDGET as at Jul 2011</p> <p>Total Awarded to date</p> <p>Total Awarded at this meeting</p> <p>Carried forward to 2012/13</p>	<p>£ 15,351.00</p> <p>£6,634.00</p> <p>£8,424.00</p> <p>£293.00</p>	<p>Total Awarded at this meeting</p> <p>£8,424.00</p>	