



MEMBERS' LOCAL ALLOCATION

Local Committee for Mole Valley 20 July 2005

KEY ISSUE:

To consider bids against the Members' Local Allocation funding for 2005/06 and to note the approval of other bids that fall below the £500 threshold.

SUMMARY:

Members are asked to consider 3 bids for funding from the Members' Local Allocation. These are:

- £5000 towards the cost of a new building for Capel Pre-School
- £5000 to extend the evening pilot for the Buses4U scheme
- £2652 to replace 100 chairs at the Queen Elizabeth Foundation Development Centre (for use by The Freewheelers Theatre Company)

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The local committee is asked:

- (i) to approve the bids for Members' Local Allocation as detailed in the report totalling £12,652
- (ii) to note the approval of bids that fall below the £500 threshold totalling £3,300

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Members' Local Allocation Fund was introduced in 2002/03 when Local Committees were first established across Surrey. The principle was that each Member had discretionary control over a sum of funding which could be used locally. The use of the funding was not prescribed but it was provisional on it being broadly spent in line with the County Council's strategic priorities, and was formally approved by the Local Committee itself.
- 1.2 In 2005/06 each Member has a revenue allocation of £11,500. In addition, each Local Committee has £35,000 of capital allocation to be spent on voluntary organisations.
- 1.3 The County Council audit department has recommended a standardised checklist for the consideration of bids.
- Is there sufficient funding available?
 - Is the application in respect of a county service or in keeping with the well-being legislation?
 - Is the project compatible with County Council policy?
 - Does the project overlap with or militate against activity funded by the County Council?
 - Does the project offer value for money?
 - Is there any other source of funding for the same project?
 - Is there reason to doubt that the money could go to a real organisation or group?
 - If the money is for an improvement relating to a non-council property, is there reasonable assurance that the property is likely to remain in use for an acceptable period, and is it appropriate to ask for a refund on disposal?

2. BIDS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 2.1 A number of bids that exceed the £500 threshold have been submitted for consideration. These are detailed in the proposal forms listed in Annexe A.

3. BIDS FOR NOTING

- 3.1 The Local Committee has also agreed a number of bids that fall below the £500 threshold and do not, therefore, require further approval.
- £400 for Friends of St.Nicholas Church (Jim Smith)
 - £400 additional contribution towards renovation costs of the Ashted Guide Hut (David Gollin)
 - £500 for Friends of Acorn School (Helyn Clack)
 - £500 for the Millennium Kneeler Project by Leigh Broderers

- £500 contribution to Charlwood Players towards the costs of their Alice in Wonderland production (Helyn Clack)
- £500 contribution towards replacing the kitchen at Leigh Cricket Club
- £500 towards the training and development costs for the Junior Colts section at the Mynthurst Cricket Club

4. REMAINING FUNDING

- 4.1 The total revenue allocation for 2005/06 was £69,000 with an additional £23,458 carried forward from 2004/05. The total capital allocation for 2005/06 was £35,000 with an additional £10,667 carried forward from 2004/05. Therefore, the total Members' Local Allocation Funding available for 2005/06 is £138,125.
- 4.2 The total value of the bids outlined in this report is £15,952. If approved, this would leave a balance for the year of £122,173 or 88% of the total fund.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:	Previous Members' Local Allocation Reports
