

# OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)

# MEMBER ALLOCATIONS 9 DECEMBER 2009

# **KEY ISSUE**

To consider two additional proposals for delegated funding from the 2009/10 budget.

# **SUMMARY**

Members are asked to consider a capital proposal for formal approval from the Members' Local Allocation funding:

• £2,000 capital for Surrey Youth Development Team to provide additional financial support required to build a multi sport games area on Capel Recreation Ground.

Members are asked to note the revenue proposal from the Members' Local Allocation funding:

 £900 capital for Lower Mole Countryside Trust towards the acquisition of a Land Rover

# OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

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

(i) Approve the proposals outlined below totalling £5,000 capital.

# Surrey County Council's Local Committee for Mole Valley 2009-2010 Bids for Member's Allocations

Name of project: Capel Youth Action team

Which organisation would be responsible for carrying out the project?

Surrey Youth Development Service - Mole Valley Team

# **Description of Project:**

- a) what will be done? Building of Multi Sports Games Area on Capel Recreation Ground
- b) what needs will it address? Campaign driven in the first place by those young people more at risk in Capel community
- c) what geographical area will it cover? Capel
- d) **who will benefit?** Whole community, both through direct use by all who want it, and by the fact that teenagers will have a place to meet away from shops, houses etc.

**What consultation has been undertaken?** Whole village leafleted requesting feedback re different sites/proposals. Meetings held. Feedback collated – 83% of respondents in favour

When will the project be: started? asap – January?

completed? March approx

When will you need the funds? asap

What is the total cost of the project? Please include estimate/breakdown of costings. £50,000 approx for facility without lighting (stage 1)

How much of the total cost would you like from the Local Committee? £2,000

Where is the rest coming from? Youth Capital Fund, Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership, Mole Valley Housing Assoc, Seedbed Trust

Is it promised already, or still to be found? Promised

Have you applied to anywhere else for this same funding? No

Have you applied for this funding from any other part of Surrey County Council? No

Have you received Local Committee funding for this or any other purpose in the past? Yes. This is in addition to earlier award of £2,078 capital plus £2,222 revenue.

# If this project will need funding in future, how will that be met?

Stage 2 – lighting - fundraising ongoing, but the facility will still be a great resource without the lighting. Some revenue funding will be left for maintenance, the costs of which will be moderate (about £250 per year).

Name of local County Councillor proposing request to the Local Committee: Helyn Clack

# Surrey County Council's Local Committee for Mole Valley 2009-2010 Bids for Member's Allocations

#### Name of project:

Land Rover Appeal

#### Which organisation would be responsible for carrying out the project?

Lower Mole Countryside Trust

#### **Description of Project:**

#### a) what will be done?

Acquisition of a Land Rover to be loaned to the Lower Mole Countryside Management Project.

#### b) what needs will it address?

The Lower Mole Countryside Management Project runs two vehicles to service the needs of its practical work programme for volunteers from the local community. These volunteers work on private and public land covering over 140km² of countryside in the Boroughs of Epsom & Ewell and Elmbridge, the northern part of the District of Mole Valley and the Royal Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames. Each year the volunteers record over 8,000 hours of work on tasks ranging from hedge laying to bridleway surfacing.

One of the Project's vehicles is a Ford Transit Minibus which bears the brunt of volunteer, tools and materials transport. This vehicle was replaced and updated in 2007 by the Lower Mole Countryside Trust with assistance from Surrey County Council's Epsom & Ewell, Elmbridge and Mole Valley Local Committees, the Linley Shaw Foundation, an "Awards for All" Lottery grant, Elmbridge Borough Council and the Royal Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames.

The second vehicle is a Land Rover registered in 1997. This vehicle is essential for towing a trailer and for transporting bulky materials and heavy tools directly to work sites. Many work sites are away from tracks, so a workhorse vehicle with some form of offroad capability is needed to supplement the minibus. A Land Rover has the best balance of size, towing loads and volunteer carrying capacity for the Project's needs.

The existing Land Rover is now rather old and has had its lease period extended beyond 10 years. To lease a new Land Rover over a 10-year period will cost in the region of £75,000. However, to purchase a new land Rover will cost £26,900. Consequently, the Project would like to replace the Land Rover with a new equivalent for value-for-money reasons. The Lower Mole Countryside Trust has kindly offered to assist in fundraising on the same basis as the Project's minibus.

#### c) what geographical area will it cover?

Countryside sites across the Lower Mole Project area including the northern part of Mole Valley

# d) who will benefit?

All users of countryside sites across the Project area

Please confirm that, where expenditure is for maintenance or repair of a non-Surrey County Council building, you envisage that building will remain in use for the foreseeable future.

N/a

#### What consultation has been undertaken?

The Lower Mole Countryside Trust has consulted the Lower Mole Countryside Management

Project regarding its needs to fulfil its role within the Project's area.

When will the project be: started? February 2009

completed? March 2010

When will you need the funds? Before March 2010

What is the total cost of the project? Please include estimate/breakdown of costings.

£26,900. This is the total cost including VAT of a Long Wheel Base Land Rover Station Wagon with roof rack, ladder access, heavy duty tow hitch, uprated springs for towing, winch, dog guard and capable of seating five.

How much of the total cost would you like from the Local Committee?

£5,000. Funding is being sought from other agencies for the remaining £21,900 of the cost of acquisition.

## Where is the rest coming from?

Application for funds are being made to the Elmbridge and Epsom & Ewell Members' Allocations, to the Linley Shaw Foundation, the City Bridge Trust, the Garfield Weston Foundation, the Royal Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames, "Awards for All" (National Lottery), the Co-operative Community Fund and the Will Charitable Trust.

# Is it promised already, or still to be found?

In negotiation, but so far £2160 has been raised from the Lower Mole Countryside Trust and from members' donations

# Have you applied to anywhere else for this same funding?

No

Have you applied for this funding from any other part of Surrey County Council?

Members' Allocations for Elmbridge and Epsom & Ewell

Have you received Local Committee funding for this or any other purpose in the past?

Funding of £12,500 for a minibus.

# If this project will need funding in future, how will that be met?

The Land Rover will require running and maintenance costs which can be met by the Lower Mole Project during the expected 10-year life of the vehicle.

Name of local County Councillor proposing request to the Local Committee: Clare Curran – allocating £900

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS:** 

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