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2011/12 WHITCHURCH & PREES LJC BUDGET REPORT AND FUNDING REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION

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1. Summary

This report considers the devolved funding allocated to Whitchurch and Prees Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1st April 2011 up until 31st March 2012.

A total of £27,846 has been devolved to this Committee to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for the 2011/12 financial year.

Prior to each LJC a planning meeting takes place to discuss applications for funding and agree recommendations.

Ten applications have been received for this reporting period and these applications have been considered at the planning meeting held on Friday 20th May. The recommendations from the planning meeting feature in this report at Appendix A and are put forward to the LJC to be held on 9th June 2011.

2. Recommendations

- That the LJC considers the applications received and awards funding to those organisations and their projects as recommended in this report.
- In view of the reduced funding available, that the LJC considers whether it wishes in future to indicate a maximum level of funding available to community groups for local projects.
- In financial year 2010/11 West Mercia Police were granted £540 to be used to train two police officers to become Level 1 Football Coaches and hire a football pitch for 12 months, this activity did not take place. Therefore it is recommended that the LJC considers re-allocating £540 to West Mercia Police for further diversionary activities by developing an autograss car project.

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3. Background

Whitchurch & Prees 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, however, has been supplemented by the transfer of funding previously available for community arts projects into 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.

4. Finance

The total amount available to Whitchurch & Prees LJC is calculated as follows:

Total LJC electorate as at August 2010:	14,087
Budget based on electorate	£23,500
Plus apportioned allocation of community arts budget	£1,968
Plus carry forward for under spend	£2,378
TOTAL budget for 2011/12	£27,846

Applications for funding were considered at the LJC pre-meeting on 20th May and recommendations totalling £13,869.00 are now put forward to the Whitchurch & Prees LJC for consideration:

These are as follows:

	Project Name	£
A	Ash Village Hall – new boiler	2000.00
B	North Shropshire Grasstrack Car Club	2000.00
C	1 st Prees Scout Group	819.00
D	Brownlow Community Centre	1000.00
E	Shropshire Libraries – Wordwise Family Literature Festival	1000.00
F	Blackberry Fair	500.00
G	Whitchurch Town Council – footpath lights	2800.00
H	Manor Place Community Group	1300.00
I	Leisure Services, Shropshire Council – Playday 2011	450.00
J	North Shropshire Wheelers Ltd	2000.00
	TOTAL	13,869.00

Please see Appendix A to this report for further details of each project.

	2011/12 Budget	£27,846.00
	Total of recommendations	£13,869.00
	Spend to date	£ 0.00
	Balance remaining	£13,977.00

5. Future Funding

In view of the reduced funding available, that the LJC considers whether it wishes in future to indicate a maximum level of funding available to community groups for local projects.

In financial year 2010/11 West Mercia Police were granted £540 to be used to train two police officers to become Level 1 Football Coaches and hire a football pitch for 12 months, this activity did not take place. Therefore it is requested that the LJC considers re-allocating £540 to West Mercia Police for further diversionary activities through development of an autograss car project.

For more information about applying for an LJC grant and to get an application form, contact Nicki Young, Community Action Officer on 01939 237429 or via e-mail at nicki.young@shropshire.gov.uk

*****The closing date for the next application round is
Friday 16th September 2011*****

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 13th January 2011.

Locality Working Local Joint Committees. Report to Cabinet 9th December 2010. LJC application forms for the projects listed.

Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)

Councillor Gwyllam Butler

Local Member

Councillor Gerald Dakin

Councillor Peggy Mullock

Councillor Thomas Biggins

Councillor Paul Wynn

Appendices

A. Applications/Projects Applied for Funding to Whitchurch & Prees LJC