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Oswestry Local Joint Committee
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Decision Report for Oswestry Local Joint Committee

Community Chest

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Summary

At the meeting of the Local Joint Committee on 1 July 2009, £16,000 of the Committee's devolved budget of £54,000 was allocated to establish a Community Chest.

Community Groups were invited to apply for funding for projects up to a maximum of £2,000 with all eligible bids being considered by Members of the Committee.

This report considers the applications received by 17 August 2009.

Recommendations

A - It is recommended that the Oswestry Local Joint Committee allocate funding to those organisations and their projects as set out in Appendix A to this report.

B – It is recommended that the Oswestry Local Joint Committee defers the decision on whether or not to fund the project set out in Appendix B to this report until the next meeting of the Committee on 3 December 2009.

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. The closing date for applications to be considered at the September LJC meeting was 17 August 2009.
4. By the closing date 7 applications had been received, totalling £10,701.80.
5. Six applications, all of which meet the key eligibility criteria, totalling £8,701.80 are under consideration by Members at this meeting. Those recommended for funding are shown at Appendix A.
6. It is being recommended to Members that they defer the decision on whether or not to fund the project set out in Appendix B to this report until the next meeting of the Committee on 3 December 2009. This will allow Officers to collect further information on the project and to confirm its eligibility as it will not start until 2012, meaning that although the money will be committed in this financial year it will not be spent for three years.
7. The recommendations have been made on an assessment of each application against the rules of the Local Joint Committee and the Community Chest rules as set out in the decision report by the Committee on 1 July 2009. It must be noted that, the Committee has the authority to fund any eligible project considered on a case by case basis.

Budget Implications

8. The bids recommended for agreement total £8,701.80 which is within the available budget. Should the recommendations within this report be accepted then the total amount available for other groups to bid for and which will be considered by Members in December is £7,298.20.
9. The deadline for applications to be received for the second round of bids which will be considered by the Committee on 3 December is Friday 30 October 2009.
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
2. Oswestry Local Joint Committee – Community Chest decision report – 1 July 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

Appendix A – Applications / projects recommended for funding

Appendix B – Applications / projects recommended for decision in December