



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)

LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING

9 December 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 five proposals for formal approval from the Members' Local Allocation funding. Details of the proposal is outlined in Annexe A:

- £1000 revenue Mole Valley District Council to develop Dorking Girls Football
- £1978 revenue Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership to purchase laptops for The Hatch project in Fetcham.
- £1500 revenue towards hosting the Leatherhead youth drama festival
- £1000 revenue Surrey Highways to conduct a speed survey in Rothes Road
- £3232 capital Surrey Police to purchase and erect vehicle activated sign in Dorking Holmwoods.

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

- £300 revenue towards two Community Christmas parties organised by the Local Strategic Partnership and Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership
- £700 revenue for Advocacy In Action to produce information leaflets outlining their work with vulnerable adults
- £950 revenue towards an Easter playscheme for children with learning difficulties and disabilities by the Dorking Challengers Scheme
- £989 revenue to purchase replacement low wattage bulbs for the Dorking Christmas Lights
- £250 revenue to continue the Fetcham Friendship Club for older residents.

Members are asked to consider an amended proposal from the Rotary Club of Ashtead. Amended proposal is outlined in Annexe B:

- £1,548 was originally approved on 12 March 2008. The funding had originally been approved to purchase a new wrought iron gate for the entrance to improve security at the Recreation Ground in Barnett Wood Lane. Due to the prohibitive cost of purchasing and erecting a gate and

concerns of possible anti social behaviour by people swinging on the gate, the scheme was amended to erect an Archway to improve the area for users and improve planting at the entrance.

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) Approve the proposals detailed in Appendix A totalling £8,710**
- (ii) Note the approval of proposal which fall below the £1,000 threshold totalling £3,189**
- (iii) Approve the amended proposal detailed in Appendix B totalling £1,548**

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 12th February 2009.**

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