



ANNUAL REPORT 2004/05

Local Committee for Mole Valley 23 February 2005

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Local Committee for Mole Valley has met formally 8 times during the past year. The committee meets in two modes – generic and transportation. When in generic mode, decisions are taken by County members only. Decisions taken in the transportation committees continue to be taken jointly with district colleagues who continue to participate as members of the local committee.
- 1.2 In addition, district and county members have met informally on 2 occasions to discuss issues of joint concern. This reports reviews the decisions made by the local committee and the distribution of the members' local allocation fund.

2. Public Engagement

- 2.1 Generic meetings continued to be held in the evening in venues across Mole Valley. This year the committee has visited Westcott, Headley, Beare Green and Ashted. Committee meetings have been followed by open forums, so that members of the public an opportunity to put questions to the committee.
- 2.2 The committee agreed a public engagement protocol in November 2004. This relaxed the standing orders governing committee procedure. Members of the public can now turn up and present a petition or ask a question at the local committee without giving advance notice in writing.

3. Service Performance Monitoring

- 3.1 By April of 2005 the Local Committee will have examined the performance of the following County Council services in Mole Valley:

- Children's Services
- Adults and Community Care
- Transportation and Highways
- Youth Development
- Early Years Development
- Libraries
- Education

The decisions and/or actions arising from scrutiny of non-transportation services are appended at **Annexes A and B**.

4. Partnership Working

Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership

- 4.1 The Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) provided regular updates communicated through the Partnership Group (formerly Liaison Group). The main focus of activity for the CDRP in the past year has been the three yearly Crime Audit, which was carried out during the summer and autumn of 2004 ahead of consultation workshops in November 2004. The workshops outlined the proposed priorities for the new three-year strategy – namely tackling crime, reassuring communities, and making roads safer. The multi-agency workshops gave local committee members an opportunity to shape the new 2005-2008 community safety strategy for Mole Valley. Members had a further opportunity to suggest priorities for the **reassuring communities** priority at their local committee meeting in February 2005, where they held an extended discussion with partners on community safety.
- 4.2 A joint SCC / Surrey Police road safety strategy local action plan was presented to the local committee in September 2004. In future, an annual progress report on progress towards **road safety** targets will be presented to the Local Committee and the Partnership Group.

Community Planning and the Community Leadership

- 4.3 The Mole Valley Community Strategy was published in March 2003. The strategy is currently under review by the Local Strategic Partnership (formerly the Shared Agenda Group).

- 4.4 A joint workshop with county and district members was held in July 2004 to outline the process for review of the strategy. The Partnership Group agreed in September that one county and one district Member would sit on the Local Strategic Partnership.

Self Reliance

- 4.5 Members continued to support self-reliance initiatives in North Leatherhead and North Holmwood. Financial support was also given to Capel and Headley Parish Councils and Bookham Residents Association to help with the costs of carrying out a village / parish plans for their respective communities.

5. Funding

- 5.1 Each County Councillor in Mole Valley used their individual local revenue allocations of £12,500 to spend on community projects of their choosing – many reflecting key county council priorities. An additional £35,000 capital allocation was made available to the committee for funding requests from voluntary and community groups. A complete list of projects funded throughout 2004/05 is listed in **Annexe B**.
- 5.2 The largest proportion went of funding projects for Children and Schools, followed by projects relating to Adults and Community Care. The remainder of the budget was spent on the areas of self-reliance, transport and highways, young people, and the environment.
- Children and Schools - £35,266
 - Adults and Community Care - £8,000
 - Self Reliance - £6,985
 - Transport and Highways - £6,000
 - Young People - £5,614
 - Environment - £2,355
 - Other Projects - £18,500

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ANNEXE A:

CHECKLIST OF GENERIC DECISIONS MADE BY THE LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR MOLE VALLEY 2004/05

27 April 2004

Members' Local Allocation

The Committee:

- (i) Approved the bid of £1750 for Fetcham Village Hall
- (ii) Noted an additional bid of £500 tabled at the meeting

Children's Service

The Committee agreed to:

- (i) Note the report
- (ii) Comment on areas for further development
- (iii) Identify any service developments that could be supported through the allocation of members' grants

Adults and Community Care

The Committee agreed to:

- (i) Provide comment and feedback on the content of the report and the operation of the service
- (ii) Comment on the information in the report and how future reports might be presented

7 July 2004

Members' Local Allocation

The committee:

- (i) Approved a bid of up to £6,100 for The Jubilee Nursery
- (ii) Approved the bid of £4,000 for Dorking Nursery as previously agreed by members.
- (iii) Noted the bid of £500 for Newdigate Infants School.

Access to Services in Rural Areas

The committee agreed to:

- (i) Note these papers as a basis for the discussions with key partners and members of the public.
- (ii) Through discussion and facilitation from officers as appropriate, identify actions for the future.
- (iii) Consider where members' local allocations might assist in supporting developments and encouraging funding from other sources.

17 November 2004

Members' Local Allocation

The committee resolved:

- (i) to approve the proposal of £2,500 for ALDAG
- (ii) to approve the proposal of £600 for the Ashtead Good Neighbours scheme
- (iii) to note the proposal of £500 to undertake a village assessment for Bookham

Public Engagement

The committee resolved:

- (i) to adopt the local protocol as set out in Annexe 1
- (ii) to appoint the task group as described in paragraph 3.6
- (iii) to note the timetable for scrutiny as set out in Annexe 2
- (iv) to note the terms of reference as set out in Annexe 3

Young People

The committee resolved:

- (i) to note these papers as a basis for the discussions with key partners
- (ii) to consider where members' local allocation fund might assist in improving facilities and access to information and support for young people, and encouraging funding from other sources
- (iii) to identify an effective process for communications between Youth Voice and the Local Committee

Task Group Feedback

The committee resolved:

- (i) that the satisfactory performance of the Youth Development Service be noted
- (ii) that the local committee has concerns in relation to the YDS budget and staffing problems

2 February 2005

Members' Local Allocation

The committee resolved:

- (i) to approve the bids for Members' Local Allocation detailed in the report
- (ii) to note the approval of smaller bids as detailed
- (iii) to delegate the remainder of the local community safety funding to the Local Director in consultation with the members of the committee
- (iv) to approve a further two bids tabled at the meeting

Task Group Feedback

The committee noted:

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- (i) the satisfactory performance of the Library Service
- (ii) the modified mobile library service, with the newly established timetable across the district
- (iii) the continuing challenges to the library service of alternative means of obtaining and using information, and access to books and other resources for leisure
- (iv) the efforts of the library staff to maximise income to further increase book fund wherever possible

**ANNEXE B:
MEMBERS' LOCAL ALLOCATION FUND – 2004/05 SUMMARY**

Adults and Community Care

Mayflower Centre - £500
ALDAG - £2,500
Christian Centre, Dorking - £5,000

Children and Schools

Playaway Pre-School - £11,666
St. Michaels' Community Nursery - £11,000
Jubilee Nursery - £6,100
Dorking Nursery - £4,000
Eastwick Junior School - £2,000
Newdigate Infant School - £500

Environmental Projects

Charlwood Parish Council Lawnmower - £1,000
Walliswood Cesspit - £1,000
Buckland Community Composter - £355

Transport and Highway

Buses4U Fetcham and Bookham Pilot - £5,000
Ashtead Good Neighbours - £600
Greville Court Drop Kerb - £400

Other Projects

Leatherhead Healthcheck - £12,500
All Saints' Church Vestry - £2,500
Leatherhead Drama Festival - £2,000
Beare Green Sports Pavilion - £1,000
Forest Green Village Hall - £500

Self Reliance

North Holmwood Community Development - £5,000
Mole Valley Credit Union - £600
Bookham Village Survey - £500
Headley Parish Plan - £500
Capel Village Plan - £385

Young People

Ashtead Scout Hut - £2,000
Ashtead Guide Hut - £2,000
The Crypt Youth Club - £1,614