



**PROPOSALS FOR EXPENDITURE OF
MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS**

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL
LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE)**

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KEY ISSUE:

To set out the funding available for County Councillors' allocations for 2006/07, and consider the requests received.

SUMMARY:

This report lists and makes recommendations on bids received for Members' Allocations that have been sponsored by at least one Member.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to consider the proposed expenditure from the Members' Allocation budget.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The budget for 2006/07 made available £99,000 to be spent on local projects to promote the social, environmental or economic well being of the people of Elmbridge. This amounts to £11,000 for each County Member of the Committee.
- 1.2 An additional capital allocation of £35,000 has been made available to each Surrey County Council Local Committee.
- 1.3 The sums currently committed are set out in the attached schedule, together with the balance remaining to be spent.

2. PROPOSALS FROM INDIVIDUAL REVENUE ALLOCATIONS

Projects can be summarised as follows:

2.1 BROCHURES – COBHAM DISTRICT DOG TRAINING CLUB

Member	Michael Bennison
Project cost	£2,000
Amount requested	£500

Summary of proposal

This project will provide funding for updating and reprinting the Cobham District Dog Training Club booklet that is handed out each term to new members. This will provide information for people attending the Tuesday classes, including training methods, veterinary advice and also promote health and safety for dogs and the public. Club members and the society will benefit from this through enhanced awareness by dog owners' of their responsibilities. The remainder of the funding for this project is to be found from club funds, advertising through local vets and pet shops.

2.2 ELMBRIDGE TAXI VOUCHER SCHEME

Member	Ernest Mallett, Thomas Phelps Penry, Peter Hickman
Project cost	£18,000 (funding 100 people, project ongoing)
Amount requested	£11,000 Ernest Mallett £ 2,080 Thomas Phelps Penry

Summary of proposal

This project will provide vouchers to vulnerable Elmbridge residents for payment, or part payment, of taxi fares. Scheme funders will identify vulnerable groups such as older people, people with disabilities, blind and partially sighted people, isolated younger families and youth groups. Vulnerable residents will benefit from this scheme as it will provide transport and access that is demand responsive and available at all times. Elmbridge Borough Council has committed £18,000 to ensure that the scheme has core funding for the future. Joint funding opportunities will also be sought to ensure the schemes continuation. Walton Charities have also committed £3,850 and it is proposed that other charities be approached. The scheme is being launched in Spring 2007. Other Surrey schemes have received money from their Local Committees and in some cases the Local Committees have solely funded these schemes.

If Members have any unallocated funds remaining they may wish to consider contributing further to this scheme.

2.3 RENOVATION OF THAMES DITTON GUIDE HUT

Member	Peter Hickman
Project cost	£55,750 (estimate)
Amount requested	£3,601

Summary of proposal

This funding will go towards the cost of the most urgent repairs to the toilets and kitchen roof of the guide hut. The guide hut currently has the following areas that will need repair/updating in the future:- leaking roof over toilets, main roof causing condensation on roof lining, heating, windows and no disabled toilet facilities. This will benefit almost 100 girls who are members of the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers predominantly from Thames Ditton but also from Long Ditton, West Green and Hinchley Wood. The additional funding is to come from existing savings and ongoing fundraising.

2.4 COBHAM/OXSHOTT HEALTH CHECK & TOWN PLAN

Member	Dorothy Mitchell
Project cost	£40,000
Amount requested	£1,140

Summary of proposal

This funding will go towards a co-ordinator for this project which is being set up by the Cobham Steering Group. The project will provide town plans and involve finding out the needs and aspirations of all sections of the community to influence decision makers and form a closer community working together. The additional funding will come from grants, local organisations and private donations.

Approximately £15,000 has already been found and more funds have been promised.

2.5 CAR FOR PCSO OFFICERS

Member Michael Bennison
Project cost £9,000
Amount requested **£1,750**

Summary of proposal

This project will provide the lease or purchase of a vehicle to support the work of Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) in Surrey. It will be beneficial to the PCSO's and the local community enabling a more rapid response to crime. The additional funding is still to be found and is under discussion with Elmbridge and Claygate Parish Council.

2.6 EXTENDED CCTV COVERAGE – QUEENS ROAD, WEYBRIDGE

Member Roy Taylor, Ian Lake
Project cost £25,000
Amount requested **£6,000** Roy Taylor
£2,705 Ian Lake

Summary of proposal

This project will install an additional CCTV camera on Queens Road, Weybridge. It will benefit all local residents and retail outlets by addressing local concerns and fear of crime. The rest of the funding has been promised by Elmbridge Borough Council, local retail outlets and a contribution from Cllr Ian Lake.

2.7 REPLACEMENT BLINDS – OATLANDS INFANTS SCHOOL

Member Roy Taylor
Project cost £3,000
Amount requested **£3,000**

Summary of proposal

This project will provide replacement of the existing venetian blinds and will make teaching conditions better. It will allow better use of computerised white boards and will benefit both schoolteachers and children.

2.8 WALTON FIRS FOUNDATION APPEAL

Member Roy Taylor
Project cost £800,000
Amount requested **£2,000**

Summary of proposal

This project has been set up to purchase Walton Firs scout campsite. The project will protect the site for the use of the scouts and guides in Elmbridge. £400,000 half the cost of the total project has already been pledged with the balance still to be raised.

2.9 POOL TABLE & WHITEBOARDS – CROMWELL COMMUNITY CENTRE

Member Thomas Phelps-Penry

Project cost £950

Amount requested **£950**

Summary of proposal

This project will provide a pool table and whiteboards for the community centre for the residents/tenants of the St. John's Estate in Walton-on-Thames. This will address the lack of leisure facilities available to the residents on this estate, especially the younger people.

2.10 REPLACEMENT BOILER – RIVERHOUSE BARN

Member Thomas Phelps-Penry

Project cost £9,369.45

Amount requested **£5,000**

Summary of proposal

This project will provide funds to replace the existing boiler with a condensing boiler. The present boiler is old and a new one would meet the latest legislation. This would benefit both the Riverhouse Barn which is a major cultural and musical centre for Elmbridge and members of the public who attend shows, events and classes at the venue. The rest of the funding will come from Riverhouse Barn's own reserve funds.

2.11 REFURBISHMENT OF KITCHEN – AJAX SEA SCOUTS

Member Peter Hickman

Project cost £5,335

Amount requested **£5,335**

Summary of proposal

This funding is to enclose and refurbish the kitchen area which will then enable the adjacent area to be a 'fit for purpose' training area for the Ajax Sea Scout Group. Many hundreds of youths would benefit by this as the Ajax Sea Scout Group train Sea Scouts from all over Surrey.

2.12 ELMBRIDGE JUNIOR CITIZEN SCHEME – ARTWORK

Member Margaret Hicks

Project cost £1,200

Amount requested **£ 400**

Summary of proposal

This project will be organised by Elmbridge Borough Council and Surrey Police through the Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership. It will provide funding to help design and produce a workbook or literature for the children that they can take this away with them thereby helping reinforce the positive messages from the sets. This scheme would be run by multi-agency staff and be for Elmbridge Year 6 children.

2.13 BENCHES & TABLE – ST JOHN’S ESTATE, WALTON

Member Thomas Phelps-Penry

Project cost £1,000

Amount requested **£ 1,000**

Summary of proposal

This project will be organised by Surrey Police and the Housing Trust and will provide 2 benches and 1 table. This will provide a meeting place in view of CCTV for the St. John’s residents. It will address the lack of leisure facilities available to the residents on this estate, especially the younger people.

2.14 PROJECTORS FOR ELECTRONIC WHITEBOARD – HEATHSIDE SCHOOL, WEYBRIDGE

Member Ian Lake

Project cost £14,000

Amount requested **£ 2,000**

Summary of proposal

This project will provide interactive white boards and PCs. The funding sort from the Local Committee will purchase 5 projectors at £400 each. This equipment will improve teaching and learning by significantly improving the access for students through increased provision of interactive whiteboards. It will personalise learning for students with an aim to enhance motivation. Particularly focussing on improving community awareness and citizenship using interactive materials. The need for improved facilities has been highlighted by the school’s self-evaluation process which included views of students, staff, governors and parents. The school parents’ association has promised the rest of the funding.

2.15 SAIL SHADE – ST JAMES SCHOOL, WEYBRIDGE

Member Ian Lake

Project cost £10,000

Amount requested **£ 4,995**

Summary of proposal

This project will provide shade for infant and junior school children preventing skin damage and possible future skin cancer. It will benefit 383 children who attend St James School. Research of available sail shade suppliers in Surrey has been undertaken. The rest of the funding for this project has already been promised from school fund raising.

2.16 OASIS CHILD CARE CENTRE

Member Ian Lake
Project cost £8,500
Amount requested **£1,000**

Summary of proposal

This project will provide a week's holiday during the school summer holidays for vulnerable children and their families in the Elmbridge area. Additional funds are being sought from the Local Network Fund.

2.17 HERSHAM IN BLOOM

Member Margaret Hicks
Project cost Ongoing
Amount requested **£1,068.60**

Summary of proposal

This project will provide funding for planting of shrubs, bulbs and flowers in the Hersham South Ward. It will also provide funds for promotional material and insurance. This will promote In Bloom and undertake working parties for a cleaner, greener and brighter environment for local people who live and work in Hersham. Additional funding is being sought from sponsorship.

2.18 HERSHAM LIBRARY

Member Margaret Hicks
Project cost £931.40
Amount requested **£931.40**

Summary of proposal

This project will provide funding for improvements to the interior of the library for purchase and fitting of carpet, 8 new chairs in the junior area and 4 in the adult area. This will benefit both younger and older people who use the library.

2.19 GET WRITING WITH ROSIE – HOTBUCKLE PRODUCTIONS

Member Margaret Hicks
Project cost £3,000
Amount requested **£489**

Summary of proposal

This project will provide funds to teach Elmbridge school children in years 3-6 creative writing. The funding from the Local Committee will pay for research to develop the Christmas Show 'The Smile that saved Christmas'. This will be presented by Hotbuckle Productions to local schools and Arts Centres over the Christmas period. The remainder of the funding is being sought through fundraising.

2.20 LIFE EDUCATION CENTRE VISITS TO WALTON OAK & GROVELANDS SCHOOLS

Member Rachael Lake (supported by Roy Taylor)

Project cost £1,128.00

Amount requested **£1,000.00**

Summary of proposal

This project replaces Rachael Lake's previous allocation of £1,000 for Walton and Hersham PCPG's (LC 23 March 2005) as the group has now been disbanded. Councillor Roy Taylor is supporting Councillor Rachael Lake in transferring these funds to this project which is run by One Elmbridge Partnership. It will provide a Life Education Centre Bus to visit Walton Oak and Grovelands Schools over one and a half days each. The bus will provide lifestyle information suitable for children aged from 4 to 11. Consultation has been carried out with both headteachers of the schools and the Elmbridge Crime Reduction Partnership who have identified these schools as being in areas that would benefit from these visits but do not have the financial capacity to fund them. The project will be beneficial to families, parents/carers and young people attending these two schools.

2.21 REFURBISHMENT OF COBHAM YOUTH CLUB RE-APPROVAL OF SPENDING OF ALLOCATION - LC 28/3/2006

Member Dorothy Mitchell

Project cost £4,500

Amount requested **£911**

Summary of proposal

This funding is the remainder of an allocation previously agreed at Local Committee on 28th March 2006. £1,500 had been allocated towards the purchase of a new football strip and the balance was to be spent on Youth Centre refurbishment. As the football strip had already been purchased prior to Committee approval only £589 was paid from £1,500 towards refurbishment work. Local Committee approval is now sought to spend the remaining £911 of this allocation on the redecoration of the Hall and office at Cobham Youth Centre.

2.22 YOUTH CYCLE PROJECT, STOKES FIELD

The Local Committee are asked to note that the £3,500 allocation from Peter Hickman's revenue grant is being refunded, as the project is no longer going ahead due to residents' and police concerns.

3. FUNDING REQUESTS FROM CAPITAL

Items can be summarised as follows:

3.1 INSTALLATION OF 6th FORM CYCLE STORAGE HEATHSIDE SCHOOL, WEYBRIDGE

Member	Ian lake
Project cost	£10,000
Amount requested	£10,000

Summary of proposal

This project will provide funding for the installation of a concrete base and cycle storage compound for 30 sixth form students' bikes. Heathside School has a travel plan and the need for this has been identified through meetings of the school's working group. This will provide a secure storage area for 6th Form students' bikes and prevent vandalism and theft.

3.2 SAFETY CAMPAIGN BANNERS – DRIVING SAFELY

Member	Dorothy Mitchell & Ian Lake
Project cost	£3,278.25
Amount requested	£2,749.50

Summary of proposal

This project will be carried out by Surrey Fire & Rescue Service to provide 3 sets of high profile, visual banners that will be displayed simultaneously at Esher, Painshill and Walton-on-Thames fire stations. This will be together with a media campaign and local initiatives to raise the awareness and educate the community of the consequences of driving at speed and driving safely. The initiative is aimed at reducing the statistics of killed and seriously injured people within the Borough and is in support of Elmbridge Borough Council's 'We Are What You Do' Campaign. The Elmbridge Community Partnership has identified speeding as a community safety priority and has agreed to work in partnership to drive down speeding related accidents and injuries by including it in the 'Building Safer Communities' section of the Elmbridge Sustainable Community Strategy 2006-2015. Surrey Safety Camera Partnership has promised the remaining funding. Example posters will be on display at the Local Committee meeting.

3.3 ELMBRIDGE JUNIOR CITIZEN SCHEME - TWO WAY RADIO

Member Margaret Hicks

Project cost £1,200

Amount requested £ 800

Summary of proposal

This project will be organised by Elmbridge Borough Council and Surrey Police through the Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership. It will purchase a replacement two-way radio which will assist staff with moving the children in an orderly and safe manner from set to set. It will allow the staff to communicate with each other in a busy environment to co-ordinate activities. This scheme would be run by multi-agency staff and be for Elmbridge Year 6 children.

3.4 REPAIR TO CEILING & FLOOR – COBHAM YOUTH CLUB

Member Dorothy Mitchell

Project cost £10,760.65

Amount requested £9,450.50

Summary of proposal

This project will repair the ceiling, decorate, sand down and reseal the wooden floor at Cobham Youth Club. This will provide a safe and healthy environment for activities and community groups thereby benefiting all users of the youth club. Consultation has taken place with Oren Gershon, Surrey County Council Facilities Manager and an estimate has been obtained from A.S. Ashcroft Ltd for £10,760.65. Surrey County Council has promised the remainder of the funding.

3.5 REPLACEMENT WINDOWS – COBHAM VILLAGE HALL

Member Dorothy Mitchell

Project cost £20,000

Amount requested £5,000

Summary of proposal

This project will provide replacement windows and doors for the village hall. Funding for the windows is requested from the Local Committee as these are past their effective use and not secure. This will benefit the residents of Cobham and also outside groups who hire and use the hall. The rest of the funding is being applied for from the Hall's own funds and also Awards for All.

4. CONCLUSION AND REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 The spending proposals put forward for this meeting have been assessed against the County standards for appropriateness and value for money and it is recommended that they should be approved.

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Project	Capital	Mike Bennison	Peter Hickman	Margaret Hicks	Ian Lake	Ernest Mallett	Dorothy Mitchell	Tim Oliver	Tom Phelps-Perry	Roy Taylor
Youth Cycle Project			£3,500							
Long Ditton Youth Project			£1,970							
Purchase of Lawn Mower				£300						
Cobham and District Town Appraisal							£3,000			
Heathside Student Council Community Link					£300					
St Johns Youth Group Paintballing Expedition									£200	
Walton Heritage Day – Cobham Brass Society									£270	
CCTV Rydens School				£6,770						
Information/ news booklet for the Christmas and New Year period produced by the Cobham & Downside RA							£1,000			
Oasis Childcare Centre							£2,500			
Long Ditton Youth Project – Provision of Craft Sessions			£94							
Stringalong music project by Walton Oak School									£1,500	

Project	Capital	Mike Bennison	Peter Hickman	Margaret Hicks	Ian Lake	Ernest Mallett	Dorothy Mitchell	Tim Oliver	Tom Phelps-Penry	Roy Taylor
Rapid Deployable Covert Camera for Surveillance		£5,000								
Claygate in Bloom		£2,000								
Fencing at 1 st Oxshott Scout Group HQ		£1,750								
Updating Cobham Christmas Lights							£2,000			
Christmas Tree & Bulb Planting, Stoke d'Abernon							£360			
Cobham in Bloom							£1,000			
Drinks Machine in Community Room at Walton Fire Station				£1,041						
Rapid Deployment Covert Camera for Surveillance	£7,000									
Balance	£28,000	£2,250	£5,436	£2,889	£10,700	£11,000	£1,140	£11,000	£9,030	£11,000