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## Local Joint Committee Budget

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## Summary

This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the Five Perry Parishes Local Joint Committee (LJC) for 2009/10. This is the last funding round in this financial year. Four applications were received by the deadline, as well as four applications which were deferred from previous meetings. In addition there has been a request from a previous application to reallocate the grant awarded to pay for other, more pressing works at their community facility.

## Recommendations

- A.** It is recommended that the Five Perry Parishes Local Joint Committee allocate funding for the following amounts to the following organisations and their projects:

Whittington Youth Club	£1,500
Boreatton Scout Hut	£3,040
Youth Service Activities	£5,000
Tetchill Youth Evangelical Service (based at Hordley)	£460
Perry Riding School for the Disabled	£308
Oswestry and District Agricultural Society	£1,500
Whittington Cricket Club	£1,823

- B.** It is recommended that the Five Perry Parishes Local Joint Committee does not allocate funding for the following organisations and their projects:

Baschurch Residents Action Group	£5,000
Baschurch-Giat Twinning Association	£1,420

- C.** It is recommended that the Five Perry Parishes Local Joint Committee agree the application from Whittington Senior Citizens Club to reallocate to building repairs

and refurbishment the £1,500 funding previously awarded for the creation of car parking spaces.

- D. It is recommended that the Five Perry Parishes Local Joint Committee reallocates £1,177 From the general fund to the community facilities and youth funds, to meet the funding requirements of these recommendations.

## Background

1. Since 1 April 2009 there have been 28 Local Joint Committees to operate across the county. These LJC's are legally constituted decision making committees of Shropshire Council. A total of £28,000 has been devolved to the committee to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC. The committee decided at the start of the financial year to allocate £10,000 of this to the provision of services and facilities for young people, £7,500 for community buildings in the area, and £10,500 to a "general" fund for other projects.
2. To date, £6,869 of the Community Facilities budget has been allocated, to fund refurbishment of community buildings and improved storage facilities. £7,500 of the general fund has been allocated, for projects ranging from a garden of remembrance to a composting toilet.
3. No allocations have been made from the youth fund, as the committee decided to defer decisions on youth applications until they had held a consultation event with young people. Following the successful event on 11 January, these deferred applications were brought forward to this funding round for consideration.

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4. The closing date for applications to be considered at the March meeting of the Five Perry Parishes Local Joint Committee was 28 February 2010.

### New applications received by the deadline

5. The following new applications were received by 28 February 2010, and discussed by the members of the committee at their planning meeting on 4 March.
  - a. Shropshire Youth (Shropshire Council) – £5,000 to provide "things to do and places to go" based on the activities requested by young people at the meeting on 11 January. The Youth Service want to spend the first £1,000 approximately on activities designed to engage local young people, who can then determine what projects and activities the remaining money should be spent on. **Recommendation:** that a grant of £5,000 be awarded, subject to confirmation that young people from all five parishes will be involved.
  - b. Tetchill Youth Evangelical Service (based at Hordley Village Hall) - £460 for the cost of sports equipment. This Youth Group serves the areas of Tetchill and Hordley, and has also applied to Ellesmere Rural LJC for funding for some activities. **Recommendation:** that a grant of £460 be awarded, subject to confirmation of where the equipment will

be stored, and whether it could be made available to other young people using the Hordley Village Hall facilities.

- c. Whittington Cricket Club – application for £2,480 for new Sightscreens. **Recommendation:** in view of the limited funding remaining in the general community fund, and other applications received, £1,823 to be awarded. The Community Regeneration officer to support the club in identifying other possible sources of funding, for example Sport England.
- d. Oswestry and District Agricultural Society – application for £2,000 towards the cost of new curtains and security fencing at the Park Hall Show Pavilion and Ground. **Recommendation:** in view of the limit of £1,500 on grants from the community facilities fund, that a grant of £1,500 be made to the Agricultural Society.

### Applications deferred from previous meetings

- 6. The following applications were received in earlier funding rounds, but had been deferred, pending the outcome of the consultation meeting with children and young people.
  - a. Whittington Youth Group – application for £1,500 to support the ongoing operation of the Youth Group. This grant would pay the rent for the hall for a year, and support the delivery of six computer training sessions, open to all. **Recommendation:** that a grant of £1,500 be made, subject to confirmation that the Youth Group is open to young people from outside Whittington.
  - b. Perry Riding for the Disabled Group – application for £708 towards the cost of becoming an accredited centre for the delivery of Units within the Assessment and Qualifications Alliance (AQA) Awarding Body. Since the original application was received, the Group has obtained £400 of funding from another source, and is therefore, now asking the committee for £308. **Recommendation:** that a grant of £308 is awarded.
  - c. Baschurch – Giat Twinning Association – application for £1,420 towards a French visit to Baschurch. This money would contribute to the costs of providing entertainment and events for French visitors and local people. **Recommendation:** that the LJC does not award a grant to the Association on this occasion.
  - d. Baschurch Residents Action Group – application for £5,000 towards the cost of a Youth Shelter in Baschurch. **Recommendation:** that the LJC does not award a grant to Baschurch Residents Action Group for this purpose.
  - e. Boreatton Scout Group – application for a grant of any size toward the cost of installing a new scout hut at PGL. PGL have confirmed that the Scout Group can have use of the land in perpetuity for a minimal rent. **Recommendation:** that the balance of the LJC budget be allocated to the Scout Group towards the cost of installing the new hut. That a grant of £3,348 therefore be awarded to the Scout Group.

### Additional items for consideration

7. A representation has been received from Whittington Senior Citizens Club in relation to the grant they were previously awarded for providing car parking spaces at the Hall. The grant previously awarded would only cover part of the costs of the parking spaces, and the hall has been unable to obtain funding from other sources. Since the original application, the club has had a Health and Safety Review and security assessment, which have resulted in a number of alterations that need to be made to Fire doors, gates and heating appliances. The club is asking the committee to approve the original grant awarded being spent on these alterations. **Recommendation:** that the committee agrees to the club spending the grant previously awarded on these alterations.

### **Deadline for applications for the next round of funding**

9. Applications received by **23 April 2010** will be reviewed for eligibility and a formal decision on which applications to fund will be taken at the next LJC Meeting on **18 May 2010**.

### **List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)**

LJC Funding Application Form  
Request from Whittington Senior Citizens Club

#### **Human Rights Act Appraisal**

The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights act 1998.

#### **Environmental Appraisal**

Environmental appraisals will be carried out as necessary

#### **Risk Management Appraisal**

The Council needs to address the risk of legal challenge to decisions through procedural or other errors. This has been carefully assessed.

#### **Community / Consultations Appraisal**

#### **Cabinet Member:**

Gwylim Butler

#### **Local Members:**

Aggie Caesar-Homden

Steve Charmley

#### **Appendix**