

**Committee and Date**

The Severn Loop  
Local Joint Committee

27<sup>th</sup> March 2013

7pm

**Item**

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Public

**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. Ten applications for funding have been agreed so far this year and a total of £16,057 allocated leaving £6,609 for further applications. This report considers a further five applications with a recommended further allocation of £6,200 of these funds.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 To consider the funding applications received and agree levels of support 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's.

### 5. Additional Information

- 5.1 To date five 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.	Shrewsbury Food Festival 2013.	40650	2000
B.	Belle Vue Arts Festival 2013.	4960	1500
C.	United Reform Church.	4500	1200
D.	Shrewsbury Cantata Choir.	3910	1500
E.	Frankwell Bowling Club	6840	1000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£60860</b>	<b>£7200</b>

<p><b>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</b></p> <p>5 x LJC applications as detailed in Appendix A of this report</p>
<p><b>Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)</b></p> <p>Gwilym Butler</p>
<p><b>Local Members. Shropshire Council; Anne Chebsey, Andrew Bannerman, Mansel Williams. Shrewsbury Town Council; Andrew Wagner, Alan Townsend.</b></p>
<p><b>Appendices</b></p> <p>Appendix A – Project application details</p>

## APPENDIX A

### A. Shrewsbury Food Festival 2013.

#### Project Detail

This is a major event for the Town planned to take place on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of June in the Quarry. The Organisers are planning to develop the Festival to become self-sustaining and capable of providing support for other organisations particularly schools so that young people can appreciate where their food comes from. They are planning to attract over 100 exhibitors and 4000 visitors with food trails around the Town. There will also be music and arts and crafts.

TOTAL PROJECT COST	£40650
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AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM LJC	£2000
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#### Officer comments

Budget forecasts have been received. As this is a major town wide festival it is recommended that the LJC funding element should be split 50/50 with the Shrewsbury Wide LJC and this LJC should grant £1000.

### B. Belle Vue Arts Festival 2013.

#### Project Detail

This will be the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this community organised and based event. It is well run over several days and engages hundreds of people. The majority of the funding is raised locally.

TOTAL PROJECT COST	£4960
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AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM THE LJC	£1500
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#### Officer comments

The local area will benefit from this project which will provide greater opportunities/amenity for local people and this is a worthwhile application. Suggest approval of £1500.

### C. United Reform Church

#### Project Detail

The Church is continuing with their on-going development and refurbishment. They are seeking to improve their disabled toilets and access. A significant proportion of the work will come from local business support and volunteer time. They currently have over 20 groups and 400 people utilising the facilities on a weekly basis.

TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	£4500
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AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM THE LJC	£1200
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#### Officer comments

This is a well-run and organised local centre providing ever improving facilities for local people. Suggest approval of £1200.

### D. Shrewsbury Cantata Choir.

#### Project Detail

This is a community based choir which provides many people with the opportunity to get involved in singing and provide affordable concerts for local people to attend. This funding is to support their "Silver Jubilee Concert"

TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	£3910
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AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM THE LJC	£1500
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#### Officer comments

This group would have to reduce its programme or disband without the LJC's support. Suggest approval of £1500.

E. Frankwell Bowling Club.

Project Detail.

The application is for floodlighting. The ground is owned by Shrewsbury Town Council. Unfortunately the Club is losing members as it is unable to host matches when the days are short with poor visibility. It currently has 30 local members and feels with the benefit of floodlights it would be able to attract more members and compete more widely. The Town Council has stated that it will support the work if the club can raise some funds themselves. The club has also stated they will provide volunteer time to assist with the project.

TOTAL PROJECT COST	£6840
AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM THE LJC	£1000

Officer comments

This is a long established local club providing this facility for local people in this part of the Town. Suggest the LJC matches any funding raised by the Club up to a maximum of £1000