

## **2013/14 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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 up until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.

A total of £7500 has been devolved to the Committee to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for the 2013/14 financial year. In addition £500.00 has been allocated to the Committee from the apportionment of the Shropshire Community Arts Budget and a sum of £1998.00 was carried over from 12/13, making a total budget of £9998.00 for the 13/14 financial year.

- 1.2 Members are asked to note that during 12/13 one application was dealt with under delegated powers and an amount of £900.00 was approved for Wenlock Poetry Festival.
- 1.3. Members are also asked to note that the Edge Arts Centre who were awarded a grant of £1,500 in 2011/2012 have now returned this money to the LJC, therefore this amount has been added to the budget, making a new total of £11498.00 for the 13/14 financial year.
- 1.3 In the past the Committee has chosen not to add to the general funding guidelines and criteria, however moving forward this year, members recommend that the following be noted:
- a) There will be an expectation that applicants attend the LJC at which there funding application is being considered to talk about their project.
  - b) There will be an expectation that successful applicants, on completion of their project, will attend an LJC meeting to provide feedback on how the money has been spent.
  - c) Applications that show evidence of secured match funding (money or in-kind) will be given priority.

- 1.4 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 12 June 2013. The recommendations from the planning meeting feature in this report, and are put forward to the LJC to be held on 17 July 2013.

## **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 adopts the additional funding criteria as stated at 1.3 above.

## **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 July 17 meeting with a combined funding request of £6800.00. Applications were considered at the LJC planning meeting on 12 June 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	£
28	Much Wenlock Priory Hall	2000.00
29	Much Wenlock Windmill Trust	0
30	Much Wenlock Festival	1200.00
<b>Total Funding Recommended</b>		<b>3200.00</b>
<b>Original Budget</b>		<b>9998.00</b>
<b>Refund received</b>		<b>1500.00</b>
<b>Spend to Date</b>		<b>3200.00</b>
<b>Balance Remaining</b>		<b>8298.00</b>

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> January 2011.  
Locality Working Local Joint Committees. Report to Cabinet 9<sup>th</sup> 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 – David Turner and Jean Jones

**Appendices**

None.

APPENDIX 1

MUCH WENLOCK AND SHIPTON LJC – 2013/14 - SUMMARY OF GRANT APPLICATIONS

<b>Applications for consideration at 17 July 2013</b>				
<b>No.</b>	<b>Project Title / Organisation</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
28	Priory Hall – Much Wenlock	<p><b>Essential Improvements</b></p> <p>The hall is in need of general improvements with priority being given to:</p> <p>Replacement of the kitchen roof which currently leaks and needs all existing materials to be removed and replaced as it is beyond temporary repair.</p> <p>The disabled toilet needs upgrading to meet current regulations. Structural work is needed to widen and enlarge the whole area.</p> <p>The Priory hall is an important community venue for the people of Wenlock and is used daily by some 300 regular lettings and 150 additional lettings. Over 10,000 people from the area benefit from this venue. These improvements will enable the priory hall to increase its lettings and usage.</p>	£2800.00	That a grant of £2000.00 be agreed.
29	Much Wenlock Windmill Trust	<p><b>Essential Internal Repairs</b></p> <p>The purpose of the project is to further preserve the fabric of this popular historic landmark.</p> <p>The repairs to the interior face will contribute further to the future life of the windmill.</p> <p>Repairs consist of repointing and infilling stonework at high level and replacing missing oak lintels.</p> <p>English Heritage have reported on the essential works which are necessary as the tower remains structurally vulnerable as a result of uncompleted works.</p>	£1500.00	That a grant be refused on the grounds that wider community benefit has not been demonstrated. It is recommended that the Community Action Officer work with the group to find alternative funding opportunities.

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30	Wenlock Festival	<b>Entertainment and Workshops</b> The festival fair aims at involving all ages and sections of the Community and is a day of arts, crafts and high quality entertainment which takes place mainly on the church green but also in the high street and the square. Schools are invited to take part and children will have the opportunity to attend puppet workshops where there creations will be paraded through the town on the day.	£2500.00	<b>That a grant of £1200.00 be recommended towards the marquee hire.</b>
		<b>TOTAL BUDGET as at Jul 2013</b>	<b>£ 9998.00</b>	
		<b>Total Awarded to date</b>	<b>£ 0</b>	
		<b>Refund received</b>	<b>£ 1500.00</b>	
		<b>Balance remaining</b>	<b>£11498.00</b>	
		<b>Total recommended at this meeting</b>	<b>£ 3200.00</b>	
		<b>BALANCE REMAINING</b>	<b>£ 8298.00</b>	