



Committee and date
Much Wenlock and Shipton
Local Joint Committee

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2012/13 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 2012 up until 31st March 2013.

A total of £7500 has been devolved to the Committee to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for the 2012/13 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 £40.00 was carried over from 11/12 making a total budget of £8055.00 for the 12/13 financial year.

- 1.2 Prior to each LJC, a planning meeting takes place to consider applications for funding already received and agree recommendations for the main meeting.

Three applications have been received for this reporting period and were considered at the planning meeting held on 17 October 2012. The recommendations from the planning meeting feature in this report, and are put forward to the LJC to be held on 14 November 2012.

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 make it a priority to set aside any underspend this financial year for a community chest which local groups can apply to.

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's.

5. Background

- 5.1 A total of three applications have been received for consideration at the November 14 meeting with a combined funding request of £4400.00. Applications were considered at the LJC planning meeting on 17 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	£
24	Shipton Memorial Hall	400.00
25	Friends of William Brookes School	0
26	Much Wenlock Town Council	1000.00
Total Funding Recommended		1400.00
Original Budget		8055.00
Spend to Date		3335.00
Balance Remaining		3320.00

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 – 2012/13 - SUMMARY OF GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applications for consideration at 14 November 2012					
No.	Project Title / Organisation	Summary	Amount Requested	Recommendation	Committee Decision
24	Easthope, Shipton and Stanton Long Memorial Hall	<i>Replacement of Immersion Heater</i> The main cylinder/immersion heater located in the kitchen has passed away and replacement equipment is needed without delay as the availability of hot water is essential in the kitchen, not only for practical purposes, but also for health and hygiene. The hall is in use typically 5 to 6 days each week, by both community groups and private parties. Provision of refreshments is a vital aspect of many of these functions, and a supply of hot water is considered a necessity. The Hall kitchen is modern, spacious and well kitted out with appropriate resources.	£400.00	That a grant be awarded of £400.00	
25	Friends of William Brookes School	<i>Buy a Brick/Memory Path</i> The Buy a Brick project has been open to former students and staff of WBS since 2010 and is still ongoing. Stage 1 of the project is to create a memory path with the bricks that have already been bought by the community. The brick pathway will have their names and dates stamped in, a creative timeline of the schools history and poetry which will be contributed by students. The pathway will include references to events, key elements of the new and old school and serve as a historical as well as present day reminder of the life of William Brookes and the local community.	£3000.00	That the application be rejected on the grounds that there is insufficient evidence of community benefit.	

26	Much Wenlock Town Council	<p><i>Erection and Removal of Christmas Lights</i></p> <p>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 Council has carried out fund raising activities over the past few years in order to replace old Christmas lights with more energy efficient Christmas lights and now has sufficient lights to decorate the square, the front of the Corn Exchange and the ceiling outside the library and a large tree adjacent to Back Lane car park.</p>	£1000.00	That a grant be awarded of £1000.00	
		<p>TOTAL BUDGET as at Jul 2012</p> <p>Total Awarded to date</p> <p>Balance remaining as at Nov 2012</p> <p>Total recommended at this meeting</p> <p>BALANCE REMAINING</p>	<p>£ 8055.00</p> <p>£ 3335.00</p> <p>£ 4720.00</p> <p>£ 1400.00</p> <p>£ 3320.00</p>		