



Committee and date

Shifnal and Sheriffhales
Local Joint Committee

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2011/12 FINANCE REPORT, INCLUDING UPDATE ON FUNDING REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION

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1. 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 was devolved to the Committee to fund projects in the local community served by this LJC for the 2011/12 year.

The committee has chosen to allocate its funding into two pots:

- a small pot of £2,500 to be used as a community chest for grant applications up to a value of £250.
- A larger pot with the remaining budget of £21,304.58 for other projects to bid into up to a value of £1000.

To date a total of seven applications have been approved totalling £5,885 leaving a balance of £17,919.58 available to be committed in 2011/12.

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

Twenty two valid applications have been received for this reporting period. These were considered at the planning meeting held on 10th October 2011 and the recommendations arising are included in this report for members to consider at this meeting.

2. Recommendations

- 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 funding has now been allocated for the 2012/13 financial year at the same amount as this year and that unspent balances for this year will be allowed to roll forward into next year.
- That the LJC considers that all future funding be directed at activities that help develop community-based and led projects in the area for the 2012/13 financial year.

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3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

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

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

The proposals under consideration will improve the levels of community based and community driven activity in the LJC area, and in particular in those communities identified by local Councillors as not benefiting previously from LJC support

4. Financial Implications

The funding devolved to the LJC can be used for a number of different purposes over the year to address local priorities. Funding by the LJC must comply with the general Financial Rules for LJC's.

The Shifnal and Sheriffhales Local Joint Committee has agreed individual criteria in addition to the general financial rules. These are detailed in appendix 2.

5. Background

A total of 22 applications have been received for consideration at the 8th November meeting. Sixteen are for the larger grants scheme and six for the community chest.

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:

Grants	£
Yew Tree Court Arts & Crafts Club	1000.00
Sheriffhales Primary School PTA	1000.00
Shifnal Cricket Club	500.00
Shifnal Flower Club	1000.00
Shifnal Crime Prevention Panel	500.00

Sheriffhales Short Mat Indoor Bowling Club	480.00
Sheriffhales Parish Council	1357.00
Shifnal Scouts & Guides Supporters Association	1000.00
Shifnal & Albrighton Youth for Christ	1000.00
Sheriffhales Village Hall	923.20
1 st Shifnal Scout Group	0
Shifnal Primary School PTA	1000.00
Friends of the Fire Station	0
Idsall Gymnastics Club	1000.00
Shifnal Carnival Committee	500.00
Barn Owls Pre School	1000.00
Shifnal Townswomen's Guild	250.00
Sheriffhales Parish Council (Mr Tonkinson will report on this item at the meeting)	0
Shifnal and Priorslee Patients's Voice	250.00
Shifnal Friendship Club	250.00
Stagekids	250.00
Shifnal Community Swimming Pool	80.00

Total funding requests 13340.00

Original Budget 23,804.58

Spend to Date (June) 5,885.00

Recommended spend at this meeting 13,340.00

Balance Remaining 4,579.58

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 form for the projects listed

Shifnal & Sheriffhales LJC funding guidelines

Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)

Cllr Gwilym Butler

Local Members

Councillors Gordon Tonkinson and Stuart West

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Summary of Applications

Appendix 2 – Shifnal & Sheriffhales Additional Funding Criteria