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Local Joint Committee Budget

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Summary

This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the St Oswald and Llanymynech Local Joint Committee (LJC) for 2009/10.

A total of £31,000 has been devolved to the committee to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC. A pilot LJC was run in the former St Oswald and Ruyton-XI-Towns electoral divisions of Shropshire County Council and as part of that pilot funding was awarded to a Community Fund to which bids could be made from the local community.

It is recommended to the St Oswald and Llanymynech LJC that a similar approach is taken and an allocation of £10,000 is made to a Community Fund. Bids against this fund would be made on the application forms attached to this report (or available at the meeting, from the Lead Officer or via the Website) for up to £2,000. All bids must be from organisations within the geographical area of the Local Joint Committee and only one application will be allowed per organisation in this financial year.

Recommendations

It is recommended to the St Oswald and Llanymynech Local Joint Committee that a Community Fund is established for 2009/10 of £10,000, to which bids of up to £2,000 can be made by organisations within the local community.

Report

1. From 1 April 2009 Shropshire Council has created 28 Local Joint Committees to operate across the whole county. These LJC's are legally constituted decision making committees of Shropshire Council.

2. The LJC for St Oswald and Llanymynech has membership from Shropshire Council (4 members) and the Parishes in the area (6 members) all with equal voting rights.
3. One fundamental responsibility of the LJC is to determine expenditure of the devolved budget. A budget of £31,000 has been made available to the LJC based, fundamentally, on population size. Expenditure against this budget is agreed by the Committee after consideration of decision reports then voting by Committee members. Voting is undertaken by the ten members of the committee as detailed above, all with equal votes, with decisions determined by a simple majority.
4. The funding devolved to the LJC can be used for a number of different purposes over the year. For this reason it is recommended that an initial allocation of £10,000 is put forward to establish a Community Fund with the remaining £21,000 held in reserve. It will be for the Committee to review this at future meetings, to consider if further funds should be allocated to the Community Fund or other funding initiatives established.
5. A standard Application Form has been produced for use by all LJCs across the County and a copy is attached to this report along with the Finance Procedure Rules that must be followed.
6. A number of specific rules for the Community Fund need to be established in addition to the Finance Procedure rules. These are:
 - a. Only **one application** will be allowed from any one organisation over the financial year
 - b. Applications will be limited to **£2,000**.
 - c. The closing date for applications will be **11 September 2009**.
7. Applications received by this date will be reviewed for eligibility against the criteria laid down above and a formal decision on which applications to fund will be taken at the next LJC Meeting on **Tuesday 13 October 2009**.