



**URGENT MATTERS:
PROPOSALS FOR EXPENDITURE OF
LOCAL REVENUE BUDGET**

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S
LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE AREA)
4 NOVEMBER 2003**

KEY ISSUE:

Since the publication of the agenda for this meeting, three new proposals for expenditure have been put forward. Exceptionally, the Chairman has agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 2.2, that the proposals can be considered at this meeting due to their urgent nature and the fact that there will not be another meeting until the new year.

BACKGROUND TO THE PROPOSALS:

Mr Crisp and Rachael Lake would each like to donate up to £1,000 to fund improved signage in Walton town centre. They would also each like to contribute £1,500 towards new Christmas lights for Walton. These two requests will help encourage the public to shop in Walton in the busy period leading up to Christmas and need to be implemented as soon as possible. Mr Lake would like to donate up to £500 to cover the costs of closing Baker Street in Weybridge during a Christmas event. Full details of all these proposals are set out in the report.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS FOR APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE:

As there will not be another meeting until 27 January, several members have asked for in principle decisions to commit their allocations to support various other projects, subject to full details being reported to the next meeting:

- John Pincham:- up to £2,000 to provide a water supply for The Firs, Claygate.
- David Morris:- £10,000 towards a war memorial for Molesey and £3,500 to redesign the grassed highway area in Spurfield, West Molesey.
- Rachael Lake:- up to £1,000 to purchase trophies, a trophy cabinet and other items to celebrate the achievements of children at Grovelands School in Walton.

FINANCIAL DETAILS:

Local Revenue Budget 2002/3	£160,650.00
Expenditure committed to date	£40,440.75
Current proposals	£22,000

Remaining Balance £98,209.25

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Local Committee

- (i) Approves the proposals for expenditure from Mr Crisp, Mrs Lake and Mr Lake totalling £5,500 as set out in sections A, B and C of this report; and
- (ii) Approves in principle the proposals from Mr Pincham, Mr Morris and Mrs Lake totalling £16,500, with further details to be brought to the meeting in January 2004.

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A. Christmas Lights for Walton on Thames

1. Name of members:

Andrew Crisp and Rachael Lake.

2. Description of proposal:

Mr Crisp and Mrs Lake wish to purchase additional lights and decorations for the Christmas display in Walton on Thames. The funding would be used to buy ten 2 metre high illuminated motifs to be added to the column lighting.

3. What need will this proposal address?

The donation will enable the Christmas lighting scheme to be extended beyond that possible with the funding currently available.

4. What consultation has been undertaken?

The Borough Council has recently held a scrutiny panel to look at the implementation and allocation of funding for Christmas lights in several town centres in Elmbridge. Following their work, a new contract has been drawn up and relevant permission for the new lighting schemes received from Surrey County Council.

5. Financial details of the proposal:

(i) What is the cost of the proposal?

£3,000, to be split between Mr Crisp and Mrs Lake.

(ii) When is the funding required?

As soon as possible.

(iii) Are there any financial implications beyond the current year?

No.

(iv) Is there any other relevant funding (e.g. match funding?)

Elmbridge Borough Council has contributed £10,000 to the borough-wide schemes. Donations have also been received from the Elmbridge Business Partnership and a number of Residents' Associations.

6. Comments by Local Director:

I would support this donation, which will significantly brighten up Walton Town Centre over Christmas.

B. Signage for Walton Town Centre

1. Name of members:

Andrew Crisp and Rachael Lake.

2. Description of proposal:

Mr Crisp and Mrs Lake would like to contribute towards temporary signage for Walton Town Centre.

3. What need will this proposal address?

The signage would direct shoppers to the main shopping area whilst work is being carried out to redevelop Walton Town Centre.

4. What consultation has been undertaken?

Town centre traders have said that they would benefit from this signage, particularly over the Christmas period.

5. Financial details of the proposal:

(i) What is the cost of the proposal?

Both Mr Crisp and Mrs Lake wish to contribute up to £1,000 each.

(ii) When is the funding required?

As soon as possible, as it is hoped that the signage can be put up in time for the Christmas period.

(iii) Are there any financial implications beyond the current year?

No.

(iv) Is there any other relevant funding (e.g. match funding?)

Yes. Elmbridge Borough Council has contributed £2,000 towards the cost of the signage.

6. Comments by Local Director:

The addition of this signage will be of great benefit to both traders and shoppers in Walton and I therefore support the proposal.

C. Closure of Baker Street, Weybridge

1. Name of member:

Ian Lake.

2. Description of proposal:

To meet the costs associated with closing Baker Street, Weybridge for a Christmas community event.

3. What need will this proposal address?

Baker Street in Weybridge will be closed for a day to enable a Christmas event to be held during which the Christmas lights will be switched on. As he did last year, Mr Lake wishes to meet the costs of the road closure.

4. Financial details of the proposal:

(i) What is the cost of the proposal?

Up to £500.

(ii) When is the funding required?

As soon as possible.

(iii) Are there any financial implications beyond the current year?

No.

(iv) Is there any other relevant funding (e.g. match funding?)

No.

5. Comments by Local Director:

This is a good opportunity to demonstrate support for an important local community event.
