



Committee and Date  
St Oswald and  
Llanymynech 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 St Oswald and Llanymynech Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 up until the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012.

A total of £25,061 has been devolved to the Committee to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for 2011/12 year.

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

Ten applications have been received for this reporting period. These have been considered at the planning meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011. The recommendations from the planning meeting feature in this report, and are put forward to the LJC to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> of October 2011.

### **2. Recommendations**

- That the LJC considers the applications received, and awards funding to those organisations and their projects as recommended in this report.
- In view of the reduced funding available, that the LJC considers whether it wishes in future to prioritise and/or invite project proposals which address particular themes or known priorities in the LJC area.

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### 3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

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

### 4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The funding devolved to the LJC can be used for a number of different purposes over the year. At the present time, the Committee has not allocated funds to any specific purposes but has indicated that it will receive applications from local organisations for eligible purposes. Funding by the LJC must comply with the general Financial Rules for LJC'S.

### 5. Background

- 5.1 From 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2009 Shropshire Council created 28 Local Joint Committees (LJC) to operate across the whole of Shropshire. The LJC's are legally constituted decision making Committees of Shropshire Council.
- 5.2 The LJC for St Oswald and Llanymynech wards has membership from Shropshire Council (4 members) and parish councils (6 members) all with equal voting rights.
- 5.3 The St Oswald LJC is responsible for the award and expenditure of a devolved budget. The amount available to the LJC in 2011/12 has reduced as a result of Shropshire Council budget decisions, and a review of locality working in Shropshire. This amount has however been supplemented by the transfer of funding previously available for community arts projects in to the LJC budgets, and some under spend carried forward from 2010/11. This is the final year that any carry forward of under spend will be permitted.
- 5.3 The total amount available to St Oswald and Llanymynech LJC is calculated as follows:

Total LJC electorate as at August 2010:	6,757
Budget based on this electorate	£15,500
Plus apportioned allocation of community arts budget	£1,151
Plus carry forward of under spend	£8,410
<b>TOTAL budget for 2011/12</b>	<b>£ 25,061</b>

- 5.4 Following full council on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June 2011 it is recommended that Community Action Officers are given delegated authority to determine urgent and time sensitive matters in consultation and agreement with the Local Joint Committee Chair and/or Vice Chair. Details in this instance can be circulated with other members of the panel to obtain a consensus. This will obviate the need for additional meetings and allow for applications to be agreed between meetings if they are urgent.

## 6. Additional Information

- 6.1 Applications for funding were considered at the LJC planning meeting 12<sup>th</sup> September and recommendations totalling £ 5,700 are now put forward to the St Oswald LJC for consideration. These are as follows:

	<b>Project name</b>	<b>£</b>
B1	Llanymynech Youth Club- Monthly activities for youth club	400
B2	Trefonen Jubilee Club – Social club activities project	1,000
B3	Shropshire Union Canal- support with canal restoration works from Redwith bridge to Price's bridge.	1,000
B4	Morda Village Pre School- Easter Fun Day 2012	300
B5	Dyffryn Tanat & Region Development Trust – Llanyblodwel Visitor Improvements	500
B6	Porthywaen Silver Band- Youth and Training Band Instruments	500
B7	Morda CE Primary School -Healthy Lifestyles Project	1,000
B8	The Oswestry Learndirect facility – a year long programme of courses to avoid its closure and loss to the town	1,000
B9	Oswestry Dial-a-Ride- Installation of new routing software for	Deferred
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£5,700</b>

	2011/12 budget	£ 25,061
	Total of recommendations 20/09/11	£ 5,700
	Delegation of funding to Oswestry & District Sports Association – 5% of 2011/12 budget – see Appendix B	£ 725
	Spend to date in 2011/12	£ 11,601
	<b>Balance remaining</b>	<b>£ 7,035</b>

## 7.0 Future Funding

- 7.1 In view of the reduced funding available, the LJC may wish to consider whether it wishes in future to prioritise and/or invite project proposals which address particular themes or known priorities in the LJC area.
- 7.2 For information about applying for an LJC grant and to get an application form, contact Corrie Davies, Community Action Officer on 01691 677306 or at [corrie.davies@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:corrie.davies@shropshire.gov.uk)

**The closing date for the next application round is Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2011.**

**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<sup>th</sup> January 2011.  
Locality Working Local joint Committees. Report to Cabinet 9<sup>th</sup> December 2010  
Amendment to LJC Constitution. Report to Council 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2011  
LJC Application forms for the projects listed.  
Report on the delegation of funding to Oswestry & District Sports Association

**Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)**

Councillor Gwilym Butler- Flourishing Shropshire Communities

**Local Members**

Councillors Arthur Walpole, Joyce Barrow, David G Lloyd and Trevor Davies

**Appendices**

- A. Summary of applications received for the LJC meeting 4<sup>th</sup> October 2011
- B. Report on the delegation of funding to Oswestry & District Sports Association