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Oswestry Local Joint
Committee

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2012/13 OSWESTRY LJC BUDGET REPORT AND FUNDING REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION

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1. Summary

This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the Oswestry Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1 April 2012 up until 31 March 2013.

A total of £27,000 has been devolved to the Committee to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for the 2012/13 year.

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

Five applications have been received for this reporting period. These have been considered at the planning meeting held on 24 May 2012. The recommendations from the planning meeting feature in this report, and are put forward to the LJC meeting to be held on 14 June 2012.

2. Recommendations

- That the LJC considers the applications received, and awards funding to those organisations and their projects as recommended in this report.

3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

- 3.1 In determining these recommendations the Council 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

The funding devolved to the LJC can be used for a number of different purposes over the year. The Committee has allocated funds to specific purposes at a previous meeting and has indicated that it will continue to receive applications from local organisations for eligible purposes. Funding by the LJC must comply with the general Financial Rules for LJC'S.

5. Background

The Oswestry LJC is responsible for the award and expenditure of a devolved budget. The amount available to the LJC in 2012/13 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 into the LJC budgets, and some under spend carried forward from 2011/12. This is the final year that any carry forward of under spend will be permitted.

The total amount available to Oswestry LJC is calculated as follows:

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| Total LJC electorate as at August 2010: | 16,846 |
| Budget based on this electorate | £27,000 |
| Plus apportioned allocation of community arts budget | £2,265 |
| Plus carry forward of under spend | £302 |
| TOTAL budget for 2011/12 | £29, 567 |

6. Additional Information

Applications for funding were considered at the LJC planning meeting on 24 May and recommendations totalling £4,530 are now put forward to the Oswestry LJC for consideration.

| | Project name | £ |
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| A4 | Oswestry Gatacre Allotments & Garden Association -to build disabled toilet facilities at Gatacre Allotments to enable equal opportunity to participation in the activities held there. | 2,500 |
| A5 | Llwynfields Residents Association – to purchase of outdoor furniture and a larger TV for the residents room – to give residents the opportunity to be involved in a variety of social events by providing facilities and activities suitable for a diverse group of people with different needs. | 500 |
| A6 | Footfall - to purchase of a 'toolbox' of items that will support Footfall volunteers to carry out the cleaning and preparation of shops and other buildings in readiness for displays to be put in along with signage, posters etc to link the displays and promote the initiative. This will complement the successful MTRP application, which only covered capital costs. | 600 |

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| A7 | Cabin Lane Church – to purchase of black out blinds in the church to enable films and presentations to be shown during the day | 730 |
| A8 | Helping Hand Association – the cost of printing a new leaflet promoting the work of Oswestry Helping Hand. This will replace the existing outdated one and hopefully give a more professional image of the charity. | 200 |
| | TOTAL | 4,530 |
| | The following applications have been approved under delegated authority in the period between the February and June LJC meetings | |
| A1 | Eastern Oswestry Community Centre – repairs and improvement works to the Community Centre | 1,775 |
| A2 | Oswestry & District Sports Council – funding towards the costs of organising Oswestry Community Games | 1,500 |
| A3 | Oswestry Multi- Cultural Ladies Group – funding for a project which aiming to raise health awareness and the emotional well-being of minority ethnic women in Oswestry. | 1,000 |
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| | TOTAL | 4,275 |

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| | 2012/13 budget | £29,567 |
| | Total of recommendations 14/06/12 | £ 4,530 |
| | Spend to date in 2011/12 Projects approved under delegated authority Delegation to Oswestry & District Arts Association Delegation to Oswestry Sports Council | £ 4,275 £ 2,265 £ 1,350 |
| | Balance remaining | £ 17,147 |

The following applications have been supported from the £2,000 ringfenced in last year's budget for community activity to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee in 2012:

| No | Applicant | Project description | Amount requested £ |
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| 1 | Llywnfields Residents Association | Jubilee Tea Party | £100 |
| 2 | Oswestry Senior Citizens Club | Jubilee Party. | £300 |

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| 3 | Oswestry Library | Best of British Tea Party for the 'Unwind your Mind' group | £50 |
| 4 | The Qube | Jubilee Peg Dolly workshop in Cae Glas park after the Parade | £122 |
| 5 | St Oswalds Parish Church | The Big Tea – following the service of celebration | £140 |
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| | TOTAL | | £712 |

Future Funding

In view of the reduced funding available, at a planning meeting of the LJC on 27 September 2012 it was recommended that the following priority themes for the Oswestry LJC are adopted. These are –

1. Economic development – supporting the economy of the town and improving employment opportunities
2. Activities for young people and older people, especially those which encourage healthier living
3. Building capacity into the voluntary sector and supporting sustainable development, as opposed to dependency
4. Improving the local environment – built and natural
5. Celebrating our local heritage
6. Art and culture development
7. Sports development

Future applicants to the Oswestry LJC should bear these priorities in mind when considering whether it is appropriate to submit a funding application.

For information about applying for an LJC grant and to get an application form, contact Kate Garner, Community Action Manager on 01691 677318 or at kate.garner@shropshire.gov.uk

The closing date for the next application round is Friday 24 August 2012.

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.

Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)

Cllr Gwilym Butler – Flourishing Shropshire Communities

Local Member

Shropshire Councillors – Keith Barrow, Martin Bennett, Bill Benyon, Vince Hunt

Appendices

- A. Summary of applications received for the LJC meeting 16th February 2012