



## OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)

### LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING

11<sup>th</sup> June 2008

#### KEY ISSUE

To consider the proposals contained within the report for Local Committee (Mole Valley) delegated funding from the 2008/09 budget.

#### SUMMARY

Members are asked to consider 7 proposals for formal approval from the funding from the Members' Local Allocation. Detailed proposals are outlined in Annex A:

- £2,500 capital funding Little Bookham Village Hall
- £6,000 Additional Lighting on Pixham Lane
- £2,500 Leatherhead Drama Festival
- £1,500 No Cold Calling Zones
- £4,100 Taxi Vouchers
- £1,000 Forty Foot Playgroup
- £1,000 The Grange Centre

Member are asked to note 1 bid that fall below the £1,000 threshold:

- £500 Ralph Vaughan Williams Anniversary Festival

Full details of the bids will be available on the day half an hour before committee begins.

## **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**The Local Committee (Mole Valley) is asked to:**

- (i) to approve the proposals detailed in Appendix A totalling £18,600**
- (ii) to note the approval of proposals which fall below the £1,000 threshold totalling £500**
- (iii) to note the change of funding from capital to revenue for a Stephen Cooksey bid worth £533**

## **1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Surrey County Council's Local Committees have been delegated power to take decisions in response to local needs within the County Council's power of well-being, up to a maximum sum per County Council member of the Committee. In addition the County Council have also delegated a capital sum to Local Committees. This funding is determined annually as part of the Council's budget process.

## **2 FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK FOR LOCAL COMMITTEES**

- 2.1 To give Local Committees maximum flexibility, the key underlying principle is that Local Committees are at liberty to spend on locally determined purposes that meet local social, economic or environmental well-being.
- 2.2 The Local Committee has previously resolved that priorities for spending the delegated funding should come from the County Council's corporate plan, or the Mole Valley Community Strategy, or other sources, or any combination of these.
- 2.3 The Committee has agreed a process for agreeing small funding allocations (up to £1,000) outside of formal committee meetings, with approval delegated to the Area Director in consultation with members. Any allocations approved through this process are detailed in Paragraph 3.3.

## **3 LOCAL COMMITTEE DELEGATED BUDGETS 2007/08**

- 3.1 At the annual budget meeting the County Council approved delegated funding to Local Committees of £11,000 revenue funding per County Council member and £35,000 capital for voluntary organisations per Committee.
- 3.2 A number of bids have been submitted for consideration, which exceed the £1,000 threshold. These are detailed in **Annexe A**.
- 3.3 7 proposals totalling £18,600 have been submitted and approved since the last meeting. Members are asked to note their approval.
- 3.4 Following the end of year review a bid approved at the local committee in March 2008 has had to be reclassified as a revenue bid rather than a capital bid. Therefore Stephen Cooksey has seen his capital allocation for 2008/09 increase by £533 while his revenue decrease by £533.

## **4 OPTIONS**

- 4.1 It is open to the Local Committee to approve the proposals for funding or not.

## **5 CONSULTATIONS**

- 5.1 Consultation may have been carried out by the organisation receiving funding, the local Member or by the Local Partnerships Team, depending on the project. Further details are available on request.

## **6 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 The Local Committee delegated revenue funding for 2008/09 is £66,000 (£11,000 per County Councillor).

6.2 The Local Committee capital funding for 2008/09 is £35,000.

## **7 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 The Local Committee funding can be allocated to projects that benefit a diverse range of community needs.

## **8 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 The Local Committee funding can be allocated to projects that benefit a diverse range of community safety needs.

## **9 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

9.1 Surrey County Council Local Committees receive delegated funding to allocate on locally determined purposes that meet local social, economic or environmental well-being.

9.2 The Local Committee is asked to consider the items submitted for funding from 2008/09 Local Committee delegated revenue budget as detailed in the report.

## **10 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

10.1 The spending proposals put forward for this meeting have been assessed against the County standards for appropriateness and value for money and it is recommended that they should be approved.

## **11 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

11.1 If approved by the Local Committee, organisations will be approached to sign funding agreements for their projects, based on the bids submitted.

11.2 The Local Partnerships will process all payments as soon as possible once the agreement has been received.

11.3 Any proposals for consideration at the next formal Local Committee should reach the Local Committee & Partnership Officer no later than 10<sup>th</sup> September 2008

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS** Local Committee funding bids

**Annex B**

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

The County Council's Corporate Plan 2007/08, *One: Outstanding Council Making Surrey a better place*, sets out the following four priorities:

- Improving highways and maintaining roads;
- Ensuring that looked after children grow up better equipped for life, in particular through education;
- Increasing the number of vulnerable adults able to live independently;
- Increasing waste minimisation and recycling.