



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(MOLE VALLEY)**

£100,000 revenue funds for highways

23 September 2009

KEY ISSUE

To approve the use of £100,000 revenue money for highway issues in 2009/10.

SUMMARY

The Local Committee has £100,000 revenue funds for use on highways in Mole Valley. This report recommends allocating £5,000 for each division and £70,000 for feasibility and consultation work on integrated transport schemes.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) is asked to agree that:

The £100,000 revenue funding allocation that is available to the Local Committee in 2009/10 be used as set out in Annexe A.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In 2009/10, there is £1.1 million revenue money provided across the 11 Local Committees for highways. Last year's funds were used by the Local Committees for a diverse set of local priorities including additional grass cuts, hedge trims and road repairs. The Mole Valley Local Committee approved the 2008/09 funds for a range of general maintenance works including tree works, carriageway patching, kerbing, footways and vegetation.
- 1.2 It is suggested that this year, a sum of £5,000 be allocated for each of the six divisions in Mole Valley to address some local concerns. The funds could be used to address matters such as requests for road signs, white line markings, vegetation removal and drainage repairs.
- 1.3 It is also suggested that the remaining 70% of the £100,000 for Mole Valley be allocated for the revenue funded elements of schemes on the integrated transport programme. The capital allocations to the programme were approved by the Local Committee on 24 June 2009. Revenue funding is required to progress the feasibility elements of scheme progression including data collection, option appraisal and consultation. Revenue funding is also required to implement some aspects of capital schemes, such as the small sections of new road markings.
- 1.4 ANNEXE A gives a breakdown of the suggested indicative allocations for the £100,000 revenue funds. The capital allocations are also shown on ANNEXE A, for information.

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 County Councillors are being consulted on a list of local concerns that might be given consideration for funding from the suggested £5,000 per Division. Priorities are being agreed so work can be progress.
- 2.2 Monitoring of commitments and expenditure for the £100,000 will be essential through the remainder of the financial year. The suggested allocations in ANNEXE A are indicative so that any necessary adjustments to the allocations can be arranged by officers. This would be done in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman. It is also proposed that the Local Committee will be kept informed of progress through regular reports to the Committee giving progress on all highway schemes in Mole Valley.

3 OPTIONS

- 3.1 There are other options available to spend the £100,000. Other Local Committees are being provided with recommendations to spend their funds in different ways, but a common theme is the requirement for revenue funding for the integrated transport programme.

4 CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 Consultations with County Councillors have helped formulate the suggested proposals. The Local Committee has considered the recommendation at an informal meeting.

5 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 £100,000 revenue funding is provided to the Local Committee for highway matters in 2009/10. Subject to agreement of the proposals, expenditure will be monitored to ensure that value for money is achieved.

6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 None.

7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 None significant.

8 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 It is necessary to provide most of the £100,000 revenue funding for the integrated transport programme in Mole Valley so that schemes can progress to make best use of available capital funds. It is also recommended that £5,000 per Division be provided to address some local highways concerns.

9 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 Use of the £100,000 for highways must be formally approved by the Local Committee so that best use of the funds can be made.

10 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 10.1 Each County Councillor will continue to be consulted about the use of funds allocated to their respective Division.
- 10.2 The Local Committee will be kept informed of progress through the regular reports giving progress on all highway schemes in Mole Valley.
- 10.3 The Chairman and Vice Chairman will be consulted on any necessary adjustments to the allocations.

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