

**Committee and Date**

The Severn Loop  
Local Joint Committee

24<sup>th</sup> October 2012

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## **FUNDING REQUESTS TO THE SEVERN LOOP LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

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### **1. Summary**

- 1.1 This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the Severn Loop Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 up until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013.
- 1.2 A total of £14,562 has been devolved to the Committee to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for the 2012/13 year. In addition, there is a carry forward of £8,104 unspent funding from 2011/12. The total budget available to the LJC is therefore £22,666. Seven applications for funding were considered at the meeting on 2.5.12 and a total of £12,839 allocated leaving £9827 for further applications. This report considers a further three applications with a recommended further allocation of £2756 of these funds.

### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 To consider the funding applications received and agree levels of support or otherwise possible, in accordance with the funding guidelines previously agreed, and the delegated powers approved by Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2011.

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### 3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

- 3.1 In determining these recommendations the LJC has considered reputational risk and the course of action proposed 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. Comments made in this report include those received as a result of consulting with stakeholders including Shrewsbury Town Council, Destination Shrewsbury, and Shropshire Council Arts Officers.

### 4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The funding devolved to the LJC can be used for a number of different purposes over the year to address local priorities. Funding by the LJC must comply with the general Financial Rules for LJC.

### 5. Additional Information

- 5.1 To date three applications for funding have been received for this meeting.
- 5.2 A summary of applications received is provided below. Further details are contained at Appendix A to this report.

	<b>Project</b>	<b>Total project cost £</b>	<b>Amount requested £</b>
A.	Darwin Centre for Hermitage Walk Community Garden, Mountfield.	856	856
B.	Coton Hill Residents Association for the development of the Coton Hill Community Orchard.	1400	900
C.	British Red Cross for 15 Young Carers	2798	2798
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46,369</b>	<b>11,344</b>

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

3 x LJC applications as detailed in Appendix A of this report

**Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)**

Gwilym Butler

**Local Members. Shropshire Council; Anne Chebsey, Andrew Bannerman, Mansel Williams. Shrewsbury Town Council; Andrew Wagner, Alan Townsend.**

**Appendices**

Appendix A – Project application details

## APPENDIX A

### A. Darwin Centre for Hermitage Walk Community Gardens, Mountfield.

#### Project Detail

This is a community based project to further develop a piece of land off Hermitage Walk into a Community Garden. Many households have limited space and there are no allotments in the area. Up to forty people have utilised the space and the group which are part of the Darwin Community Centre now wish to do some repairs to a wall, purchase a lawn mower and establish some water collection/storage on site.

TOTAL PROJECT COST	£856
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AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM LJC	£856
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#### Officer Comments

All supporting documents have been received. This request is for the one-off cost of purchase of equipment which will help the group in its setting up. This area of the Town would benefit from this provision and this is a worthwhile application.

### B. Coton Hill Residents Association for the establishment of the Coton Hill Community Orchard.

#### Project Detail

This piece of land is a field off Corporation Lane which is next to the Coton Hill Community Woodland and is currently managed by Shrewsbury Town Council. The area is currently grazed by cattle however the local residents group have expressed an interest of working with the Shrewsbury Town Council Countryside Ranger to further develop this area into a Community Orchard. The funding is to provide the cost of materials and trees with the work being undertaken by the residents with the assistance of the Countryside Ranger.

TOTAL PROJECT COST	£1400
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AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM THE LJC	£900
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#### Officer Comments

The local area will benefit from this project which will provide greater amenity for local people and this is a worthwhile application.

### C. British Red Cross to support 15 Young Carers.

#### Project Detail

The British Red Cross Carers project was established in 2000 within Shropshire to support young people aged 5-19 years. The project supports young people up to the age of 19 who provide a caring role for a family member, who is ill, disabled, suffers with mental health difficulties or has alcohol/drug related issues. It is estimated that there are more than 900 young carers in Shropshire and their average age is 12. Within the Severn Loop area there are currently fifteen young carers who regularly attend the monthly peer support meetings. These 15 young carers are often socially isolated due to the nature of their caring role and are therefore dependent on transport being provided as they have no other means of attending the peer support meetings. In addition the majority of these young carers only receive respite through the British Red Cross and do not participate with any other activities. The activities that are offered within the peer support meetings enable the young people to use creative thinking, problem solving, team working and much more.

The scheme currently receives funding from Shropshire Council and the lottery however the amounts are reducing whilst the demand in the County is increasing. The British Red Cross have applied to several Local Joint Committees for support to continue delivering this service. The funding is to provide additional projects and respite for the 15 Young Carers who reside within the Severn Loop.

TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	£2798
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AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM THE LJC	£2798
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#### Officer Comments

This is a valuable programme which assists many young people. Unfortunately the demand is increasing whilst resources are reducing. It is worthy of recognition at this time to support the 15 Young Carers from this area however its future sustainability is worthy of further discussion. It is recommended that the Committee approve £1000.