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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 1st April 2012 up until 31st 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.

Six applications have been received for this reporting period. These have been considered at the planning meeting held on 6th September 2012. The recommendations from the planning meeting feature in this report, and are put forward to the LJC meeting to be held on 27th September 2012.

2. Recommendation

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 provision 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:

Total LJC electorate as at August 2010:	16,846
Budget based on this electorate	£27,000
Plus apportioned allocation of community arts budget	£2,270
Plus carry forward of under spend	£10,500
TOTAL budget for 2011/12	£ 39,770
Amount committed so far this year	£12,420
Balance remaining for 2012/13	27,350

6. Additional Information

Applications for funding were considered at the LJC planning meeting on 6th September and recommendations totalling £23,466 are now put forward to the Oswestry LJC for consideration.

	Project name	£
A9	Oswestry 2020 Town Plan – to contribute towards the costs of producing the Oswestry 2020 Town Plan. (As this application is being submitted by Oswestry Town Council, a final decision will have to be made by Shropshire Council's Cabinet members.)	10,000
A10	Shropshire Young Carers – to contribute towards costs of running the Shropshire Young Carers project in Oswestry.	1,000
A11	Oswestry and District First Responders – to purchase equipment and uniform for new recruits to the organisation.	736
A12	Oswestry Sibling Group – to contribute towards the running of the Sibling Group in Oswestry.	500

A13	Gatacre Playing Fields Project – to undertake a feasibility study and consultation on the proposed changes to Gatacre playing fields including the relocation and new build pavilion.	10,000
A14	Fusion Arts Oswestry – to support the launch of the FAO social enterprise at The Centre (MyPlace) where it will be providing music and art services to young people and the wider community. The launch will be an opportunity to raise public awareness and provide opportunities for tutors and potential students to start to get to know each other through workshops and performances.	966
	TOTAL	23,202

	2012/13 budget	£39,770
	Total of recommendations 27/09/12	£23,202
	Spend to date in 2011/12 Projects approved under delegated authority Projects approved at the meeting of 14 th June Delegation to Oswestry & District Arts Association Delegation to Oswestry Sports Council	 £ 4,275 £ 4,530 £ 2,265 £ 1,350
	Balance remaining	£ 4,148

Future Funding

In view of the reduced funding available, at a planning meeting of the LJC on 2nd September 2011 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

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 27th September 2012