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Shrewsbury wide Local Joint  
Committee

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## FUNDING REQUESTS TO SHREWSBURY WIDE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

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### 1. Summary

This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the Shrewsbury wide Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 up until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.

A total of £32,400 has been devolved to the Committee to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for the 2013/14 year. In addition, there was a carry forward of £4077 uncommitted funding from 2012/13. The total budget available to the LJC is therefore £36,477. At the meeting on 4.7.13 £2822 was allocated to support 3 applications leaving £33,655 available to the committee.

The Committee has previously agreed to limit the total amount of grant made to any one project to a maximum of £2,000.

### 2. Recommendations

- A. To consider the funding applications received and agree levels of support or otherwise, in accordance with the funding guidelines previously agreed, and the delegated powers approved by Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2011.

### 3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

- 3.1 In determining these recommendations the LJC has considered reputational risk and the course of action proposed minimises this risk. The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.
- 3.2 The proposals under consideration will improve the levels of community based and community driven activity in the LJC area. Comments made in this report include

those received as a result of consulting with stakeholders including Shrewsbury Town Council, Destination Shrewsbury, and Shropshire Council Arts Officers.

#### 4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 The amount allocated per year to the Shrewsbury wide Local Joint Committee is calculated based on a 30% top-slice of the Shrewsbury neighbourhood LJC budgets, as agreed by Council on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2010, and totals £32,400.

#### 5. Additional Information

- 5.1 To date eight applications for funding have been received for consideration at this meeting.
- 5.2 A summary of applications received is provided below. Further details are contained at Appendix A to this report.

	Project	Project cost £	Amount requested £	Proposed grant £
<b>A</b>	Shropshire Scribes annual exhibition in St Mary's 2014.	1930	730	730
<b>B</b>	St Chad's Music Festival 2014	20100	3000	2000
<b>C</b>	Disabled Arts in Shropshire (DASH) visual arts workshops	27000	4000	2000
<b>D</b>	Shrewsbury Youth for Christ, youth music and media mentoring in schools	1900	1900	1900
<b>E</b>	Shrewsbury Youth Theatre	13340	1200	1200
<b>F</b>	Pengwern Boat Club facilities to support disabled rowers	17477	2484	2000
<b>G</b>	<a href="http://www.shrewsbury-events.co.uk">www.shrewsbury-events.co.uk</a>	5100	1800	1800
<b>H</b>	Shrewsbury and District Arts Association Summer Steinway Fest at tea time	1538	538	538
<b>Total</b>		88,385	15,652	12,168

<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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8 x LJC applications as detailed in Appendix A of this report
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<b>Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)</b>
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<b>Local Member</b> All Shropshire County Councillors for Shrewsbury and all Shrewsbury Town Council Councillors.
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<b>Appendices</b>
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Appendix A – Project application details
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**APPENDIX A****A.Shropshire Scribes annual exhibition in St. Marys Church 2014**

Shropshire Scribes are seeking support to run their annual exhibition at St Mary's Church between 19.7.14 and 2.8.14. The purpose of the exhibition is to;

- Give the public an appreciation of the arts of calligraphy and lettering
- Enable existing members to practice the art and to encourage beginners
- Attract new members to the organisation
- Advertise the annual beginner's course run by members of the group
- Raise the general profile of arts in Shropshire
- Provide an outlet to support the local arts economy
- School children are encouraged to display with a work table available for their use

The exhibition is managed, set up and run by volunteers from the group and the venue has been chosen at a town centre location with easy access for all. To attract as wide an audience as possible publicity will be distributed throughout Shropshire via retail outlets, libraries, colleges and information centres; circulated on the Visit Shropshire website and placed in national calligraphy magazines.

TOTAL PROJECT COST                      £1930

AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM LJC      £730

**B.St Chad's Music Festival 2014**

This application is to support the Festival of Music running over the first Bank Holiday Weekend in May 2014 at St. Chads Church. The Festival is organised by the St Chad's Festival charity which is separate from the church, whilst having strong links with members of the congregation. The Festival began in 2009 with a commitment to provide high quality entertainment to the local community and visitors each year at prices that are affordable for the whole community.

The main feature of the 2014 Festival is to commemorate the life of Charles Burney, a son of Shrewsbury, the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death falls next year. The Festival therefore has something of a 18<sup>th</sup> Century feel, although it will continue to ensure something for everyone in the community with children's performances, a spectacular Jazz Concert, plus an Ivor Novello evening.

TOTAL PROJECT COST                      £20,100

AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM LJC              £3,000 (Max grant £2000)

**C.Disabled Arts in Shropshire (DASH) visual Arts workshops**

DASH is seeking support to undertake a pilot programme of inclusive visual arts workshops across the County. Their aim is to create a series of workshops that can be accessed by disabled and older people and other marginalised individuals. Grow communities by increasing activities in local areas and research fundraising to make the scheme sustainable. They will utilise local community venues to help them boost their incomes, utilise community transport, and provide work for local artists. Workshop tutors will be varied and picked from a pool of artists who have undertaken equality training. The group is seeking funding to offer 50 workshops (at a cost each of £540) across the County which can take 12 individuals on each day. They will be able to offer support to

600 people across the County. From the 2001 census there are 4833 disabled people in the SY1/2/3 areas.

TOTAL PROJECT COST £27,000

AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM LJC £4000 (Max grant £2000 with consideration to the number of workshops provided in Shrewsbury)

#### **D.Shrewsbury Youth for Christ, youth music and media.**

The purpose of the project is to support the personal development of young people. Through engaging in practical mentoring programmes the participants will learn specific skills and also have increased confidence in their ability to take on challenges. The adult mentor will work one to one or in small groups with young people to guide them in completing a specific goal based on a practical task. Two mentoring programmes will be offered to secondary schools in Shrewsbury.

A music production programme which over the course of several weeks the mentee works to create a piece or pieces of music using computer based technology. The final goal is to produce a CD of music that each young person can take home. The programme is aimed at developing the young person's creativity and IT skills.

A film based programme where over the course of several weeks the mentee work to create a short film the final goal is to produce a DVD that the young person can take home. The programme is aimed at developing the young person's creativity and IT skills.

The funding is to purchase electronic equipment to deliver the programmes. To date the Grange School and Belvidere school have said they would be prepared to commission the service from January 2014 with discussions on-going with the other Shrewsbury secondary schools eventually seeking to provide the programmes at five of them.

TOTAL PROJECT COST £1900

AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM LJC £1900

#### **E.Shrewsbury Youth Theatre**

Shrewsbury Youth theatre is the only Shropshire based group that offers the young actor the opportunity to perform classical theatre/drama. The plays offer roles for over 25 individuals plus many other developmental roles in stage management, music, stage and costume design. SYT has an open door no auditions to join policy and there are many members who come from deprived backgrounds who are subsidised so they can afford to take part. It also provides two public performances at Theatre Severn which can accommodate 1000 people over two nights. This application is to provide support to the group so that they may rehearse and then deliver a production of "The Recruiting Officer" by George Farquhar. The play is written in 1706 and set in Shrewsbury. The official productions would be on 21st and 22nd of March 2014.

TOTAL PROJECT COST £13,340

AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM LJC £1200

#### **F.Pengwern Boat Club**

The Club has been approached by British Rowing to offer facilities to support rowing by people with disabilities-initially wheelchair users who have been treated at the Robert Jones and Agnes Orthopaedic Hospital at Oswestry. The coaching is being supervised by the British Rowing coach for people with disabilities who supervises the West of England. The Club provides volunteer coaches to help assist rowers in and out of the boats and coach rowing technique.

The Club was built in 1881 and has no facilities for people with disabilities. The Club is keen to make access available to people with disabilities and requires 3 main physical changes to make that possible. The provision of a disabled WC, relaying of the concrete floor in the boat bay to give wheelchair users smooth access to the proposed WC and installation of a wheelchair lift on the staircase to allow wheelchair access to the Club room and indoor rowing machines on the first floor. The club has secured funding for the concrete repairs (£6335) and would seek support for the WC (£2482) and lift (£14,993). It is understood that the funding for the lift is in excess of the funding available from the LJC.

TOTAL PROJECT COST £17477

AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM THE LJC £2484 (For WC-max grant £2000)

#### **G. www.shrewsbury-events.co.uk**

The Shrewsbury Summer Season was established in 2004 by Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council and was described as a programme of visual arts, music, drama, dance, spoken word and comedy to elevate and illuminate the county Town's summer artistic calendar.

In 2010 the independent voluntary trustees formed a company limited by guarantee to continue the work and publish the Summer Season Brochure. This was only possible with the support of Shrewsbury Town Council and Shropshire Council and it has been successful for three seasons.

In 2013 the company developed its social media presence and improved its website. This recorded about 30,000 hits during the duration of the festival. We have identified a need for Shrewsbury to promote its cultural activities all year around.

The proposal is to design a new website that includes free entry to artistic events, festivals and arts activities that are taking place all year round. The new website is

[www.shrewsbury-whatson.co.uk](http://www.shrewsbury-whatson.co.uk)

Also to be produced would be a printed booklet/fold out flyer that offers groups who want to pay to advertise their event, festival or other artistic activities. The proposal would be for two editions per year at 6 monthly intervals titled "Shrewsbury What's On" There is a strong feeling that one of Shrewsbury's weaknesses as a visitor destination is the plethora of information offered to the potential visitor and residents. This proposal is for a website which is comprehensive, with appropriate links, which offers free listings and paid advertising for all events in Shrewsbury throughout the year. The improved access and flexibility of the latest systems reduces the need to proof read and check data entry as the users enter and check their own on line entries and adverts in real time.

TOTAL PROJECT COST £5100

AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM LJC £1800

#### **H. Shrewsbury and District Arts Association**

The proposal is for support to put on an accessible and serious musical activity that is open to all ages and all backgrounds at the Gateway for 4 Thursday afternoons in June 2014 between 4.30pm and 5.30pm. Over the past couple of years the group has been increasingly approached by talented professional pianists who have requested to play at the Gateway which is made possible by having access to the Steinway Concert Grand piano. A very successful programme has run this year which was well attended by people from across the Town and gave an opportunity for students to attend and discuss music with professionals in an informal environment.

TOTAL PROJECT COST	£1538
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AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM LJC	£538
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PROPOSED GRANTS	£12,168
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FUNDS REMAINING	£21,487
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