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Decision Report for Oswestry Local Joint Committee

Devolved Budget Report

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Summary

This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the Oswestry Local Joint Committee for 2009/2010.

Recommendations

It is recommended to the Oswestry Local Joint Committee:

- i That a Community Chest is created with a value of **£16,000**.
- ii That applications to the Community Chest are considered by Members at Local Joint Committee Meetings, subject to the Financial Procedure Notes governing Local Joint Committees and the ground rules as specified in this report.

Background

1. At the Implementation Executive on 19 March 2009 it was determined that there will be 28 Local Joint Committee's for the new Shropshire Council. A devolved budget of £54,000 has been allocated to the Oswestry Local Joint Committee based on its electorate (12,976).
2. The Constitution governing Local Joint Committee's states:
 - Each Local Joint Committee (LJC) has a delegated budget which will be confirmed on an annual basis.
 - The LJC must use the standard guidelines and application form when granting funding to third parties.
 - The LJC budgets will be subject to Shropshire Council's audit procedures.

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3. It is being recommended that Members consider allocating some of its devolved budget to establish a Community Chest with the aim of providing community and voluntary groups an opportunity to bid for money to fund local projects.
4. The Community Chest which ran in the Pilot Oswestry Town LJC last year proved to be very popular, with applications against the devolved budget of £25,000 totalling in excess of £50,000.

Community Chest 2009/2010

5. It is recommended that a Community Chest is created with a value of **£16,000**.
6. This chest would be subject to the Financial Procedure Notes (attached at Appendix A) drawn up by Shropshire Council for the Local Joint Committees. Other than that, the Committee would have authority to fund any eligible project considered on a case by case basis.
7. The closing date for the applications which will be considered at the meeting of the Committee in September is **Monday 17 August 2009**.
8. Schemes will also be subject to the rules agreed by the Committee set out below and detailed on the application form.
 - The maximum amount that can be allocated to any one project is £2,000.
 - Applications to the Community Chest are limited to one per organisation within the 2009/2010 financial year. In exceptional circumstances more than one application from an organisation may be considered.
9. The Community Chest will be advertised through press releases and on the Shropshire Council website.
10. Applications to the Community Chest must be made using the agreed application form which will be available at the meeting. It will also be available from Shropshire Council's Website (www.shropshire.gov.uk), or by telephoning Nicki Young, Community Regeneration Officer on 01939 237430 or by e-mail nicki.young@shropshire.gov.uk, or the Lead Officer on the above contacts.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

1. Locality Working – New ways of working – Implementation Executive 19
March 2009

Human Rights Act Appraisal

The recommendations are unlikely to result in any implications for the Human Rights Act.

Environmental Appraisal

Environmental appraisals will be carried out as necessary.

Risk Management Appraisal

The Council needs to address the risk of legal challenge to decisions through procedural or other errors. This has been carefully assessed.

Community / Consultations Appraisal

None

Cabinet Member

Councillor Gwilym Butler – Portfolio Holder for Community Working and Customer Services

Local Member

Councillor Keith Barrow
Councillor Martin Bennett
Councillor Vince Hunt
Councillor Bill Benyon

Appendices

A – Local Joint Committee Financial Procedure Notes