



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

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL
LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE)
18 JULY 2005**

SUMMARY:

To receive a report setting out details of five proposals for expenditure of the local revenue budget and one proposal for expenditure of the local capital budget.

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

1. Ian Lake wishes to contribute £301.98 towards repairs to the Weybridge Jubilee Feature Clock.
2. Ian Lake wishes to contribute £1,000.00 towards renovation work of The World Mission Korean Presbyterian Church, Weybridge.
3. Margaret Hicks wishes to contribute £1,500.00 towards the production of The Geese Theatre Company at the 1 July North Surrey Domestic Abuse Forum conference on 'Children Who Witness Domestic Abuse'.
4. Dorothy Mitchell wishes to contribute £2,000.00 towards a Monday night Youth Café at Costa Coffee in Cobham.
5. Dorothy Mitchell wishes to contribute £1,000.00 to improve the public highway verge area on the northern side of Chilbrook Road, near its junction with Downside Road.

The proposal for expenditure of the local capital budget is to spend last year's unspent allocation of £17,500 as a contribution towards the Cobham Skatepark project.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

	Revenue	Capital
Local Budget 2005/06	£103,500.00	£35,000.00
Unallocated amount carried over from 2004/05	£17,180.27	£17,500.00
Expenditure committed to date	£0.00	£0.00
Current proposals	£5,801.98	£17,500.00
Remaining Balance	£114,878.29	£35,000.00

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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Local Revenue Budget

A. Weybridge Jubilee Clock Repair

1. Name of member:

Ian Lake

2. Description of proposal:

At the 15 October 2002 Local Committee meeting the committee agreed to fund £1,500 towards the cost of a clock to commemorate the Queen's Golden Jubilee, to be hung outside the Weybridge Hall. This clock is now in need of repairs, which Ian Lake wishes to fund from his member allocation.

3. What need will this proposal address?

This proposal will help improve the clock and ensure its continued functioning for the people of Weybridge.

4. What consultation has been undertaken?

N/A

5. Financial details of the proposal:

(i) What is the cost of the proposal?

Ian Lake wishes to contribute £301.98 for repairs to Weybridge Jubilee Clock.

(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. Area Director's comments

I recommend that the Local Committee supports this proposal, which will ensure that that the clock continues to be of benefit to the residents and visitors of Weybridge.

B. The World Mission Korean Presbyterian Church, Weybridge

1. Name of member:

Ian Lake

2. Description of proposal:

The World Mission Korean Presbyterian Church comprises of three Grade 2 star listed buildings (original domed chapel, adjoining ruined presbytery and main church), which have fallen into decay. Further to a meeting between Surrey County Council, Elmbridge Borough Council, English Heritage and Pastor Ho-Keun Kim (pastor of the church), a provisional grant offer for renovation work was made by English Heritage. This offer was finalised in March 2005 for £251,000. However, the cost of the renovation tender is £332,183, which, after qualifying for a refund of £46,786 in VAT on items excluding fees under the Places of Worship Grant Scheme, this leaves the church having to meet a cost of £34,397. Furthermore, other essential works, including the provision of disabled access in order to comply with the English Heritage public access requirements necessary to qualify for funding, do not qualify for English Heritage support. Consequently the church needs to raise a further £32,000.

3. What need will this proposal address?

The restoration of this church is vital to prevent demolition and the loss of a significant focus of Weybridge heritage. Furthermore, it would have a detrimental knock-on effect in terms of the preservation of other historic and architecturally worthwhile aspects of the town and the site itself could revert to development land.

4. What consultation has been undertaken?

Surrey County Council, Elmbridge Borough Council, English Heritage and the church itself have been involved in discussions to move forward with the renovation of the church.

5. Financial details of the proposal:

(i) What is the cost of the proposal?

Ian Lake wishes to contribute £1,000 towards the restoration programme for The World Mission Korean Presbyterian Church, Weybridge.

(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)?

£251,000 from English Heritage. Funding support is also being sought from suitable charities, local firms and individuals. The church itself will also attempt to raise money by organizing Piano, Violin and English classes using English tutors.

6. Area Director's Comments

This proposal will support the restoration of a major Weybridge landmark and help protect a significant focus of Weybridge heritage. I recommend that the Local Committee agrees to this proposal.

C. The Geese Theatre Company

1. Name of member:

Margaret Hicks

2. Description of proposal:

The Geese Theatre Company is a team of specialised theatre practitioners who use drama and theatre as a tool to explore issues, including domestic abuse. At the North Surrey Domestic Abuse Forum's conference on 1 July on 'Children Who Witness Domestic Abuse' the theatre company will perform 'Hidden', a play looking at the impact on a family (especially the children) experiencing domestic abuse and the agencies and community members who may become involved. The performance would be by 6 actors and would last one and a quarter hours.

3. What need will this proposal address?

The conference is to explore the effects of domestic abuse on children, who are often the hidden victims of domestic abuse. The Geese Theatre company's production 'Hidden', which is an interactive performance focusing on domestic abuse, is intended to consider domestic abuse from a child's perspective. It will provoke debate and consider the differing agencies (Police/Education/Health etc) that could (or should) become involved. The performance will complement the presentations by speakers and ensure that delegates understand fully the impact of domestic abuse on children.

4. What consultation has been undertaken?

The decision was taken by the Forum's Chairman and Support Officer.

5. Financial details of the proposal:

(i) What is the cost of the proposal?

The cost of the production is £1500

(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 overall cost of the conference is £3351.50, of which £1500 is for the Geese Theatre Company production. Delegates are being charged a £30 attendance fee which will help to cover the other costs of the conference (room booking, refreshments, speakers travelling expenses etc).

6. Area Director's Comments

The conference on 1 July is the first of its kind to be held in Surrey focusing on children who witness domestic abuse. The conference consists of an exciting programme and the performance by The Geese Theatre Company will help to bring to life to participants the issues surrounding and the impact of domestic abuse, especially on children. I recommend that the Local Committee agrees to this proposal.

D. Youth Café, Cobham

1. Name of member:

Dorothy Mitchell

2. Description of proposal:

Dorothy Mitchell wishes to contribute £2,000 towards a Monday night Youth Café at Costa Coffee in Cobham. The young people visiting the café will be able to play their own music and make the place their own for Monday evenings. Costa Coffee is also negotiating discounted coffee, drinks and snacks for the evening.

3. What need will this proposal address?

Youth Cafés are well received by young people. It will help contribute to the need for appropriate facilities for young people in Cobham, enabling them to meet their friends in a safe and friendly environment. It is hoped that such a facility will also help contribute towards a reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour as there is currently a concern over young people in Cobham being out on the streets with nowhere to go.

4. What consultation has been undertaken?

The establishment of this youth café is involving young people in Cobham, Costa Coffee, Surrey Police, SYDS and local councillors.

5. Financial details of the proposal:

(ii) What is the cost of the proposal?

£2,000

(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 staff at Costa Coffee have agreed to work for free and a Surrey Youth Development Service (SYDS) youth worker will also be present at the Youth Café.

6. Area Director's Comments

Similar youth café schemes have been established in Staines and Epsom and have proved to be extremely popular with young people. This café would be an excellent facility for young people in Cobham and I highly recommend that the Local Committee supports this proposal.

E. Improvement To The Public Highway Verge Area On The Northern Side Of Chilbrook Road

1. Name of member:

Dorothy Mitchell

2. Description of proposal:

To improve the public highway verge area on the northern side of Chilbrook Road, near to its junction with Downside Road.

3. What need will this proposal address?

Several years ago a number of unbound parking bays were constructed on the highway adjacent to Chilbrook Road. Unfortunately, a number of drivers have chosen to park on the highway verge when parking spaces are unavailable. This proposal involves reinstating a damaged section of verge and concreting in fence posts to prevent further vehicle obstruction.

4. What consultation has been undertaken?

Surrey Police has been consulted over this proposal.

5. Financial details of the proposal:

(i) What is the cost of the proposal?

£1000.00

(ii) When is the funding required?

July 05

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

No

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

No

6. Area Director's Comments

I fully recommend this proposal, as it will help to enhance a valuable area of public highway.

Local Capital Budget

A. Cobham Skatepark Project

1. Name of member:

Dorothy Mitchell

2. Description of proposal:

Local councillors and residents would like a skateboard facility located at the Leg of Mutton Field, Downside Bridge Road, Cobham. Following donations from local residents, a youth shelter has now been established at this location, but it is hoped that a skateboarding area can be constructed here as well. Depending on the size of the facility, it is estimated that this project will cost in the region of £50-80,000.

3. What need will this proposal address?

At present, young people in the local area have to travel to Leatherhead and Guildford to use the skateparks there and have been waiting for a long time for a skatepark in their area. Skateboarding areas are very popular with young people and help contribute to the variety of facilities which occupy and are of interest to young people.

4. What consultation has been undertaken?

Local councillors, residents and young people have been involved in discussions around a skateboarding facility in Cobham.

5. Financial details of the proposal:

(i) What is the cost of the proposal?

£17,500

(ii) When is the funding required?

Immediately

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

No – if Elmbridge Borough Council successfully includes this facility in their capital bid, they would meet the ongoing costs of the skateboard area.

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

Local residents are currently raising money towards this skateboarding area. Elmbridge Borough Council will be proposing this facility in its 2006/07 capital bid, but if sufficient external money is raised, then it could be constructed sooner.

6. Area Director's Comments

There is a great deal of support for this park amongst the young people in Cobham and the surrounding area. It is hoped that funding from the Local Committee will help encourage further match funding and speed the process along. I recommend that the Local Committee agrees to this proposal.
