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Shifnal & Sheriffhales
Local Joint Committee

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

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1. Summary

This report considers the funding allocated to the Shifnal & Sheriffhales Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1st April 2013 up until 31st March 2014.

The total LJC budget for the 2013/14 financial year was £11,582 which was then subject to an additional adjustment to the budget of £3,226 making total finance available of £16,484.

The committee usually allocates its funding into two pots:

- a pot of £2,000 to be used as a community chest for grant applications up to a value of £250.
- A larger pot with the remaining budget for other projects.

Prior to each LJC, a planning meeting takes place to discuss applications for funding and agree recommendations. Due to the level and nature of applications received the remaining budget is shown as one pot for this meeting.

2. Moving Forward

The LJC's are a key part of the overall work to deliver localism in Shropshire, and will be supported by Shropshire Council to achieve this. Recognising this strategic importance there is increasing onus on LJC's to have a very clear understanding of their local communities and how the various elements (public, voluntary and private) can best work together to deliver real outcomes that make a difference to the lives of local people.

The LJC is aware of various priorities within the community that may need significant help in forthcoming months in order to complete various projects and will be considering how best to allocate their funding based on how these projects progress.

In addition it is clear that with the ever increasing pressure on local authority budgets there is uncertainty whether LJC' s will have a budget next year, however there will be no roll forward on any unallocated funding into next financial year.

3. Applications Received

Fourteen applications have been received for this reporting period. These were considered at the planning meeting held on 11th February 2014 and the recommendations arising are detailed in this report for members to consider at the meeting.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. Background

A total of fourteen applications have been received for consideration at this meeting.

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 Europeans Junior Football Club	1000.00
Sheriffhales PCC – St Marys Church	858.60
Shifnal Bowling Club	900.00
Shifnal & District Live at Home Scheme	1000.00
Shifnal Primary School PTA	1000.00
Say Yes, Shifnal & Albrighton Christian Youth Project	850.00
Shifnal Farmers' Market CIC	905.00
Getting Crafty Youth Arts Group	325.00
Len's Shifnal Shuttle	1500.00
Shifnal Business Forum	1000.00
Shifnal & District Chorale	940.00
Shifnal Townswomen's Guild	241.00
Shifnal (St Andrews) Youth Club	600.00
Shifnal Crime Prevention Panel CIC	302.40
Total recommended at this meeting	11422.00
Total spent previously	5062.00
	16484.00

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 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 Stuart West and Kevin Turley

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Summary of Applications