



<u>Committee and Date</u>	<u>Item</u>
Whitchurch & Prees Local Joint Committee	9
8 March 2012	
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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 1 April 2011 up until 31 March 2012.

A total of £28,378 was 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, an agenda planning meeting takes place within which it discusses applications for funding and provisionally makes recommendations. Fifteen applications have been received for this reporting period and fourteen applications were considered at the agenda planning meeting held on Wednesday 15 February 2012. One application was urgent and therefore a decision was made out of Committee, using delegated authority. The recommendations from the planning meeting feature in this report at Appendix A and are put forward to the LJC for final decision on 8 March 2012.

This report requests that any money left in the Whitchurch & Prees LJC budget is carried over to financial period 1 April 2012 until 31 March 2013 and is spent in line with the local priorities set at the Whitchurch & Prees LJC meeting on 8 March 2012.

2. Recommendations

- That the LJC considers the applications received and awards funding to those organisations and their projects as recommended in this report.

- That the Whitchurch & Prees LJC recommends ratification of a decision made out of Committee for the payment of £2,000 to Whitchurch Town Council, to fund a business consultant to write a business plan for the Whitchurch Civic Complex to support the Market Town Revitalisation Programme funding application (see Application V, detailed in Appendix A to this report).
- That the Whitchurch & Prees LJC recommends carrying over any surplus funds to the financial year 2012/13 to be spent in line with priorities set at the Whitchurch & Prees LJC meeting on 8 March 2012.

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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.

Decision Made Using Delegated Authority

At the Whitchurch & Prees LCJ meeting which took place on 13 October 2011, the Committee agreed that decisions regarding urgent and time sensitive matters, particularly those decisions relating to the granting of money, could be made outside the formal meeting.

Application V, detailed at Appendix A, from Whitchurch Town Council, requested £2,000 to pay for a business plan to be written to support the Civic Complex application to the Market Town Revitalisation Programme. The business plan was required urgently and, following a 5 day decision making period, five Committee members responded in support of the application and agreed that funding should be awarded. Three Committee members did not respond.

Budget Surplus Carry Over

Following the LJC Application process at this LJC, 8 March 2012, any surplus budget is to be carried forward to the financial year 2012/13 in accordance with the Whitchurch & Prees LJC priorities, which will include a set amount of money to be allocated to Parish Councils for Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

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	2,910
TOTAL budget for 2011/12	28,378

Nine projects applied for funding from the Whitchurch Local Joint Committee at their meeting on 13 October 2011 and received funding worth £7,006.72.

Total budget for 2011/12	£28,378.00	Total c/f
Total funding allocated to projects detailed at LJC meeting on 9 th June 2011	-£11,446.00	£16,932.00
2010/11 LJC Youth Fund underspend returned to main budget	+£3,624.00	£20,556.00
Total funding allocated to projects detailed at LJC meeting on 13 th October 2011	- £7,006.72	£13,549.28
TOTAL budget carried forward		£13,549.28

Applications for funding to be considered at the Whitchurch & Prees Local Joint Committee meeting on 8 March 2012, were discussed at the LJC agenda planning meeting on 15 February 2012. Provisional recommendations totalling £12,974 are now put forward to the Whitchurch & Prees LJC for consideration. These are as follows:

Summary of Applications Received		Amount Requested
Ref	Project Name	£
T	Outdoor Learning and Reflection Garden Area, Prees	2,000.00
U	Party in the Park – Diamond Jubilee Celebrations	1,885.00
V	Civic Centre Business Plan	2,000.00
W	Mobile Skate Ramps	1,350.00
X	Whitchurch Hockey Club Development	1,942.00
Y	Bowling Green Shelter	1,645.00
Z	Whitchurch Community Games	500.00
AA	Scoreboard Security Shutters	1,400.00
AB	Playbus After School/Holiday Activities	3,000.00
AC	Allotment Association Purchase of Strimmer	314.47
AD	Wild flowers on roundabouts	2,000.00
AE	Tilstock Bowling and Tennis Club Floodlights	2,000.00
AF	Whitchurch TV Filming community events for on-line local TV	2,000.00
AG	Friends of Whitchurch Heritage – Recording History	1090.00
	TOTAL Funding Requested	23,126.47

Please see Appendix A to this report for further details of each project and the amounts provisionally recommended for approval by the Committee, which will be discussed at the meeting.

	2011/12 Budget	£28,378.00
	2010/11 LJC Youth Fund underspend returned	+£3,624.00
	LJC Spend to day	-£18,452.72
	Total recommendations	-£12,974.00
	Balance remaining	£575.28

5. Future Funding

It was agreed by the Whitchurch & Prees Local Joint Committee that applications for funding, up to a maximum of £2,000 would be considered by the Committee, apart from when an application takes into account exceptional circumstances.

Whitchurch & Prees Local Joint Committee is requested to formally approve, in Committee, the application for payment of £2,000 towards the production of a Business Plan for the Civic Complex to support Whitchurch Town Council's bid to the Market Towns Revitalisation Programme.

Whitchurch & Prees Local Joint Committee is requested to agree that any funds carried over will be spent against local priorities identified at the LJC meeting on 8th March 2012 and noted within the minutes. Furthermore, within the sum carried forward are allocations of £200 per Parish Council, to use for Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in June 2012.

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

Closing date for the next LJC funding round is Friday 11 May 2012.

The next Whitchurch & Prees LJC meeting will be held on Thursday 14th June 2012 at 7pm in Tilstock Village Hall.

Please see www.shropshireljs.com for more information.

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.

Amendment to LJC Constitution Report to Full Council dated 23rd June 2011.

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 13.10.11