

**2012/13 FINANCE REPORT, INCLUDING UPDATE ON FUNDING
REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION****Responsible Officer** Andrea McWilliams

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1. Summary

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

A total of £13,007 was devolved to the Committee to fund projects in the local community served by this LJC for the 2012/13 financial 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 £10,507 for other projects.

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

Eleven valid applications have been received for this reporting period. These were considered at the planning meeting held on 23 May 2012 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 will 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 and additional criteria agreed by this committee.

5. Background

A total of eleven applications have been received for consideration at this meeting. Eight are for the larger grants scheme and three 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	£
Shifnal Millennium Sensory Garden	1000.00
Shifnal Cricket Club	500.00
Shifnal & District Live at Home Scheme – Volunteer costs	1000.00
Yew Tree Court Arts & Crafts Club	500.00
Shifnal Festival 2012	1000.00
Shifnal Town Football Club – Water borehole	1000.00
Shifnal Old People's Welfare Committee – Painting & Decorating	1000.00
Sheriffhales PCC – Repair Church Clock	800.00
Shifnal & District Live at Home Scheme – Advertising	0
Sheriffhales PC – Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2012	250.00
Sheriffhales Village Hall Committee – hot water boiler	237.00
	7287.00
Original Budget	13007.00
Spend to Date ()	0

Recommended spend at this meeting	7,287.00
Balance Remaining	5,720.00

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 13 th January 2011.
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Locality Working Local Joint Committees. Report to Cabinet 9 th December 2010.

LJC application form for the projects listed
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Shifnal & Sheriffhales LJC funding guidelines

Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)
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Cllr Gwilym Butler

Local Members

Councillors Gordon Tonkinson and Stuart West
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Appendices

Appendix 1 – Summary of Applications
