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## **2013/14 DRAFT FINANCE REPORT, INCLUDING UPDATE ON FUNDING REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

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### **1. Summary**

- 1.1 This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the Oswestry Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1 April 2013 up until 31 March 2014.
- 1.2 A total of £29,650 has been devolved to the committee to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for 2013/14.
- 1.3 A planning meeting takes place to discuss applications for funding and agree recommendations to be taken to the LJC where decisions will be made.
- 1.4 Six applications have been received for this reporting period. These were considered at the planning meeting held on 30 May 2013. The recommendations from the planning meeting are listed in this report.

### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the LJC delegates any art-specific funding it receives as part of its 2013/2014 budget to Oswestry & District Arts Association, to enable it to continue to run its arts grants programme in the Oswestry area.
- 2.2 That the LJC considers the applications received, and awards funding to those organisations and their projects as recommended in this report. The recommendation is to approve or not approve the following funding applications as detailed:

	<b>Group</b>	<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
1	The Project Group (Oswestry) CIC – 'The Centre' Textile Hanging.	£9,775.00	£3,975.00	<b>£1,500.00</b>
2	Fusion Arts (Oswestry) CIC - Urban Pulse Workshops	£4,500.00	£2,500.00	<b>£1,000.00</b>
3	OBA Group – Oswestry Area Heritage Open Days 2013	£5,000.00	£500.00	<b>£500.00</b>

4	QUBE – ‘From Qube with love...’	£2232.00	£1,264.00	<b>Defer application</b>
5	Oswestry Otters Swimming Club	£1,747.00	£847.00	<b>£300.00</b>
6	Ramped CIC	£806.50	£522.50	<b>£522.50</b>
7	Arts Funding	£2,270.00	£2,270.00	<b>£2,270.00</b>
	<b>Total</b>		<b>£11,870.50</b>	<b>£6092.50</b>

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### **3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal**

- 3.1 In determining this recommendation 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**

- 4.1 The funding devolved to the LJC can be used for a number of different purposes over the year. At the present time, the Committee has not allocated funds to any specific purposes but has indicated that it will receive applications from local organisations for eligible purposes. Funding by the LJC must comply with the general Financial Rules for LJC's.

### **5. Background**

- 5.1 From 1 April 2009 Shropshire Council created 28 Local Joint Committees (LJC) to operate across the whole of Shropshire. The LJC's are legally constituted decision making Committees of Shropshire Council.
- 5.2 The LJC for Oswestry has membership from Shropshire Council (4 members) and Oswestry Town Council (4 members) all with equal voting rights.
- 5.3 One of the responsibilities of the LJC is to determine expenditure of the devolved budget. A budget of £ 29,650 has been made available to the LJC for the current financial year. This is made up of £27,000 from the LJC budget; £2,270 from the arts funding which has been transferred to the LJC and £380.00 carryover from this LJC's' 2012/13 budget. The total recommended value for projects put forward in this round total £6,092.50 leaving a remaining balance £23,557.50 for consideration of deferred requests, future funding requests and priorities set by members.
- 5.4 The committee have agreed that the annual budget should be equally split between the three meetings and under spend carried forward to the next meeting.

## 6. Additional Information

6.1 A summary of applications has been compiled and included below.

### 6.2 **The Project Group (Oswestry) CIC – ‘The Centre’ Textile Hanging**

6.2.1 This project has been submitted by The Project Group (Oswestry) CIC. The project is to design and make a permanently installed textile hanging 20' x 4' to be sited in the entrance lobby of 'The Centre' in Oswestry. Projects are designed to achieve quality participation by the community using the building. The Project group will use skilled project group members with proven records to run the planned workshops.

6.2.2 Need and demand – The project offers an opportunity for community integration, targeting a wide variety of groups. Providing an opportunity to dispel myths, regarding mental health and physical disability. It allows 'The Centre' users to feel connected to the building itself with the artwork remaining in the centre following its creation. Concerns are that the funding is solely from public sector sources.

6.2.3

<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>£9775.00</b>	
<b>Project Funding</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Status</b>
Shropshire Art Service	5,000.00	Confirmed
Short Breaks Funding (Youth Service)	400.00	Confirmed
Youth Council	200.00	Applied for
Oswestry Town Council	200.00	Applied for
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5800.00</b>	
<b>Request to LJC</b>	<b>£3,975.00</b>	

### 6.3 **Fusion Arts (Oswestry) CIC - Urban Pulse Workshops**

6.3.1 This project has been submitted Fusion Arts (Oswestry) CIC. Urban Pulse is a fully inclusive 'street band', sometimes known as 'stomp'. It is open to mixed genders aimed at ages 10 – 19 years and will aim to include able bodied and disabled people in and around Oswestry. This will be based at 'The Centre' offering 48 weekly sessions run by Jay Moore of Fusion Arts (Oswestry) CIC. Recycled buckets, tubs, containers, dustbins and such will create the unique percussion ensemble.

6.3.2 Need and demand – The project offers members to learn a skill, an opportunity for increased activity in 'The Centre' and community integration. They plan to perform at events held in the town. There is a good plan in place to self-promote and become self-sufficient with their funding needs, requesting session fees and collections at street performances

### 6.3.3

<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>£4,500.00</b>	
<b>Project Funding</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Status</b>
Charlotte Hartley Foundation	750.00	Confirmed
Borderland Rotary Club	250.00	Confirmed
Awards for all	1000.00	Applied for
LJC -Oswestry	2,500.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,500.00</b>	
<b>Request to LJC</b>	<b>£2,500.00</b>	

## 6.4 **OBHA Group – Oswestry Area Heritage Open Days 2013**

6.4.1 This project is being submitted as a cluster application. The aim is to make local heritage accessible to all, connecting communities with their heritage. The project provides free access and transport to heritage properties that would be unobtainable otherwise to some of the more deprived local community areas. Additional activities such as storytelling, bronze founder, wattle and daub and re-enacted walks for example are being encouraged to bring further life crafts and history to life.

6.4.2 Need and demand – The project is aimed at providing positive cultural experience to deprived individuals and families in the Oswestry area. They have secured awards for all funding previously. The take up to the event has been very positive; they are working towards the promotion of local centenary events. There are very tight restrictions on gaining financial income from this event as they are beholden to charge for this event. There are plans to try and gain business sponsorship of future events to allow lesser dependency on public funding streams.

### 6.4.3

<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>£5,000.00</b>	
<b>Project Funding</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Status</b>
Awards for all	2,925	Confirmed
CJC Cluster Support	2,075.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	
<b>Request to LJC</b>	<b>£500.00</b>	

## 6.5 **The Qube – ‘From Qube with love...’**

6.5.1 ‘From Qube with love .....’ is a postcard exhibition taking place at Qube gallery from 4 July to 5 August 2013. This is a community arts project where they will be

asking people to design a postcard of the local area or a fond memory. An exhibition of all the postcards will fill the gallery during the summer.

The project will be in partnership with the 4 local primary schools. There will be artists working in the schools to deliver workshops to create their own cards.

The best 12 cards created would be made into a 2014 calendar. Qube have a proven track record of providing this type of project with good take up.

- 6.5.2 Need and demand – Qube has a proven track record of providing integrated art workshops to reach a wide cross section of youth society. The project will aim to raise feelings of connection to the local area in a positive focus. There is a chance for individual expression and promotion of this. There is also the opportunity for the work to be shown at the gallery which is good for the individuals involved from a sense of self-esteem. Some income for future projects could be gained from the formulation and then sale of the calendar for 2014. Qube have been advised by Community Action Officer to approach the schools identified in the project for a contribution. Still awaiting any feedback; as to their ability to gain this financial support.

### 6.5.3

<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>£2232.00</b>	
<b>Project Funding</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Status</b>
Qube – Contribution in kind	868.00	
Qube contribution	100.00	
LJC	1264.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2232.00</b>	
<b>Request to LJC</b>	<b>£1264.00</b>	

- 6.5.4 Due to the lack of information from Qube regarding financial contributions from the schools involved it was decided to defer the application for this round of funding.

## 6.6 Oswestry Otters Swimming Club – Running Costs

- 6.6.1 Oswestry Otters is a well-established swimming club competing in various competitive leagues representing the town. The competitions require the members and voluntary staff to travel differing distances. In order to do this they need to utilise the hire of a coach/bus. The club has 40 swimmers currently on their register. A recent award has been gained by the club of £300.00 from the Oswestry Sports Council.

The request comes to the LJC to assist the club to continue to operate with overheads exceeding current income. They do fund raising events and gain contributions from families.

- 6.6.2 Need and demand – The club is positively promoting activity within regular sport and exercise. The staff involved provide their time for free. This is a positive activity for local youth to enjoy regular exercise and promote health and opportunity to be competitive at whatever level they choose, creating

opportunities to go on to high level competition given their ability and drive. The concerns for this application are the current savings held by the organisation.

### 6.6.3

<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>£1,747.00</b>	
<b>Project Funding</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Status</b>
LJC	847.00	
Income from swimmers	900.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1747.00</b>	
<b>Request to LJC</b>	<b>£847.00</b>	

### 6.7.1 Ramped CIC – Start up Costs

6.7.2 Ramped newly formed community interest company delivering skateboard and BMX cycling activity to young people. It has a mobile skate park that they can take along to local areas or events. They are due to be part of the CAP Fest diversionary event in Cae Glas Park. On-going running costs are planned to be covered by the hire cost of their attendance at places or events.

6.7.3 Need and Demand – Ramped provides a managed environment for the youth of Oswestry to access leisure facilities that are under a controlled situation to ensure upmost safety and wellbeing. It is positive exercise and allows the progression of skills and possible progression on to competitive sports. It is also a good diversionary activity to assist in tackling antisocial behaviour which in Oswestry Town does pose some concerns.

### 6.7.3

<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>£806.50</b>	
<b>Project Funding</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Status</b>
Contribution in kind	284.00	Confirmed
LJC	522.50	
<b>Total</b>	<b>806.50</b>	
<b>Request to LJC</b>	<b>£522.50</b>	

## Conclusions

- The applications recommended were considered to be of benefit to the community, following need, demand and assessment checklist. The LJC considers the applications received, and awards funding to those organisations and their projects as recommended in this report.

8.0 The next LJC meeting is scheduled to take place at 7pm, Thursday, 26th September 2013

8.1 Bids for future funding should be address to:

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<b>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</b>
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Draft Medium Term Financial Plan 2011/12-2012/14, Appendix 5. Report to Cabinet 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2011-07-04
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Locality Working Local joint Committees. Report to Cabinet 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2010
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Councillor Gwilym Butler
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<b>Local Member</b>
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Councillor Keith Barrow Councillor Martin Bennett Councillor Peter Cherrington Councillor Vince Hunt
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<b>Appendices</b>
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None
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