



PROPOSALS FOR EXPENDITURE OF LOCAL REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE AREA) 23 MARCH 2005

SUMMARY:

To receive a report setting out details of thirteen proposals for expenditure of the local revenue budget and two proposals for expenditure of the local capital budget.

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

1. Tony Pegler wishes to contribute £1,750 towards the cost of new windows for 2nd Molesey (St. Paul's) Scout hut
2. Andrew Crisp and Rachael Lake wish to contribute £1,125 for five trees to be planted in New Zealand Avenue
3. Andrew Crisp, Rachael Lake, Maggie Martin and Tony Pegler wish to contribute £6,500 towards the cost of an Elm Partnership Conference
4. Andrew Crisp wishes to contribute £5,000 equipment for the Community Room at Walton Fire Station
5. Andrew Crisp wishes to contribute £5,437.50 for Walton town centre initiatives
6. Margaret Hicks wishes to contribute £7,500 towards the design and construction of a roundabout at the junction of Queens Road and Molesey Road in Hersham
7. Rachael Lake wishes to donate £400 to the Fieldcommon Residents Group for plants for Fieldcommon
8. Rachael Lake wishes to contribute up to £850 towards maintenance costs of the pilot dog bins scheme for Fieldcommon
9. John Pincham wishes to contribute £8,232.11 for a new pool fence for Claygate Primary School (including £197.11 of returned funding from John Pincham's 2003/04 local allocation)
10. David Morris wishes to contribute £1,750 towards self-reliance initiatives in Molesey South
11. Tony Pegler wishes to contribute £1,750 towards community projects in Lower Green
12. David Morris wishes to contribute £750 towards the cost of cleansing and enhancement works to the roundabout at the Hurst Road / Sadlers Ride junction in Molesey

13. Rachael Lake wishes to contribute £1,000 to the Walton and Hersham Police and Community Partnership Groups (PCPGs)

The two proposals for expenditure of the local capital budget are:

1. £5,000 towards a new minibus for the Lower Mole Countryside Trust
2. £5,000 towards further development of the Home Fire Risk Assessment Project through Care and Repair, Elmbridge

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

	Revenue	Capital
Local Budget 2004/05	£112,500	£35,00
Expenditure committed to date	£54,069	£7,500
Current proposals	£41,847.50	£10,000
Returned funding from 2003/04 allocation	£197.11	
Remaining 2004/05 Balance	£16,583.50	£17,500

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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Local Revenue Budget

A. 2nd Molesey (St. Paul's) Scout Group

1. Name of member:

Tony Pegler

2. Description of proposal:

The hut used by the 2nd Molesey (St. Paul's) Scout Group is rented from Elmbridge Borough Council and the scout group has an obligation to maintain the building. The windows are in need of replacement, but the scout group has no cash reserves with which to pay for new windows. The group relies upon subscriptions, which are kept low so as to be as inclusive as possible. This proposal is to contribute towards the cost of new windows for the scout hut.

3. What need will this proposal address?

The windows are currently rotten, which creates a security risk (the hut has been broken in to a couple of times) and fails to keep in the heat. This proposal will help to pay for new windows, thereby reducing the security risk and improving the insulation of the hut.

4. What consultation has been undertaken?

The Executive Committee for the scout group have agreed that new windows are a priority and parents of scouts who make use of the hut are fully in support of the proposal for new windows.

5. Financial details of the proposal:

(i) What is the cost of the proposal?

A new set of windows is estimated to cost £4,000. Tony Pegler would like to contribute £1,750 towards this cost.

(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 scout group has approached a number of different charitable trusts for funding, but so far has had little success. If the remaining funding cannot be secured through such means, the scout group will seek to raise the remaining funds from parents of the scouts and through local fundraising.

6. Local Director's Comments

Approximately 70 beavers, cubs, scouts and explorers make use of this hut and would benefit greatly from new windows. This proposal would not only improve the security of the hut, but also the comfort of those making use of the building. I recommend that the Local Committee supports this proposal.

B. New Zealand Avenue Trees

1. Name of member:

Andrew Crisp and Rachael Lake

2. Description of proposal:

Andrew Crisp and Rachael Lake wish to contribute £1,125.00 towards the cost of five trees for New Zealand Avenue in Walton.

3. What need will this proposal address?

The trees will help to significantly improve the appearance of the road.

4. What consultation has been undertaken?

N/A

5. Financial details of the proposal:

(i) What is the cost of the proposal?

Five trees will cost £1,125.00, which will be shared jointly by Andrew Crisp and Rachael Lake (£562.50 each).

(ii) When is the funding required?

Immediately.

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

No. The maintenance costs will be covered by Highways.

(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.

C. Elm Partnership Conference

1. Name of member:

Andrew Crisp, Rachael Lake, Maggie Martin and Tony Pegler

2. Description of proposal:

The ELM Partnership is a confederation of 25 schools in Elmbridge, working together in a collaborative network. The ELM Partnership includes 5 Infant schools, 16 Primary schools, 2 Secondary schools and 2 FE colleges. The Partnership's aim is to raise achievement and aspiration at all Key Stages and to inspire a lifelong learning community. On 27 May 2005 the ELM Partnership will be having their launch at Sandown Park. The conference is expected to cost in the region of £10,000. Andrew Crisp, Rachael Lake, Maggie Martin and Tony Pegler propose to contribute a total of £6,500 towards this cost.

3. What need will this proposal address?

The conference will bring together all the staff from the ELM Partnership schools, in total around 1,000 teaching and support staff. The morning will include performances by some of the pupils, an exhibition of artwork with contributions from every partner school and also a presentation on 'Creativity in the Curriculum' from Roy Leighton. It is vital to the success of the Partnership that all its staff has an awareness of its aims and feel part of what the Partnership is striving to achieve. It is hoped that the conference will enable this by bringing everyone together and celebrating the collaboration.

4. What consultation has been undertaken?

The members of the Partnership are supportive of this conference.

5. Financial details of the proposal:

(i) What is the cost of the proposal?

This proposal is for £6,500 (£1,500 from Andrew Crisp, £1,500 from Rachael Lake, £2,000 from Maggie Martin, and £1,500 from Tony Pegler).

(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 partnership and member schools will find the balance from their own funds.

6. Local Director's Comments

I fully support this recommendation, which will help to ensure that the launch of such an important initiative is a success.

D. Walton Fire Station Community Room

1. Name of member:

Andrew Crisp

2. Description of proposal:

Part of the offices at Walton Fire Station is being converted into a purpose designed community office and conference room. Andrew Crisp would like to contribute £5,000 of his allocation towards the cost of the equipment needed to furnish the room. This equipment will include multipurpose meeting room desks and chairs, as well as a laptop computer, portable multimedia projection screen, data projector and a multimedia projection trolley.

3. What need will this proposal address?

Walton Fire Station is already used for a lot of general work with the community, such as hosting the Elmbridge Junior Citizen scheme and multi-agency training in fire risk assessment. Providing a flexible and multi-purpose conference area where community safety work can be carried out will help make this work even more effective, and also ensure that there is the space for even more events to be organised.

4. What consultation has been undertaken?

This initiative is entirely consistent with the aims of Surrey Fire and Rescue's Integrated Risk Management Plan upon which there has been extensive consultation, most notably with this Local Committee at its meeting on 19 January 2005.

5. Financial details of the proposal:

(i) What is the cost of the proposal?

Andrew Crisp wishes to contribute £5,000 towards equipment for the Community Room at Walton Fire Station.

(ii) When is the funding required?

The funding will be required in the first quarter of 2005-06.

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

Not for this Committee, Surrey Fire and Rescue will be expected to make their own provision for maintenance and renewals.

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

The Walton Charities have been approached to help with funding the building works by meeting the cost of providing a fully accessible disabled WC.

6. Local Director's Comments

I fully support this recommendation. The community safety work of the Fire Service locally has been identified as a model of good practice and this will help them further this work.

E. Walton Town Centre Schools Competitions and Related Initiatives

1. Name of member:

Andrew Crisp

2. Description of proposal:

Andrew Crisp would like to allocate £5,437.50 of his allocation to help develop several related initiatives that will help to ensure that local young people are able to have a lasting input into the redevelopment of Walton Town Centre in various ways.

In the summer term Year 6 children in schools in Walton and Walton Oatlands will be invited to enter a competition to design the contents of a time capsule to be buried within the new development. In doing this they will need to have regard to items that reflect the history of Walton as well as predicting its future look.

In the next school year secondary school pupils will be invited to take this work forward in some way, possibly by designing a showpiece item of public art that will have the same base theme. At a later date local artists may be invited to enter a competition to actually produce the item.

This funding will cover the costs of staging the competition with primary schools this summer, designing and staging the competition with secondary schools next year, and staging the final competition.

3. What need will this proposal address?

As well as ensuring wide participation by local young people in thinking about Walton and how it should be represented to future generations, this proposal will also help to ensure that there is an added cultural focus to the town centre redevelopment.

4. What consultation has been undertaken?

Over the past year consultation has taken place with the Local Education Officer and representatives of local schools to try and identify how best

young people in Walton would be able to have an input into the redevelopment of the Town Centre. As a result the Surrey Education Business Partnership have been engaged to develop these competitions and work closely with local schools and other organisations to ensure there is good participation in the initiatives. Andrew Crisp, the Divisional Member and the Community Support Team will continue to be closely involved as the proposals are developed.

5. Financial details of the proposal:

(i) What is the cost of the proposal?

Andrew Crisp wishes to contribute £5,437.50 for the Walton Town Centre schools competitions and related initiatives.

(ii) When is the funding required?

The first funding will be required in June 2005.

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

The funding will be released in stages over the next year or so.

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

Not at present, but as the proposals are developed it is expected that additional funding will be levered in. The initial cost of developing this competition (engagement of the Surrey Education Business Partnership) was funded using the money the Local Committee allocated in March 2004 to be spent on enhancements to Walton Town Centre in ways identified by young people.

6. Local Director's Comments

I think this is an excellent proposal and fully recommend that it is agreed.

F. Queens Road and Molesey Road Roundabout – Hersham

1. Name of member:

Margaret Hicks

2. Description of proposal:

Margaret Hicks wishes to contribute towards the cost of the design and construction of a roundabout at the junction of Queens Road and Molesey Road in Hersham.

3. What need will this proposal address?

The roundabout should help to improve the safety of the roads at that location and improve the environment around the green.

4. What consultation has been undertaken?

There is known local support for this scheme.

5. Financial details of the proposal:

(i) What is the cost of the proposal?

Margaret Hicks wishes to contribute £7,500 towards the cost of the roundabout.

(ii) When is the funding required?

Immediately.

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

No. The roundabout will be maintained through normal maintenance regimes.

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

It is intended that this proposal will receive an additional £30,000 of Local Allocation funding (to be agreed at the 23 March 2005 Local Committee meeting).

6. Local Director's Comments

This scheme has the approval of the Local Transportation Service. I recommend that the Local Committee supports this proposal.

G. Plants for Fieldcommon

1. Name of member:

Rachael Lake

2. Description of proposal:

The Fieldcommon estate has an empty flower bed next to Ansell Hall that the Fieldcommon Residents Group is willing to plant and maintain over the next year. Rachael Lake wishes to allocate £400.00 to the Fieldcommon Residents Group for the purchase of plants and flowers for this bed.

3. What need will this proposal address?

The flower bed is in a central location in the Fieldcommon estate and new flowers for the bed will help to improve the local environment and the well-being of local residents.

4. What consultation has been undertaken?

Fieldcommon residents are very keen to brighten up their estate and maximise the use of communal flower beds. Rachael Lake has been fully involved in consulting with the Fieldcommon Residents' over this proposal.

5. Financial details of the proposal:

(i) What is the cost of the proposal?

Rachael Lake wishes to contribute £400.00 towards the cost of flowers for the bed.

(ii) When is the funding required?

The funding will be released to the Residents' Group when the Divisional Member confirms that consensus has been reached on the planting arrangements.

(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

The proposal will help contribute to the improved appearance of the Fieldcommon estate. I recommend that the Local Committee supports this proposal.

H. Dog Bins for Fieldcommon

1. Name of member:

Rachael Lake

2. Description of proposal:

At the 15 March 2004 Local Committee it was agreed to fund £1,605 for dog bins for Fieldcommon on the condition that external funding for the maintenance costs of the bins could be agreed. The Reassurance Project and Elmbridge Housing Trust have now agreed to each contribute one year's worth of maintenance costs for a pilot scheme of two dog bins for Fieldcommon. To ensure the scheme runs for three years, Rachael Lake proposes to contribute £850 for another year of maintenance.

3. What need will this proposal address?

Dog mess has been identified by Fieldcommon residents as a priority concern. The installation of two dog bins on the estate will help to improve

the environment, both in terms of health and safety and also the appearance of the estate.

4. What consultation has been undertaken?

This proposal has involved consultation with Surrey County Council, Surrey Police, Elmbridge Housing Trust and Elmbridge Borough Council, as well as Fieldcommon residents. All parties are happy for the two bins to be installed and the residents have been instrumental in determining the location of the bins.

5. Financial details of the proposal:

(i) What is the cost of the proposal?

Rachael Lake wishes to contribute up to £850.00 towards the cost of one year's maintenance of the dog bins.

(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)?

Funding from the Local Committee has levered in match funding from the Reassurance Project and Elmbridge Housing Trust, which are both contributing one year's funding to meet the maintenance costs of the two dog bins.

6. Local Director's Comments

Fieldcommon residents have been waiting a long time for dog bins for their estate. I recommend that the Local Committee supports this proposal.

I. Pool Fence for Claygate Primary School

1. Name of member:

John Pincham

2. Description of proposal:

The swimming pool at Claygate Primary School was built and funded by the Parents' Association, shortly after the school opened as a Middle School in 1974. The pool is a heated, outdoor 20m x 8m facility, which allows the school to provide swimming lessons during the summer term for all of its 340 pupils (aged 4 – 11). The school has a growing reputation for the quality of school sport and holds two prestigious awards – Sport England's

Activemark Gold Award and the FA's Charter Standard. Swimming therefore plays an important part in the school curriculum at Claygate.

As part of the ongoing maintenance programme, but also in response to a specific action requirement (see below), a number of improvements are required prior to the new swimming season in April 2005. The current boundary fence to the pool needs to be replaced with a more appropriate, 2.4m high palisade powder coated fence; work needs to be carried out to repair and replace the paving slabs around the pool area; the pool boiler needs to be repaired / replaced; and other minor health and safety issues need to be addressed.

3. What need will this proposal address?

This proposal will address specific health and safety requirements as well as the need to improve the surrounding to the pool.

The school regularly experiences problems with intruders to the pool during the summer holidays. Some damage has been caused and there are also obvious health and safety concerns, especially in the light of the death of a child who drowned in another Surrey school's pool during the summer holiday in 2002. The current wooden fence, erected 15 years ago, is 5ft high (less in places) and does not provide a sufficient barrier to those who wish to climb it. A health and safety audit carried out in 2004 by Mouchel Parkman (on behalf of Surrey County Council) identified the fence and paving slabs as in need of improvement prior to the new swimming season in April 2005.

4. What consultation has been undertaken?

Consultation has taken place with the following groups:

- Mouchel Parkman (Health and Safety report, November 2004)
- Joint Parents / Governors / Staff Swimming Pool Committee
- Parents' Association
- Governing Body Finance & Premises Committee

5. Financial details of the proposal:

(i) What is the cost of the proposal?

John Pincham wishes to contribute £8,232.11 towards the cost of these health and safety improvements. This includes £197.11 of returned funding from John Pincham's 2003/04 local allocation.

The estimated cost of the whole project is as follows:

- Fence replacement and associated works: £7,200
- Paving slab renewal / replacement: £3,500 (approx.)
- Boiler repair / renewal: £4,500 (approx.)
- Minor H&S improvements: £1,500

Total: £16,700

(ii) When is the funding required?

Immediately.

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

There are ongoing costs associated with the maintenance of the pool, which are shared between the school and the Parents' Association. There are no further financial implications for the purposes of this proposal.

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

- The school is allocating a sum from its Formula Capital budget to the project (although this budget is limited this year due to a major building project at the school);
- The Parents' Association will also contribute funds, with the bulk of its funding this year (£4,500) earmarked for improvements to the boiler;
- Other necessary work in connection with the Health & Safety audit will be funded through the school budget.

6. Local Director's Comments

This proposed new boundary fence for Claygate Primary School's swimming pool will address immediate health and safety and security issues. I recommend that the Local Committee supports this proposal.

J. Self-Reliance Initiatives in Molesey South

1. Name of member:

David Morris

2. Description of proposal:

From April 2005 the focus of multi-agency work to promote self reliance in Elmbridge will widen to include some new areas of the borough. Molesey South will be one of these areas and work is underway currently to consult with the community and local stakeholders on the key issues that should be tackled. David Morris would like to allocate £1,750 from his allocation to be used to provide seed funding to help develop this work.

3. What need will this proposal address?

Having some seed funding available at the beginning of this programme will help progress work in South Molesey at a much faster rate than would otherwise be possible.

4. What consultation has been undertaken?

A detailed consultation programme with the community and key stakeholders is just beginning.

5. Financial details of the proposal:

(i) What is the cost of the proposal?

David Morris wishes to contribute £1,750 as seed money for self-reliance initiatives in Molesey South.

(ii) When is the funding required?

The funding will be released by the Community Support Team when it is satisfied that suitable projects have been identified in accordance with Surrey County Council's agreed approach to self reliance.

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

No – this is seed funding.

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

Other potential funders will be approached to support individual projects as appropriate once a comprehensive local work programme has been agreed.

6. Local Director's Comments

I fully support this proposal, which will really help to ensure that self reliance work in Molesey South will be as successful as it has been in North Walton.

K. Community Projects in Lower Green

1. Name of member:

Tony Pegler

2. Description of proposal:

From April 2005 the focus of multi-agency work to promote self reliance in Elmbridge will widen to include some new areas of the borough. Lower Green in Esher will be one of these areas and work is underway currently to consult with the community and local stakeholders on the key issues that should be tackled. Tony Pegler would like to allocate £1,750 from his allocation to be used to provide seed funding to help develop this work.

3. What need will this proposal address?

Having some seed funding available at the beginning of this programme will help progress work in Lower Green at a much faster rate than would otherwise be possible.

4. What consultation has been undertaken?

A detailed consultation programme with the community and key stakeholders is just beginning.

5. Financial details of the proposal:

(i) What is the cost of the proposal?

Tony Pegler wishes to contribute £1,750 towards community projects in Lower Green as seed funding for self-reliance initiatives.

(ii) When is the funding required?

The funding will be released by the Community Support Team when it is satisfied that suitable projects have been identified in accordance with Surrey County Council's agreed approach to self reliance.

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

No – this is seed funding.

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

Other potential funders will be approached to support individual projects as appropriate once a comprehensive local work programme has been agreed.

6. Local Director's Comments

I fully support this proposal which will really help to ensure that self reliance work in Lower Green will be as successful as it has been in North Walton.

L. Roundabout on Hurst Road

1. Name of member:

David Morris

2. Description of proposal:

David Morris wished to allocate £750 towards the cost of cleansing and enhancement works to the roundabout at the Hurst Road / Sadlers Ride junction in Molesey.

3. What need will this proposal address?

It will provide for extra environmental improvements to the public highway.

4. What consultation has been undertaken?

Elmbridge Borough Council has been involved in agreeing the extent of the works that should be carried out.

5. Financial details of the proposal:

(i) What is the cost of the proposal?

£750

(ii) When is the funding required?

Immediately.

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

No, this is a one off enhancement.

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

No

6. Local Director's Comments

I recommend that this proposal is agreed.

M. Walton and Hersham PCPG Meetings

1. Name of member:

Rachael Lake

2. Description of proposal:

The four Police and Community Partnership Groups (PCPGs) in Elmbridge are an important mechanism for ongoing communication between the Surrey Police and the general public. Last year the financial support given to the Walton and Hersham PCPG was cut by 50%, reflecting the fact that what had previously been two PCPGs had been merged into one group. The funding is used to cover the cost of halls hire, refreshments for meetings and printing and publicity costs. Mrs Lake would like to allocate £1,000 to the Walton and Hersham PCPG to make up the difference for 2005-06.

3. What need will this proposal address?

This will enable this PCPG to continue operating at the same level next year and give it the opportunity to properly reorganise its operations within the budget available or to seek alternative sources of funding.

4. What consultation has been undertaken?

This is a popular meeting well attended by the general public in Walton and Hersham.

5. Financial details of the proposal:

(i) What is the cost of the proposal?

£1,000

(ii) When is the funding required?

The funding will be required when the initial budget allocated by the Surrey Police Authority is exhausted.

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

Not for the Local Committee, it will be made very clear that this is a one off contribution.

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

This contribution has been set to match the funding already allocated by the Police Authority.

6. Local Director's Comments

I recommend that this proposal is agreed.

Local Capital Budget

A. Lower Mole Countryside Trust

1. Description of proposal:

Margaret Hicks has recommended that the Local Committee fund £5,000 towards the purchase of a new minibus.

2. What need will this proposal address?

The Lower Mole Countryside Trust is a charity which promotes countryside management in Elmbridge, Northern Mole Valley, Epsom and Ewell and southern Kingston. The Trust is linked with the Lower Mole Countryside Management Project, which engages local communities in volunteer practical work in their countryside. A minibus has been an essential part of the Project's work with volunteers, providing safe transport of volunteers, tools and materials to, from and around work-sites, however the minibus is now over ten years old and a new one is needed. The Trust has agreed to raise funds for a new minibus, which it would then loan to the Project. The quoted total cost of the vehicle is just under £19,000.

3. What consultation has been undertaken?

N/A

4. Financial details of the proposal:

(i) What is the cost of the proposal?

The Local Committee wishes to contribute £5,000 towards a new minibus for the Lower Mole Countryside Trust.

(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)?

To date the Local Committee for Epsom and Ewell has contributed £5,000 towards the cost of a replacement minibus.

5. Local Director's Comments

The Lower Mole Countryside Management Project provides a valuable service to Elmbridge, involving a number of local volunteers in countryside management work, which achieves practical results and also educates and informs. By contributing to the cost of a new minibus the Local Committee would be helping the Project to continue this good work. I recommend that the Local Committee supports this proposal.

B. Home Fire Risk Assessments

1. Name of member:

Andrew Crisp has recommended that the Local Committee contribute £5,000 from its £35,000 Members' Allocation Budget for capital projects for the voluntary sector to support the further development of the Home Fire Risk Assessment Project through Care and Repair, Elmbridge.

2. Description of proposal:

In 2003 the Local Committee funded the initial purchase of ten year smoke alarms to be used to establish a pilot Home Fire Risk Assessment Project based at Walton Fire Station. The aim of the project was for local fire fighters to train staff from a variety of agencies to identify fire risks when visiting vulnerable clients at home. The home visitor was also trained to give basic fire safety advice and, if appropriate, to ask whether the person would like to have a ten-year smoke alarm fitted. Smoke alarms would be fitted by Care and Repair and brief details of vulnerable people recorded on the Surrey Fire and Rescue database so that these were known in the event of a fire, and also so they could arrange for follow-up visits to be carried out a year after smoke alarms had been fitted.

Once the procedures around fire risk had been properly developed the remit of the project was widened to include advice about crime prevention and other general community safety advice for vulnerable people. The robust procedures and monitoring arrangements developed through this initial pilot have now been adopted county-wide.

The £3,000 originally allocated by the Local Committee on the recommendation of Andrew Crisp has now been entirely spent.

3. What need will this proposal address?

This will enable valuable safety equipment to be fitted in the homes of vulnerable people across the whole of Elmbridge and potentially save lives in the event of a fire.

4. What consultation has been undertaken?

The project is fully supported by the whole range of statutory agencies in Elmbridge and the voluntary sector are also now becoming involved.

5. Financial details of the proposal:

(i) What is the cost of the proposal?

£5,000

(ii) When is the funding required?

Immediately

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

It is hoped that the project will continue to run for many years, but it has been made clear to the project that there can be no assumption that the Local Committee will necessarily fund it each year.

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

Last year North Surrey Primary Care Trust Partnership Fund allocated funding of £7,500 to support this work in West Elmbridge.

6. Local Director's Comments

This is an extremely valuable and far reaching project and I fully recommend that the Local Committee support this request.
