

LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL

PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

12 DECEMBER 2013

FINANCIAL & PROJECTS REPORT

A Economic Development**2013-2014 Budget for Economic Development projects**

Items	Budget	Comments
Balance remaining at 31 March 2013	30,750+ £35,000 for 2013-14 = total £65,750	£30,750 remaining from 2012-13 to be used for Signage projects incl Mews signage £30k potentially for Town Centre Delivery Plan (signage/Mews environment improvements)
Let's Talk Business	500	CBC
Pilot 10	4,500	CBC
Timebank	500	CBC
Training (e.g Market trading)	500	
Clinics / seminars	2,000	CBC - £1,000 billed to date
Business Engagement	500	CBC
Business Networks	2,000	CBC
Key Employer visits	500	CBC
Video	3,500	Video completed and on Youtube Original cost £2,000
Start up grants	2,500	2 market bursaries approved by Ec Dev sub-committee on 11 July 2013, subject to receipt of satisfactory business plans
Pop-up Market support for 12 months	4,000	Underspent to date, due to use of market stalls rather than marquee
Support for Independents' Day	700	
Additional funding for 2013 Summer Sundays	10,000	
Unallocated for further projects	3,300	

B Big Plan II Projects

	£	Comments
2012-2013 unspent budget – carried over into Earmarked Reserves	35,020	
2013-2014 budget	4,741	£5000 adjusted – to Summer Sundays
Total available funds	39,761	
Allocated for match funding for Green Gym application	10,000	Application to Sport England to be submitted by end of year
Projects recommended from the Big Plan II Projects Sub-Committee:		
Enhance four town gateway signs with addition of Fairtrade information (as endorsed in Signage Strategy)	3,500	Completed.
Establish a town gateway sign at the Grovebury Road entrance to the parish (as endorsed in Signage Strategy)	3,500	Sign ordered, estimated cost £400, £3100 remaining
Install a leaflet rack by the noticeboards in the multi-storey car park	500	Ordered and due to be installed shortly
Production of a Green Infrastructure Plan	5,000	Greensand Trust instructed to produce plan; estimated timescale 4-6 months
Greening of Bideford Green area, possibly through tree planting	500	Bideford Green management committee and GST working together to identify exact site & type of trees
Support new schemes at TACTIC such as summer scheme/holiday project scheme/Duke of Edinburgh	3,288.04	Summer project completed (£4k allocated, £3288 spent)
Consider resurfacing of outside tarmac play area at Vandyke Road youth club	1,000	4YP contacted - to obtain costs from Amey
Development of the street market – further “how to be a trader” workshops and enhanced publicity	3,000	Workshops scheduled for 23 October 2013
Undertake scoping work regarding possibility of creating a “performance area” (i.e. a covered area, similar to bandstand) based around the Stone Circle at the bottom of the High Street	Up to £2,000	Details and costs to be discussed; may need to wait until relocation of buses
	32,288.04	
Remaining unallocated balance for further projects	7,472.96	Potential schemes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cycle Initiatives - Speed restriction measures - Community facilities (sports/art/meetings) -

C Town Centre Management

	£	Comments
2012-2013 unspent budget – carried over into Earmarked Reserves	25,839	
2013-2014 budget	20,000	
Total available funds	45,839	
Proposed projects for 2013-2014		
Town Centre Strategy and Action Plan	20,000	Action Plan to be created comprising 4 key projects. Anticipated that a significant proportion of the work can be carried out “in-house” by CBC Officers meaning a significant saving on fees. The Action Plan is to be presented to Committee no later than its meeting scheduled 12 th December 2013. CBC confirmed no cost for creation of Delivery – all funds to delivery of projects
Street lighting improvements		Initial discussions held with AMEY and briefing for Members/Officers held on 17 July 2013 – awaiting designs/costs from AMEY. To include in 2014-15 budget?
Moving of taxi rank from the High Street		CBC consultation has begun on this. Any further updates on progress to be given at the meeting.
Provision of entertainment on market days	2,000	Liaising with LB First and local groups to source entertainment
Town centre environment improvements (one year)	10,485	Report to Operation Swan task group
	32,485	
Amount unallocated remaining	13,354	£5k potentially to Town Centre Delivery Plan £5k potentially to Parking Review

Potential Future Projects:

Purchase of market storage facility	30,000	Site visit took place with managing agent to discuss potential purchase or indeed regularising rent of site (April 2013). Awaiting a reply.
Riverside Centre	110,000	An expression of interest to potentially purchase the building submitted to CBC