



MEMBERS' LOCAL ALLOCATION

Local Committee for Mole Valley

8 December 2004

KEY ISSUE:

To consider any bids made against the Members' Local Allocation fund for 2004/05.

SUMMARY:

Members are asked to approve three new proposals and note a fourth.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The committee is asked:

- (i) to approve a proposal for £5,000 for the East Surrey Rural Transport Forum to pilot an evening demand responsive bus service on two evenings a week to the residents of Fetcham and Bookham
- (ii) to approve a proposal for £2,000 for improvements to the playground facilities at Eastwick Junior School
- (iii) to approve a proposal for £2,000 towards costs of the second Leatherhead Drama Festival
- (iv) to note the proposal of £400 to construct a drop kerb in order to allow access to wheel chair users via Greville Court

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SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR MOLE VALLEY

PROPOSAL FOR EXPENDITURE OF LOCAL REVENUE BUDGET 2004/05



1. Member

James Smith (Bookham and Fetcham West)

2. Description of proposal

To provide a pilot evening demand responsive bus service on two evenings a week to the residents of Fetcham and Bookham.

3. Need to be addressed.

The demand responsive transport service will allow residents who do not have their own transport to make journeys into Leatherhead, Dorking or Epsom for social and leisure activities. This may involve several people joining together to travel to the theatre or for a single person to travel to visit friends. The bus could also be used to travel back from Epsom Hospital at the end of visiting time.

4. Outcomes sought

To improve people's quality of life by providing transport to various activities, which they have not been able to do due to their lack of personal/public transport.

5. Consultation undertaken

The residents associations of both Fetcham and Bookham met to discuss what transport they needed. The daytime Buses 4U service was seen as being especially useful for shopping trips, this can be accommodated within it's schedules from January 2005. There was overwhelming support for an evening service along the same lines as the daytime one. The local communities have suggested that for the length of the pilot scheme, a Tuesday and Friday would be popular days to travel on.

6. Financial details

(i) Cost

The cost to operate an evening demand responsive bus service would be £140 per night. Therefore a grant of **£5,000** would cover a pilot of up to 18 weeks duration to include two evenings a week.

(ii) Timing

From the start of January 2005.

(iii) Further implications

No, if the pilot is deemed to be a success then funding will be sought from other sources, possibly from commercial organisations in the area, to keep the service going.

(iv) Matching funding etc.

Passengers will pay the daytime fares on the service, they being £1 per single journey up to 4 miles (£2 return) or for journeys over 4 miles £2 single (£4 return). Revenue collected on bus will be used to offset some of the printing and publicity costs.

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1. Member

James Smith (Bookham and Fetcham West)

2. Description of proposal

Eastwick Junior School playground improvements

3. Need to be addressed.

To improve the playground landscape and facilities at the school by improving the “quiet” area where children spend their break, lunchtime, and some lesson time. This will involve the installation of trellis and fencing around the tarmac and grassed area, building a raised planting area with scented garden, and replacing an existing shed. The PSA would also like to install “activity panels” and “talking tubes” for the children to use during break times.

4. Outcomes sought

- To improve the facilities for children with special needs including wheelchair access to the grassed area.
- To provide covered seating with picnic style tables and a pergola.

5. Consultation undertaken

The Parent and Staff Association have been consulted, who in turn have been in touch with several community organisations in the course of their fundraising efforts.

6. Financial details

a. Cost

£2,000

b. Timing

Work will be carried out within the next 6 months.

c. Further implications

None.

d. Matching funding etc.

The first phase of this project cost £31,200 and the majority of money was raised by the PSA and school children.

The total cost of the second phase of this project is £5,439. Approximately £2,500 has been raised through the fundraising efforts of the PSA.

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1. Member

Bob McKinley (Leatherhead and Fetcham East)

2. Description of proposal

Contribution towards the costs of the second leatherhead Drama Festival. The costs have risen significantly compared to the costs in 2004.

3. Need to be addressed.

The Festival, a worthwhile cultural event in its own right, will provide an important step in community building within Leatherhead, and in the regeneration of the town and re-emphasis of its role as a focus for the surrounding village communities. It will also provide a specific showcase for youth drama and, as in 2004, the possibility of participation by disabled groups.

4. Outcomes sought

A successful, inclusive, smooth-running and well publicised festival, bringing in groups – both for adults and for young people – from all parts of the surrounding area.

5. Consultation undertaken

The consultation has widespread support in the local community, including District Councillors.

6. Financial details

a. Cost

£2,000

b. Timing

As soon as possible, to meet the costs that will be incurred in advance.

c. Further implications

None.

d. Matching funding etc.

Total costs are estimated at £18,500. Ticket and programme sales are expected to produce £10,000 and a "Friends" scheme £1,500. Contributions have been sought from Mole Valley District Council and locally based businesses.

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1. Member

James Smith (Bookham and Fetcham West)

2. Description of proposal

Access via Greville Court, Bookham – drop kerb.

3. Need to be addressed.

In order for wheel chair users and disabled people to travel safely from the south side of Bookham to the north side of Bookham, the route travelled is from Crabtree Lane across the A246 along the footpath by Eastwick Road and then along Keswick Road for a short distance until Greville Court. The last part of Eastwick Road has no footpaths and is therefore unsafe for wheel chair users. Greville Court is a private development and access to the footpath from Greville Court to St. Nicholas Avenue is impeded to wheel chair users is impeded because there is no drop kerb at the beginning of the footpath going north towards the Puffin crossing.

4. Outcomes sought

To enable wheel chair users and disabled people to travel safely from the south side of Bookham to the north side of Bookham.

5. Consultation undertaken

Bookham Residents Association has been consulted. Several residents experiencing difficulty on this stretch of road have contacted them asking that the access on this route to be investigated.

6. Financial details

a. Cost

£400

b. Timing

As soon as possible.

c. Further implications

SCC does not maintain the area in question as it is on private land. The funding is granted on the condition that the SCC Highways department cannot meet any ongoing maintenance costs.

d. Matching funding etc.

Bookham Residents Association has made a contribution of £150 towards the total cost of £535.