

## **Request for information: 2012020018 – Homework clubs**

- 1. What grant applications have been made by all 4 homework clubs (Oswestry, Craven, Drayton, Shrewsbury) to cover the costs of running them now that central government sources have expired?**

Grant applications have so far been made as follows:-

Shrewsbury: Roy Fletcher Trust, Severnside Housing Association, Local Joint Committee for Sundorne.

Market Drayton: Roy Fletcher Trust, Meres and Mosses Housing Association, Local Joint Committee for Market Drayton.

Craven Arms: Roy Fletcher Trust, Local Joint Committee for Craven Arms.

Oswestry: Oswestry Town Council, Charlotte Hartey Foundation, Oswestry Borderland Rotary Club, Oswestry Chamber of Commerce, Local Joint Committee for Oswestry.

- 2. Has the possibility of corporate funding been considered as an option? What steps, if any, have been taken to secure corporate sponsorship?**

Corporate funding from Shropshire Council has already been obtained in three out of four cases, via awards made by Local Joint Committees. This is effectively Shropshire Council funding which is devolved to local committees for the benefit of local organisations and concerns under the Council's Locality Working agenda. In addition to this there is a substantial amount of in kind support e.g. premises costs, line management and other support.

- 3. What plans are being considered to ensure the long-term survival of the homework clubs?**

One local headteacher has already raised this question at a meeting of Heads in his cluster of schools, with a view to each school devolving a small percentage of its own funds next year to support the clubs.

Alternative operating models, including not-for-profit Community Interest companies, are being investigated, and during the coming months we shall be working with colleagues in Shropshire Council and with the Community Council of Shropshire to identify a suitable model.