

# FUNDING DELEGATED TO THE LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR 2006-2007

## SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE (GUILDFORD) 30TH MARCH 2006

### **KEY ISSUE**:

Confirmation of the range of funding delegated to the Local Committee for 2006/7.

#### **SUMMARY:**

Initial discussions on how Members wish to use the funding allocated to the Committee for 2006/2007.

#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Committee is asked to agree

(i) How it intends to use the Local Committee Capital allocation of £100,000 as described in paragraph 1.5 below.

#### 1. **FUNDING FOR 2006/7**

1.1. In the Leader's Budget Speech to the full County Council on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2006, the arrangements for funds allocated to the Local Committee for next year were confirmed.

- 1.2. The same pots of funding were agreed, as follows:
  - a) <u>Local Revenue Allocation</u>: Acknowledging the importance of this funding, but balanced against the overall funding pressures on SCC, this amount has been reduced slightly to £11,000 per Member; down from £11,500 in 2005/6.
  - b) <u>Local Capital Allocation</u>: As the County Council has a bit more flexibility on capital monies (as opposed to revenue), the basic Capital Allocation of £100k per Committee is maintained.
  - c) <u>Local Capital Allocation for Voluntary Groups</u>: As with the above item, the Capital pot for Voluntary or Community Groups is maintained at £35k per Committee.
- 1.3. On the Local Capital Allocation of £100k, the actual amount is to be confirmed once the out-turn figures are known in July. Potentially an adjustment will need to be made for any over- or under-spend from 2005/6.
- 1.4. The principle that applies to this pot is that the Committee must use it for capital purposes and for any service(s) that they see fit for the Guildford area. Other Local Committees have used this pot to fund building works or the purchase of equipment for a range of schools, youth groups or other partnership schemes.
- 1.5. In previous years, the Committee have considered possible other uses of this £100k. However, given the continuing pressure on the transportation budget this money has been allocated to the Local Transport Plan Programme. In Item 9, on today's agenda, it is recommended that the full £100k be allocated to the LTP Programme for 2006/7. Before doing so, the Committee are asked to identify any alternative uses for some or all of this £100k.
- 1.6. In time for the next Local Committee on 15 June 2006, the Committee are encouraged to identify ways in which they would like to use both the Local Revenue Allocation (of £11k per Member) and the Local Capital Allocation for Voluntary Groups (of £35k per Committee).

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