

# SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE (GUILDFORD)

# PROPOSALS FOR THE COMMITTEE'S CAPITAL AND REVENUE ALLOCATIONS

# 30<sup>th</sup> September 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 approve the proposed expenditure from the Members' Revenue Allocation budget listed in paragraph 9 (and detailed in Appendix A).
- b. to note the allocations agreed under delegated authority from the 2009/10 budget since the Local Committee meeting held on 24 June 2009.
- c. to agree proposals for the Local Capital budget of £35,000 for voluntary groups, as detailed in paragraph 6.

d. to approve the return of funding to the relevant member/committee for projects where funding is no longer required (paragraphs 7 & 9).

#### 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 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.

#### PROPOSALS FOR THE CAPITAL ALLOCATION FOR 2009/10

- 5 Members are asked to propose possible projects from voluntary and community organisations, which could be, funded from the £36,600 (£35,000 + £1600 returned as per below) Capital allocation.
- 6 It is now formally proposed that the Capital Pot be used in 2009/10 for
  - Environmental improvements
  - Organisations for the disabled
  - Youth organisations

In addition it is proposed that this money be used for projects or organisations that serve large areas of the borough, so that there is as wide a number of beneficiaries as possible. In this respect, Members are asked to use the funding in large amounts, rather split it many ways. In the light of Recommendation d), if agreed, the proposed pot for the year would increase to £36,600. Therefore it is suggested that the Committee agree to the principle of awarding to just one project in each of the above categories, each one to receive £12,200.

- 7 If the Committee agrees to these suggestions, or makes other proposals, then the Local Partnership Team would advertise the availability of this fund and will process the bids for approval at the Committee to be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> 2009.
- 8 The committee is asked to note the return of £1600 to the capital allocation for 2009/10 agreed for the Lifetrain trust at the meeting held on 11th March 2009, as the proposed project is no longer viable.

#### PROPOSALS FROM INDIVIDUAL REVENUE ALLOCATIONS

9 The following projects have been agreed by the Area Director under delegated authority since the Local Committee meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2009:

From the 2009/10 budget:

- a) £200 for a Community Plan for Jacobs Well Residents Association (Mike Nevins)
- b) £1,000 for Guildford Arts youth workshops (Pauline Searle)
- c) £132 for flyer for the Shed youth club in Ripley (Bill Barker)

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

10 The following proposals are for consideration and decision at this committee and listed in Annexe A:

a. £1500 for equipment for Little Shrubs Gardening club (David Goodwin)

b. £2928 for a disability access ramp for St Francis Church (Fiona White)

c. £2,000 for playground markings for the Raleigh School, West Horsley (Bill Barker)

In addition the Committee is asked to approve the return of the following funds agreed at previous committee meetings on 11th March 2009 and on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2007, to be reallocated during 2009/10:

a. £1930 for the Lifetrain Trust to Keith Taylor (project is no longer viable).

b. £5,000 for St Lukes Path to Mark Brett-Warburton (project is no longer going ahead).

c. £2,000 for Community Speedwatch equipment to Mark Brett-Warburton (no further equipment required).

#### **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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#### PROPOSAL FOR EXPENDITURE OF LOCAL BUDGET

 Name of Member:	David Goodwin
Name of project:	Little Shrubs Gardening Club
Organisation responsible for carrying out the project?	Home Group
Description of Project: What outcomes are expected? What needs will it address? What geographical area will it cover? Who will benefit? How many people?	Gardening Club for young people. This is a continuing project that has helped to remove vandalism from the estate and help build a community spirit. Previously Police received 10 – 15 calls of anti-social behaviour or vandalism a day this has been reduced to approximately one a month since the club started. Benefiting 70 properties (150 children) in the Joseph Rd/Hamilton Gordon Court/ Langley Close.
Who has been consulted?	Continuation of a project already successful.
When will the project be started and completed? When will outcomes be seen?	Ongoing since October 2007.
What is the total cost of the project? Estimate/breakdown of costings.	Ongoing costs
Amount and purpose of proposed Local Committee funding?	£1500 for new tools, gloves, wood for the new raised garden areas, plants and bulbs for the spring.
What alternative funds have been sought or secured?	Home group budget £696 (2009- 10). A donation of £250.00 from the Surrey Police
Has any other part of Surrey County Council been approached for this funding?	No
Has the Local Committee given funding for this purpose in the past?	No
If this project will need funding in future, how will that be met?	Home Group budget for this project each year. We intend to approach the youth funds next year as the young people are growing up so the funds we can apply for change.
Area Director's / SCC Service Manager's comments	The Area Director recommends approval
Date of Local Committee	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2009

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#### PROPOSAL FOR EXPENDITURE OF LOCAL BUDGET

Name of Member:	Fiona White
Name of project:	Ramp installation St Francis Hall
Organisation responsible for carrying out the project?	St Francis District Church Council
Description of Project: What outcomes are expected? What needs will it address? What geographical area will it cover? Who will benefit? How many people?	To install a ramp and steps that meet legal requirements for disability access. The present one does not do that. To make safe access for those with mobility difficulties. The area within the grounds of the hall. Any community group using the hall. Presently about 60 but numbers increasing regularly.(see attached plan)
Who has been consulted?	Diocese of Guildford advisory committee. And A Smith building contractor.
When will the project be started and completed? When will outcomes be seen?	Immediately we have the funds. Completed within a week. Outcome will be seen Immediately.
What is the total cost of the project? Estimate/breakdown of costings.	Total Cost £2928
Amount and purpose of proposed Local Committee funding?	£2928.
What alternative funds have been sought or secured?	No other funds have been sought as we have a number of projects to carry out and therefore will be contacting other charities for work needing doing.
Has any other part of Surrey County Council been approached for this funding?	No
Has the Local Committee given funding for this purpose in the past?	No
If this project will need funding in future, how will that be met?	From funds raised by the District Church Council.
Area Director's / SCC Service Manager's comments	The Area Director recommends approval.
Date of Local Committee	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2009

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#### PROPOSAL FOR EXPENDITURE OF LOCAL BUDGET

Name of Member:	Bill Barker
Name of project:	Reception/year 1 playground
Organisation responsible for carrying out	The Raleigh School, West
the project?	Horsley
Description of Project:	To create play markings on
What outcomes are expected? What	the hard surface and provide
needs will it address? What geographical	outside play resources giving
area will it cover? Who will benefit? How	opportunities for more
many people?	creative play for 60 children
	on the areas outside 2 x
	reception and 2 x year 1
	classrooms.
Who has been consulted?	Appropriate staff.
When will the project be started and	As soon as funds available.
completed? When will outcomes be	The outcomes will be seen
seen?	almost immediately.
What is the total cost of the project?	£2,500 coloured playground
Estimate/breakdown of costings.	markings.
Amount and purpose of proposed Local	£2,000
Committee funding?	
What alternative funds have been sought	£300 raised through cake
 or secured?	sales
Has any other part of Surrey County	no
Council been approached for this	
funding?	61 E00 towards fassing
Has the Local Committee given funding for this purpose in the past?	£1,500 towards fencing 8/10/08
ior and purpose in the past?	£5,000 for fencing & a
	security gate 6/3/03
If this project will need funding in future,	School resourcing when
how will that be met?	available
Area Director's / SCC Service Manager's	The Area Director
comments	recommends approval.
Date of Local Committee	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2009