



**PROPOSALS FOR EXPENDITURE OF
LOCAL REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET**

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S
LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE AREA)
19 JANUARY 2005**

SUMMARY:

To receive a report setting out details of five proposals for expenditure of the local revenue budget and a report on the capital funding of the Brooklands Auto Project agreed at the 15 November 2004 Local Committee meeting.

The five proposals for expenditure of the local revenue budget are:

1. Dorothy Mitchell wishes to contribute £2,500 towards the Message in a Bottle Scheme
2. John Pincham wishes to contribute £1,415 towards drainage pipes in Telegraph Lane, Claygate
3. Dorothy Mitchell and Ian Lake wish to contribute a total of £8,000 towards Oasis
4. Dorothy Mitchell wishes to contribute £1,340 towards the cost of repairs to the 1st Cobham Scouts hut
5. Dorothy Mitchell wishes to contribute £2,000 towards fencing and landscaping for the public highway verge area at the junction of Oakdene and Anyards Road in Cobham.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

	Revenue	Capital
Local Budget 2004/05	£112,500	£35,00
Expenditure committed to date	£38,815	£7,500
Current proposals	£15,255	
Remaining Balance	£58,430	£27,500

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Local Committee agrees to these requests.

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Local Revenue Budget

A. Message in a Bottle

1. Name of member:

Dorothy Mitchell

2. Description of proposal:

Dorothy Mitchell wishes to fund £2,500 for the Message in a Bottle Scheme, which is an initiative of Woking Lions Club and is being promoted throughout Elmbridge. The Local Committee funding would contribute to the production of plastic bottles in which people would store their personal medical details and keep in the fridge. The emergency services will know to look for them there when they are called out to someone's home, having been alerted to someone's membership to the scheme by a label for the scheme fixed to the back of the front door and another label fixed to the door of the fridge.

3. What need will this proposal address?

This scheme enables people living on their own to keep their basic personal and medical details in a common location where it can easily be found in an emergency.

4. What consultation has been undertaken?

The scheme is fully supported by local health and social care professionals, emergency services, hospital authorities, general practitioners and pharmacists. An initial pilot scheme has been run which has proved very successful and a lot of requests are being made for more bottles.

5. Financial details of the proposal:

(i) What is the cost of the proposal?

Dorothy Mitchell wishes to contribute £2,500 towards the Message in a Bottle Scheme.

(ii) When is the funding required?

Immediately.

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

No.

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

The initial pilot scheme in Elmbridge was funded by Toshiba and branches of the Lions Club in adjacent boroughs. Elmbridge Borough Council will arrange for volunteers to fill and distribute the bottles.

6. Local Director's Comments

This is a useful scheme that helps ensure medical professionals can get the information they need in an emergency and reassures those using the scheme that they will not be without their medication in the event of an emergency. I recommend that the Local Committee supports this proposal.

B. Drainage in Telegraph Lane, Claygate

1. Name of member:

John Pincham

2. Description of proposal:

John Pincham wishes to fund £1,415 for a new network of drainage pipes in Telegraph Lane, Claygate.

3. What need will this proposal address?

Part of Telegraph Lane is a bridleway, which at the moment has a poorly functioning drainage system due to the partial collapse of a drainage pipe where the bridleway runs past an allotment site. The result is that water is carried across the bridleway and washes some of the top surface of the bridleway into the ditch. This proposal is to improve the drainage system, thereby helping to prevent both the bridleway and the allotment site from flooding.

4. What consultation has been undertaken?

Claygate Allotment Association is in support of this proposal. The Rights of Way team has confirmed that this work is unlikely to be a priority for them, however they are happy to arrange this work and have confirmed that a contractor is able to undertake the work in February 2005.

5. Financial details of the proposal:

(i) What is the cost of the proposal?

John Pincham wishes to contribute £1,415 towards the drainage pipes.

(ii) When is the funding required?

Immediately.

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

No.

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

No.

6. Local Director's Comments

I recommend that the Local Committee supports this proposal, as it will help improve the accessibility of the bridleway and protect the nearby allotments from flooding.

C. Oasis

1. Name of member:

Dorothy Mitchell and Ian Lake

2. Description of proposal:

Dorothy Mitchell wishes to fund £6,000 for Oasis (£3,000 towards a summer play and £3,000 towards general funds) and Ian Lake wishes to fund a further £2,000 for Oasis.

3. What need will this proposal address?

Oasis, which was formed in 1996, works with vulnerable families throughout Elmbridge. Its Childcare Centre in Copse Road, Cobham, provides support and social contact for parents and a safe and stimulating environment for the under 5s. Older children are also welcome in the school holidays. Staff offer financial, legal, housing and social services advice and information particularly to those in critically dysfunctional family situations, those with alcoholic or drug dependencies and families in severe financial hardship.

4. What consultation has been undertaken?

N/A

5. Financial details of the proposal:

(i) What is the cost of the proposal?

Dorothy Mitchell and Ian Lake wish to contribute a total of £8,000 towards Oasis.

(ii) When is the funding required?

Immediately.

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

No.

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

Oasis receives funding from Surrey County Council for individual cases referred directly by Social Services, but the bulk of their funding requirements are raised by charitable donations.

6. Local Director's Comments

Oasis provides a valuable service to vulnerable children, their families and carers in Elmbridge. I recommend that the Local Committee supports this proposal.

D. 1st Cobham Scouts

1. Name of member:

Dorothy Mitchell

2. Description of proposal:

Following an attack of vandalism the scouts need to replace smashed windows and a broken side gate. To claim from their insurers they will have to pay £150 excess for each item as they were separately insured. They do not have resources to meet these costs as they have recently paid for a new roof and central heating.

Mrs Mitchell would like to allocate £1,340 to cover the cost of the repairs necessitated by the vandalism, and also to help towards the cost of buying the new tents that were to have been the group's next fundraising focus.

3. What need will this proposal address?

This will ensure that the group is able to keep the scout hut in good repair and also continue with its plans to invest in new camping equipment.

4. What consultation has been undertaken?

Surrey County Council's Youth Development Service have confirmed their general support for this funding application.

5. Financial details of the proposal:

(i) What is the cost of the proposal?

Dorothy Mitchell wishes to contribute £1,340 towards the cost of repairs to the 1st Cobham Scouts hut.

(ii) When is the funding required?

Immediately.

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

No.

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

The Scouts have already raised funds themselves to cover the cost of improvements to the scout hut such as central heating, a new roof

and upgrading their kitchen facilities. They hope that these improvements will help encourage other organisations to rent the hall, and give them a small income to help cover the cost of running the premises. This would mean that weekly subscriptions could be used to fund more scouting activities.

6. Local Director's Comments

I fully support this proposal.

E. Planting in Cobham

1. Name of member:

Dorothy Mitchell

2. Description of proposal:

To improve the public highway verge area at the junction of Oakdene Road and Anyards Road in Cobham, by providing fencing and landscaping.

3. What need will this proposal address?

Mrs Mitchell was involved with the very successful Cobham in Bloom initiative last year and noted the positive impact that enhanced planting to public areas made towards this. She now wishes to improve this part of the highway to the benefit of local residents and visitors.

4. What consultation has been undertaken?

The Cobham and Downside Residents' Association is aware of and supports this proposal.

5. Financial details of the proposal:

(i) What is the cost of the proposal?

Dorothy Mitchell wishes to contribute £2,000 towards fencing and landscaping for the public highway verge area at the junction of Oakdene and Anyards Road in Cobham.

(iii) When is the funding required?

Immediately.

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

These are negligible and will be picked up as part of ongoing highways maintenance.

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

No.

7. Local Director's Comments

I support this initiative.

Local Capital Budget

Brooklands Auto Project

1. Name of member:

At the 15 November 2004 meeting Tony Pegler recommended that the Local Committee contributed £7,500 from its £35,000 Members' Allocation Budget for capital projects for the voluntary sector to support the Brooklands Auto Project to restart their work. This was agreed subject to a written report being presented to the meeting on 19 January 2005.

2. Description of proposal:

Since it was founded in 1992, the Brooklands Auto Project has been successfully running a variety of courses and events to promote safe driving and vehicle handling by young people. Unfortunately the project had to run down its operations last year because it did not have access to suitable off street land on which young people could practise driving; the part of the Brooklands site that had previously been used was no longer available after it was sold for redevelopment.

The Brooklands Museum in Weybridge has now agreed to host the project within its grounds and the Co-ordinator and volunteers are working hard to get the project up and running again in its new home. To help restart the project they have asked if the Local Committee could donate:

- £6,000 to cover the cost of purchasing new tools and equipment for the project, as well as secure doors for the building where they will be stored. Many of the tools previously used by the project were donated second-hand and these have been added to and replaced as necessary over time. There is an urgent need to replace many of these tools before the project becomes operational again, particularly electrical items.
- £1,500 to purchase a new PC plus an all in one printer / scanner / fax machine, software and service support (this will replace the ten year old laptop that the organisation has been operating with).

3. What need will this proposal address?

This will help the Brooklands Auto Project to recommence the valuable and unique work that it has done with young people over the past ten years.

4. What consultation has been undertaken?

The project is well supported by Surrey County Council's Youth Service, the Police, Elmbridge and Spelthorne Borough Councils and a variety of other

organizations locally. Local employer Proctor & Gamble is working with the project to help it develop a business plan. Feedback from young people who have benefited from the work of the project has been very positive, including those in Lower Green who were able to attend courses because of funding contributed by the Local Committee in March 2003.

5. Financial details of the proposal:

(i) What is the cost of the proposal?

£7,500

(ii) When is the funding required?

Immediately.

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

No. This funding is for the acquisition of capital equipment and the organisation will be expected to make provision for its upkeep and replacement as part of its ongoing budgeting process.

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

There is no match funding for this particular proposal but the project has benefited from the sponsorship of local businesses (in cash and kind) in the past and is likely to do so in future.

6. Local Director's Comments

This is a very worthwhile and very inclusive project and I fully support the proposal.
