



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)

LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING

23 September 2009

KEY ISSUE

To consider the proposals contained within the report for Local Committee (Mole Valley) for delegated funding from the 2009/10 budget.

SUMMARY

Members are asked to consider one proposal for formal approval from the Members' Local Allocation funding. Details of the proposal is outlined in Annexe A:

- £1000 revenue Ashtead Recreation Campaign (ARC)

Members are also asked to note four bids that falls below the £1,000 threshold:

- £600 revenue, Leatherhead Youth Project (Bfree) Summer activities for Young People.
- £500 revenue, Brockham Parish Council, annual ditch maintenance of the Big Field, which will alleviate flooding and ensure continued use of the field by the community.
- £500 revenue, Charlwood Parish Council, repairs to hedges and fencing boundaries at Glebe Field to improve security for users of the public right of way.
- £500 revenue, Buckland Parish Council, placement of granite setts on edge of road crossing the Green to prevent further vehicle damage to grass.

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

Members are asked to note that due to nature of repairs to a Vehicle Activated Sign in Abinger Hammer, the £280 funding has been made through revenue budget and not capital, as previously advised.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) is asked to:

- (i) **Approve the proposals detailed in Appendix A totalling £1000**
- (ii) **Note the approval of proposal which fall below the £1,000 threshold totalling £2100**
- (iii) **Note change of budget from capital to revenue for Abinger Hammer VAS repair totalling £280**

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.
- 1.2 The County Council also delegated £100,000 capital funding to each Local Committee. This funding is used to support local highways projects. The Local Highways Manager provides separate reports on this funding.

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 priorities 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.

3 LOCAL COMMITTEE DELEGATED BUDGETS 2009/10

- 3.1 The County Council has approved delegated funding to Local Committees of £8,250 revenue funding per County Council member and £35,000 capital for voluntary organisations per Committee.
- 3.2 Bids that have been submitted for consideration which exceed the £1,000 threshold are detailed in **Annexe A**.

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 2009/10 is £49,500 (£8,250 per County Councillor).

6.2 The Local Committee capital funding for 2009/10 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 2009/10 Local Committee delegated revenue budget.

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 Friday 20th November 2009.**

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BACKGROUND PAPERS Local Committee funding bids