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## StrettonDale LJC grants

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### 1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report considers the devolved funding allocated to StrettonDale Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 up until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012.
- 1.2 The Committee has a total budget of £19,216 for the year to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for the 2011/12 year.
- 1.3 Prior to each LJC, a planning meeting takes place to discuss applications for funding and agree recommendations.
- 1.4 7 applications have been received for this reporting period totalling £4277.50

### 2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the applications from those organisations and their projects as detailed in Appendix A to this report are eligible to be awarded funding.
- 2.2 It is recommended that the applications be considered with applicants present and able to speak for up to three minutes and answer any questions from LJC members and members of the public, such questions being subject to the Chair's approval.
- 2.3 In view of the reduced funding available, that the LJC considers whether it wishes in future to prioritise and/or invite project proposals that address particular themes or known priorities in the LJC area.
- 2.4 The LJC may also wish to consider grant limits and intervention rates as a means of maximising the reduced budget for the area

## Report

### 3.0 Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

- 3.1 All of the funding applications have been assessed against agreed criteria which will minimise any risks associated with these projects
- 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.

### 4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The funding devolved to the LJC can be used for a number of different purposes over the year. The Committee will continue to receive applications from local organisations for eligible purposes. Funding by the LJC must comply with the general Financial Rules for LJC's.

### 5.0 Background

- 5.1 The StrettonDale 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.
- 5.2 The total amount therefore available to StrettonDale LJC is calculated as follows:

StrettonDale LJC allocation	£14,000.00
Arts grant allocation	£976.00
Carry forward from 2010/11	£4,240.00
<b>TOTAL BUDGET 2011/12</b>	<b>£19,216.00</b>

- 5.3 The Constitution governing Local Joint Committees states :
- Each Local Joint Committee (LJC) has a delegated budget which will be confirmed on annual basis.
  - The LJC must use standard guidelines and application forms when granting funding to third parties
  - The LJC budgets will be subject to Shropshire Council's audit procedures

- 5.4 All projects have been assessed against criteria in the LJC Financial Procedure Notes and guidelines. On that basis all the applications listed in Appendix A are recommended as eligible for approval but that members may wish to consider the level of support they wish to offer and also certain conditions they wish to apply.
- 5.5 The Committee is also asked to note that the overall budget is based on the total population of the LJC area which includes the parishes involved in the trial inclusion which are; All Stretton, Smethcott & Woolstaston, Cardington and Leebotwood and Longnor.
- 5.6 7 projects have been submitted totalling £4277.50, which would attract £5150.70 of match funding into the area

## 6.0 Additional Information

- 6.1 A summary of the applications has been compiled and is attached as Appendix A to this report.

### **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.  
LJC application forms for the projects listed

#### **Cabinet Member**

Councillor Gwilym Butler – Portfolio Holder for Community Working and Customer Services

#### **Local Shropshire Council Members**

Councillor David Evans  
Councillor James Gibson  
Councillor Cecilia Motley  
Councillor Tim Barker

#### **LJC Parish and Town Councillors**

Councillor Bob Welch  
Councillor Lynne Gray  
Councillor Mel McFarland  
Councillor Alan Mcvittie  
Councillor Andrew Seabury  
Councillor Jennie Griffiths

**APPENDIX A**

**StrettonDale LJC (20) Grant applications for LJC meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2011 - £19,216 available (£14,000 LJC budget, £976 Arts budget, £4240 Carry forward from last year)**

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Organisation and contact</b>	<b>Summary and potential outcomes</b>	<b>Total cost</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Match funding confirmed</b>	<b>Notes</b>
SD 48	Church Stretton Arts Festival (Richard Carter)	To support costs for a 4 day workshop developing their skills in dance, song and drama and link them in to the wider arts festival	£3150	£400 13% of total cost	0% Match funding is from ticket sales and workshop fees	Match funding unable to be confirmed in advance.
SD 49	Little Stretton Village Hall (David Haigh)	Costs towards essential maintenance to the front of the hall which faces the worst of the weather and is now showing the effects of several winters endured since the last time it was painted.	£650	£487.50 75% of total cost	25% Cash	
SD 50	Leebotwood Village Hall (Joan Davies)	To purchase 60 new chairs to complete the refurbishment programme for the hall. This will maximise the potential of the newly refurbished hall and allow for functions for 90 people.	£1573.20	£1170.00 74% of total cost	26% Cash	
SD 51	Church Stretton Community Group (John Woolmer)	Contribution towards cost of establishing Church Stretton as a Fairtrade Town, with the aim of bringing people together, promoting and town and making it a key features of the community and local businesses.	£765.00	£500 65% of total cost	7% volunteer time 28% Cash	
SD 52	Leebotwood and Longnor Parish Council (Sue Hackett)	Contribution towards the costs of update the original Parish Plan of 2006 to ensure the Parish Council can continue to work to reflect the needs of the community.	£950	£450 47% of Total costs	26% Volunteer time 27% Cash	

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SD 53	Church Stretton Town Council (Bob Welch)	Funding towards the costs of a feasibility study to develop proposals for the better utilisation of the under-occupied Mynd Industrial Estate work units and the approach to the estate to act as evidence to secure capital match funding	£13000	£2500 19% of total cost	31% Cash  50% In Kind	
SD 54	Church Stretton Football Clubs (Graham Groom)	Costs towards improving Russells Meadow to enable more football teams to be able to play in the Town. This will bring more people to the town and mean all teams from Church Stretton can be accommodated within the town.	£2140	£1170 55% of total cost	11% Cash  34% Volunteer time	
SD 55	Church Stretton Tourism Group (Chris Kolvin)	To replace the flags for the town to celebrate special occasions and enable the community and visitors to see that Church Stretton is a vibrant community.	£200	£100 50% of total cost	50% Cash	
		Totals	<b>£22,428.20</b>	<b>£6777.50</b>		