



Committee and date

Five Perry Parishes  
Local Joint Committee

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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 2010/11. This is the final funding round in this financial year. Two new applications were received by the deadline and one application was deferred from the last meeting.

## Recommendations

- A.** It is recommended that the Five Perry Parishes Local Joint Committee allocate the funding as set out in the body of the report

## 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 Five Perry Parishes committee to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC.

## Report

2. The closing date for applications to be considered at the February meeting of the Five Perry Parishes Local Joint Committee was 7 January 2011

## **New applications received by the deadline**

3. The following applications were received by the closing date, and appraised by the members of the committee at their planning meeting on 11 January 2011.

- a) **Ruyton XI Towns Community Project - £1400.00** towards the holding of a community weekend organised by the Christian Youth Group. The event has three strands –
- To involve the youth group in the wider Christian community by meeting other young Christians who have volunteered to work in the Harlescott area for the weekend.
  - To serve the local community by volunteering to help them by offering to do jobs such as painting a fence, weeding a garden, clearing some rubbish or washing their car.
  - To celebrate being a rural community by holding a community day,

The total cost of this project is £1400.00. When considering the application the Committee referred to the LJC financial procedures which state that “expenditure must benefit the wider community and should not be used to fund a group which restricts membership based on views, beliefs” and felt that certain aspects of the application did not fit with these procedures. They also expressed concern that the LJC was being asked to fund the whole amount and that no funding was being sought from elsewhere or that participants were not being asked to make a small contribution towards costs especially for the food element of the day.

**Recommendation:** The LJC does not award a grant to the Ruyton XI Towns Community Project for this purpose.

- b) **West Felton Parish with Haughton PCC - £3,000** for resurfacing of the area surrounding the Church. The total project cost is £3,500 with £500 coming from own funds. The Committee will remember that a similar application was not funded by the LJC at their last meeting as members felt that it did not comply with the financial regulations. The new application contained further information which showed that the Churchyard is available to all residents in the Parish, of all faiths and none, and that the Church was used as a community building for the holding of events in the community which brought the application in line with the regulations

**Recommendation:** that a grant of £3000.00 be awarded.

3. The following application was deferred at the last meeting.

- a) **Baschurch Allotment Association - £5,000** for the provision of badger proof fencing at Baschurch allotments. The total project cost is £5,206.44 with £206.44 coming from existing funds. The Committee agreed to defer making a decision until the lease and the duration of the lease had been confirmed. Since the last meeting the committee has been advised that a 20 year lease has been agreed and is currently with the solicitors for final approval.

**Recommendation:** that a grant of £5000.00 be awarded subject to the signing of the lease for the land.

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

4. The deadline for the receipt of applications for the next round of funding can be found on the Local Joint Committee website.

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

LJC Application Forms and Eligibility Criteria Forms

#### **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**

None.