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## Community Chest

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### Summary

This report considers the applications made to the Community Chest received by 25 June 2010 and recommends increasing the Community Chest budget. This report also provides an update on the 2010/2011 budget.

### 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 increases the Community Chest budget by £6,641.74 to give it a value of **£10,000**.

C – It is recommended that a budget of £2,500 is allocated by the Oswestry Local Joint Committee for a tactile bronze interpretation panel for the Oswestry Town Green.

### Background

1. At the Implementation Executive on the 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.
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.

## Report

### 2010/11 Budget

3. The following provides a summary of the 2010/2011 devolved budget prior to the 22 July 2010 meeting:

<u>Budget</u>	£	54,000.00	
B/F 2009/10	£	5,893.86	
Community Chest	£	16,000.00	27-May-10
Available budget	£	43,893.86	

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Budget	£	16,000.00	
Allocated round 1	£	6,840.00	Approved 27/5/10
Balance	£	<u>9,160.00</u>	

4. The Oswestry LJC has an available budget of £43,893.86 for the remainder of this financial year.

### **Community Chest - Round 1**

5. The closing date for applications to be considered at the 22 July LJC meeting was 25 June 2010. By the closing date five applications had been received, totalling £6,101.74, all of which meet the key eligibility criteria. The total amount being recommended for funding is £5,801.74. The Community Chest Budget of £9,160 will cover all requests for funding. Those recommended for funding are shown at Appendix A.
6. 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 this report. It must be noted that the Committee has the authority to fund any eligible project considered on a case by case basis.
7. The deadline for applications to be received for the second round of bids which will be considered by the Committee on the 7 October 2010 is Friday 10 September 2010.
8. 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](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk)), or by telephoning Nicki Young, Community Regeneration Officer on 01691 677318 or by e-mail [nicki.young@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:nicki.young@shropshire.gov.uk), or the Lead Officer on the above contacts.

## Town Green Interpretation Boards

9. At the meeting on 27 May the LJC received a presentation by Shaun Burkey, Conservation and Community Officer with Shropshire Council on the Town Green. Following questions from Councillors and members of the public it is being recommended that the LJC allocates a budget of £2,500 for a tactile bronze interpretation panel for the Oswestry Town Green. The Sight Loss Opportunities Group are willing to get involved with the interpretation and the site in general.
10. The LJC can fund this because the interpretation panel was not part of the original specification and therefore is an enhancement to the project. This is an example of scrutiny at a local level and of the use of the devolved budget to fund local improvements.

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 Partnership Working, Performance and Productivity and Customer Service

**Local Member**

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

**Appendices**

Appendix A – Applications / projects recommended for funding