



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

**PROPOSALS FOR THE COMMITTEE'S
CAPITAL AND REVENUE ALLOCATIONS**

24th June 2009

KEY ISSUE/DECISION:

To receive a report on the uses to be made of the Members' revenue and capital budgets for 2009-2010, noting actions carried out under delegated authority.

SUMMARY

The report summarises the framework and principles that govern the various delegated budgets to the Committee; gives information on funding applications approved under delegated authority after the last meeting of the Committee. The revenue and capital budgets available to the Committee in 2009-2010 are described along with options for dealing with these.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked:

- a. to agree how it intends to use the Local Committee Capital allocation of £100,000 as described.
- b. to agree the principles for the Local Capital budget of £35,000 for voluntary groups.
- c. to note the allocations agreed under delegated authority from the 2008/09 budget since the Local Committee meeting held on 11 March 2009.

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- d. to agree the return of £3857 of revenue funding to Marsha Moseley for reallocation in 2009-2010.
- e. to approve the delegation of the Community Safety budget of £14,500 to the Area Director for use with the Safer Guildford Partnership.

BACKGROUND

- 1 The County Council's revenue budget for 2009/10 makes available delegated funding to be spent on local projects to promote the well-being of the people of each borough or district area. For the current year this amounts to £8,250 for each of the 10 County Council Members of the Committee (a total of £82,500).
- 2 The overall Financial Framework within which Local Committee delegated budgets are deployed is set out in the County Council's Constitution. The underlying principle is that Local Committees are at liberty to spend on locally determined purposes that promote social, economic or environmental well-being, as required by the Local Government Act 2000.
- 3 Grants should:
 - Be directed to activities for which the County Council has legal powers
 - Meet demonstrable local needs
 - Deliver value for money so that there is evidence of the outcomes achieved
 - Be consistent with County Council policies
 - Be approved through a process that is open and transparent, consultative, accountable and auditable
 - Where appropriate, allow opportunities to be taken to pool funds with partner organisations
- 4 An additional capital allocation of £35,000 mainly for voluntary or community organisations has been made available to each Surrey County Council Local Committee. Capital means that it must be used for building or equipment that has an asset value of at least 12 months duration. Capital funds cannot be used for revenue purposes.
- 5 The Committee also has a separate Local Committee capital allocation of £100,000, which although traditionally allocated for transportation purposes, may be used for other functions. It is entirely in the Committee's gift to decide how this budget should be used in the current year.

PROPOSALS FOR THE CAPITAL ALLOCATION FOR 2009/10

- 6 Members are asked to consider whether they wish to identify a particular theme for the Local Capital budget for Voluntary Groups, i.e. the £35,000. In previous years the Committee have focussed this funding on Older People, vulnerable people and/or Carers (in 2008/9) and on Youth facilities in 2006/7.

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- 7 For the current year, the Area Director suggests that the focus be on Environmental Improvements to buildings or equipment on open spaces. By this he means those buildings or land that are owned or managed by voluntary organisations and that have community uses.

If the Committee agree to this proposal, or make other suggestions, then the availability of this funding will be widely distributed with a view to generating proposals from organisations for the Committee to consider at its December meeting.

PROPOSALS FROM INDIVIDUAL REVENUE ALLOCATIONS

- 8 The following projects have been agreed by the Area Director under delegated authority since the Local Committee meeting held on 11th March 2009:
From the 2008/9 budget:
- a. £200 for Olympics 2012 for LSP (Bill Barker)
 - b. £670 for staff room furnishings at Horsley Library (Bill Barker)
 - c. £855 for trip travel for 1st Burpham Brownies (Eddie Owen)
 - d. £328 for StreetCLASH (Eddie Owen)
 - e. £494 for Libertas (Marsha Moseley)
 - f. £500 for Sandfield Primary School special interests project (Sarah Di Caprio)
 - g. £1,000 for Guildford CAB IT equipment (Sarah Di Caprio)
 - h. £1,000 for Guildford Action furniture project (Sarah Di Caprio)
 - i. £1,000 for Highways to lower kerbstones at St Michael & All Angels Church (Mike Nevins)
 - j. £875 for Re-excavation at Puttenham Heath Road/Hook Lane (Tony Rooth)
 - k. £875 work to alleviate flooding at The Green, Seale (Tony Rooth)
 - l. £850 for desilting and regarding of highway ditch at Eashing Lane (Tony Rooth)
 - m. £850 for desilting and regarding of highway ditch at Thundery Hill (Tony Rooth)
 - n. £1,000 for desilting and regarding of highway ditches – Lombard St, Shackleford & Lower Eashing Lane

The Committee is asked to note the actions of the Area Director, under delegated authority.

In addition the Committee is asked to approve the return of £3857 of revenue funding to Marsha Moseley to be reallocated during 2009/10. This is from funding, agreed on 22.03.2007 for a feasibility study for a pedestrian crossing in Shawfield Rd., Ash.

SCC FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY

- 9 The County Council's contribution of funding for use in conjunction with the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships is this year set at £14,500 (of which £12,000 is ring-fenced for outreach with those affected by domestic abuse); the budget is formally delegated to the Local Committee, who is asked to delegate this sum to the Area Director.

- 10 This contribution would enable the County Council to share in the allocation of some £300,000+ for the work of the Safer Guildford Partnership in 2009-2010, and support the work of the joint Domestic Abuse Outreach service covering the boroughs of Guildford and Waverley.

CONSULTATIONS

- 11 The appropriate SCC services and partner agencies for each proposal have been consulted as detailed in each proposal document, appended to this report.

IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, EQUALITIES, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENTAL)

- 12 The proposals from the Members' allocations revenue are intended to enhance the wellbeing of Guildford residents and make best possible use of the funds available to the Local Committee.

CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 13 The spending proposals from the Members' allocations revenue put forward for this meeting have been assessed for appropriateness and value for money and it is recommended that they should be approved, to enhance the wellbeing of Guildford residents.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 14 Should Members agree the proposals from the Members' allocations revenue, officers will require recipient agencies to sign a brief funding agreement form (based on the attached documents and Committee's decision), and then transfer funds when the agency requires. Recipient agencies are required to: account for the way the money has been spent, identifying where outcomes have been achieved, include a credit for SCC Local Committee in any publicity, and meet other conditions of the funding agreement. Officers will continue the practice of preparing an annual report on the outcomes of the previous year's funding.
- 15 As part of their community leadership role, many Members will be in ongoing contact with projects for which they have proposed and secured funding. The input and perspective of Members on the effectiveness of local projects will be an important contribution to the ongoing monitoring of this funding.

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