



<u>Committee and date</u> Much Wenlock and Shipton Local Joint Committee 29 January 2014 7.00pm

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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 1st April 2013 up until 31st 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, a sum of £1998.00 was carried over from 12/13 and a refund of £1500.00 has been received, making a total budget of £11498.00 for the 13/14 financial year.

- 1.2 Members are asked to note that two applications have been dealt with under delegated powers, since the last meeting. An amount of £90.00 was approved for the Friends of Much Wenlock Cemetery and an amount of £500.00 was approved for Much Wenlock Town Council Christmas Lights.
- 1.3. Since the last meeting a late application from the Perry Riding Centre for the Disabled has been rejected on the grounds that not enough community benefit could be demonstrated.
- 1.4 The following additional funding criteria should 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.

Ten applications have been received for this reporting period and were considered at the planning meeting held on 8 January 2013. The recommendations from the planning meeting feature in this report, and are put forward to the LJC to be held on 29 January 2014.

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.

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 ten applications have been received for consideration at the January meeting with a combined funding request of £10845.00. Applications were considered at the LJC planning meeting on 8 January 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	£
35	Walkers are Welcome	300.00
36	High Causeway Community Group	408.00
37	Wenlock Tree Forum	0
38	Much Wenlock Town Council	0
39	Much Wenlock Cricket Club	0
40	Much Wenlock U3A	0
41	Much Wenlock Flood Group	2000.00
42	Much Wenlock First Responders	1600.00
43	Wenlock Olympian Live Arts Festival	400.00
44	Much Wenlock Brownies	0

Total Funding Recommended	4708.00
Original Budget	11498.00
Spend to Date	11498.00
Balance Remaining	0

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 – David Turner and Jean Jones

Appendices

None.