



<u>Committee and Date</u>	<u>Item</u>
Whitchurch & Prees Local Joint Committee	9
24 October 2013	
7.00pm	

2013/14 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 2013 up until 31 March 2014.

A total of £25,817.00 was devolved to this Committee to fund projects in the local community served by this LJC for the 2013/14 financial year.

Prior to each LJC, an agenda planning meeting takes place within which applications for funding are discussed and provisional recommendations are made. Six applications have been received for this reporting period and all of these applications were considered at the agenda planning meeting held on Wednesday 25 September, one was approved using delegated powers. The recommendations from the planning meeting feature in this report at Appendix A and are put forward to the LJC for final decision on 24 October 2013.

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 ratifies the decision to fund Application M – Bees & Trees Show, Blackberry Fair - using delegated powers.
- That Whitchurch LJC note correspondence from Prees Cricket & Recreation Club notifying the Committee that it will not be drawing the funding agreed of £530 in Application O at March 2013 meeting.

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3. Background

Whitchurch & Prees LJC is responsible for the award and expenditure of a devolved budget. The total amount available to the LJC in 2013/14 is £25,817.00.

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	1,970
Plus carry forward for under spend	347
TOTAL budget for 2012/13	£25,817

Applications for funding to be considered at the Whitchurch & Prees Local Joint Committee meeting on 24 October 2013, were discussed at the LJC agenda planning meeting on 25 September 2013. Provisional recommendations totalling **£6,243.00** are now put forward to the Whitchurch & Prees LJC for consideration. These are as follows:

Summary of Applications Received		Amount Requested
Ref	Project Name	£
H	Shropshire Council Leisure Services – Tot-tastics Equipment	500.00
I	Shropshire Wildlife Trust – Greenfields Nature Reserve Guide	393.00
J	Prees Cricket & Recreation Club – Dugouts for Adult Soccer	2,000.00
K	Prees Community Led Planning Group – Refresh of Parish Plan	1,000.00
L	Whitchurch PIC – Marketing of Whitchurch town events	2,000.00
TOTAL		£5,893.00

An application was received from Blackberry Fair CIC, the event is being held before the LJC and needed the funding urgently. Whitchurch & Prees Local Joint Committee members agreed to provide this funding before the LJC meeting using delegated powers. Committee members are requested to ratify the decision at the LJC meeting on 24 October 2013.

Summary of Application Agreed Using Delegated Powers		Amount Requested
Ref	Project Name	£
M	Blackberry Fair CIC – Bees & Trees Show	350.00
Total Funding requested in this round		£5,893.00
TOTAL		£6,243.00

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.

2013/14 Budget	£25,817.00
2013/14 Round 1 – 25 June 2013	-£8,892.50
2013/14 Round 2 – 17 October 2013	-£6,243.00
2012/13 Round 3 – Application O unclaimed – Prees Cricket & Recreation Club	+£530.00
Balance to carry forward to Round 3	£11,211.50

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.

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 – or go to www.shropshireljcs.com

Closing Date for the Next LJC Funding Round is

Friday 17th January 2014.

The next Whitchurch & Prees Local Joint Committee meeting will be held on Thursday 27th February 2014 in Tilstock Village Hall.

Please see www.shropshireljcs.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 Gwilym Butler

Local Members

Councillor Gerald Dakin

Councillor Peggy Mullock

Councillor Thomas Biggins

Councillor Paul Wynn

Appendices

A. Applications/Projects Applied for Funding to Whitchurch & Prees LJC 171013