

**2011/12 FINANCE REPORT, INCLUDING UPDATE ON FUNDING
REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION****Responsible Officer** Andrea McWilliams

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Summary

This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the Shifnal and Sheriffhales Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1st April 2011 up until 31st March 2012.

A total of £23,804.58 has been devolved to the Committee to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for the 2011/12 year.

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

Seven applications have been received for this reporting period. These have been considered at the planning meeting held on 16 May 2011. The recommendations from the planning meeting feature in this report, and are put forward to the LJC to be held on 7th June 2011.

Recommendations

- That the LJC retains a small pot of £2,500 to be used as a community chest for grant applications up to a value of £250. This leaves a budget of £21,304.58 remaining for other projects to bid into.
- That the LJC considers the applications received, and awards funding to those organisations and their projects as recommended in Appendix 1 to this report.
- That the LJC notes that a grant of £1000 awarded to the Shifnal Christmas Lights Committee has been returned and this money is included in these balances.

Report

Background

1. The Shifnal and Sheriffhales LJC is responsible for the award and expenditure of a devolved budget. The amount available to the LJC in 2011/12 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 2010/11. This is the final year that any carry forward of under spend will be permitted.
2. The total amount therefore available to Shifnal and Sheriffhales LJC is calculated as follows:

Budget based on this electorate	£24,000
Amount available for 2011/12 following 50% budget reduction	£12,000
Plus apportioned allocation of community arts budget	£ 1,007
Plus carry forward of under spend	£10,797.58
TOTAL budget for 2011/12	£23,804.58

Recommendations put forward to the LJC on 7 June 2011

3. Applications for funding were considered at the LJC planning meeting on 16th May. Details of the individual applications are listed on the attached Appendix 1 to this report. Recommendations are now put forward to the Shifnal and Sheriffhales LJC and are summarised below as follows:

	£
A. Sheriffhales PCC – Furniture for Community Room	990.00
B. Shifnal Farmers Market	1000.00
C. Shifnal Theatrical & Repertory Society (STARS)	1000.00
D. Shifnal Festival	1000.00
E. St Andrews PTA – Mini Gardners	875.00
F. The Scroll	500.00
G. Community Council of Shropshire - Senior Safety Day	520.00
TOTAL	5885.00
 Total Funding Requests	 5,885.00
 Original Budget	 23,804.58
 Spend to Date	 5,885.00
 Balance Remaining	 17,919.58

4. Shifnal Lights Committee

Just to advise Committee that a previously awarded grant of £1,000 to Shifnal Lights Committee has been returned as the Committee has disbanded. The money has been reallocated to this budget and is included in the total budget available as shown above.

5 Future Funding

- 5.1 The next deadline for submission of bids for the November meeting is 7 October 2011 and all bids for future funding should be addressed to:

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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

Human Rights Act Appraisal

The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.

Environmental Appraisal

None.

Risk Management Appraisal

In determining these recommendations the Council has considered reputational risk and the course of action minimises this risk.

Community / Consultations Appraisal

Consideration has been given to the public opinion expressed at the previous Local Meeting.

Local Member

Shropshire Councillors – Gordon Tonkinson and Stuart West

Appendices

Appendix 1.