

BIDS FOR MEMBERS LOCAL ALLOCATION FUNDING

**Local Committee for Mole Valley
26 November 2003**

KEY ISSUE:

To consider 3 further bids against the Members' Local Allocation received since the Committee last met

SUMMARY:

Three bids are presented, one of which falls below the Committee's agreed threshold of £500 and is presented for noting only. The current balance of the Local Allocation expenditure, including the £9,000 proposed in these three bids will now be £56,627 – 53% of the fund..

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Local Committee

- (i) Approves the bid for £5,000 proposed for Mulberry Youth Centre**
- (ii) Notes the two other bids which have already been agreed**

OUTLINE OF BIDS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Mulberry Centre - £5,000 (Proposed by Hazel Watson)

The Mulberry Centre in Dorking is seeking funding for re-decoration of the sports hall and the purchase of additional equipment. Because the height of the ceiling precludes the young people from undertaking this work themselves, quotes have been received for the decoration to be done professionally. The approved quote is for £4,400. Additionally the centre wishes to install a new table tennis table (Quote received for £342), and speakers (est up to £250). The bid is therefore up to £5,000, subject to the price of speakers being confirmed.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Local Committee approves this funding subject to a confirmed costing for speakers

2. River restoration project at Rye Brook – up to £3,500 (Proposed by David Gollin)

This project aims to restore meanders to the channelised sections of the Rye, thereby increasing sinuosity, as well as creating pools and riffles in the bed of the brook. This will increase the flood storage capacity of the Rye Brook and create new wetland habitats within the river corridor. The combination of these features and the restored natural features reduce the current flooding in residential areas. Phase 1 of this project is expected to cost £50,000, of which £35,000 is being sought from the SITA Trust. To secure this funding a 10% contribution from 3rd parties is required. The proposal is to underwrite this sum (£3,500) to enable the bid to go ahead but to encourage the Project to seek other contributors as well. If the bid is successful, the funding will be needed in February 2004

Please note that, since the bid needed to be submitted by the end of October, this has been approved and is presented for information only.

3. The third bid is presented for information since it has already been approved as falling below the agreed threshold. The bid for £500, sponsored by Helyn Clack, is towards pool related costs at Newdigate Endowed C of E Infant School since the pool is a community resource.

REVISED POSITION OF FUND

4. With the approval of these three bids, the amount of the fund now committed is £56,627, representing 53% of the total amount available this year. Adjustments since the last report have included the dropping of some projects that had previously been agreed but are not now proceeding. Spending to date has covered a wide range of categories but young people and transport have been the most heavily supported.

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