



Committee and date
North East Shrewsbury Local
Joint Committee

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

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Summary

This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the North East Shrewsbury Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1st April 2011 up until 31st March 2012.

A total of £23,584 has been devolved to the Committee, meaning there is £7,861 for each electoral division (Castlefields & Ditherington, Sundorne and Battlefield) to fund projects in the local community for the 2011/12 year.

Prior to each LJC, a planning meeting takes place to discuss applications for funding and agree recommendations.

Seven applications have been received for this reporting period and are put forward to the LJC to be held on 12th May 2011.

Recommendations

- That the LJC considers the applications received, and awards funding to those organisations and their projects that benefit the North East Shrewsbury area.
- In view of the reduced funding available, that the LJC considers whether it wishes in future to prioritise and/or invite project proposals which address particular themes or known priorities in the LJC area.

Report

Background

1. North East Shrewsbury LJC is responsible for the award and expenditure of a devolved budget. The amount available to the LJC in 2011/12 has reduced as a result of Shropshire Council budget decisions, and a review of locality working in

Shropshire. This amount has however been supplemented by the transfer of funding previously available for Community arts projects in to the LJC budgets, and some under spend carried forward from 2010/11. This is the final year that any carry forward of under spend will be permitted.

2. The total amount therefore available to North East Shrewsbury LJC is calculated as follows:

Total LJC electorate as at August 2010:	9003
Budget based on this electorate	£37,000
Amount available for 2011/12 following 50% budget reduction	£18,500
Minus 30% top slice of funding for Shrewsbury wide allocation	£12,950
Plus apportioned allocation of community arts budget	£1,534
Plus carry forward of under spend	£9,064
TOTAL budget for 2011/12	£23,548

Requests for funding put forward to the LJC on 12th May 2011

3. Requests totalling £10,750 are now put forward to the North East Shrewsbury LJC. These are as follows:

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A. Arts Access	tb
B. Homework Club	£5800
C. Hope Church Beach Trip	£600
D. Bike Track Adaptation and Maintenance	£1800
E. Shrewsbury Boxing Club	£1000
F. Shrewsbury Sharks Basketball Club	£550
G. Youth Summer Activities	£1000
TOTAL	£10,750
 Total Funding Requests	 £10,750
 Original Budget	 £23,584
 Spend to Date	 £0.00
 Balance Remaining	 £23,584

4. Future Funding

4.1 In view of the reduced funding available, the LJC may wish to consider whether it wishes in future to prioritise and/or invite project proposals which address particular themes or known priorities in the LJC area.

4.2 Bids for future funding should be address to:

Steve Cunningham or Karen Nixon at Shropshire Council, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury SY2 6ND

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karen.nixon@shropshire.gov.uk
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5. A report on the progress and impact of projects already funded by the LJC is provided later on the agenda.

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 Joint Committee meeting.

Local Members

Shropshire Councillors – Alan Mosley, Malcolm Price, Karen Burgoyne

Appendices

None.