

# OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)

# LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING

# 3 March 2010

#### **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 nineteen proposals for formal approval each outlined in Annexe A:
  - Strood Green Shop Association, £1,280 revenue
  - Reigate Beekeepers Association, £1,000 capital
  - St Michaels Church Betchworth, £1,000 revenue
  - Mid Surrey Dementia Care Trust, £2,000 capital
  - Surrey Youth Services Dorking Youth Café, £2,094 capital
  - Capel Parish Council Beare Green survey, £1,000 revenue
  - Surrey Youth Services Ashtead Youth Club, £3,500 revenue
  - Abinger First School, £2,000 revenue
  - ALDAG, £3410 revenue
  - Dorking Cricket Club, £5,000 capital
  - Ashtead Peace Memorial Trust, £5,000 capital
  - Betchworth Parish Council, £1,100 capital
  - PLAY Leigh Active Youth, £1,000 capital
  - Leigh Parish Council, £1,000 capital
  - Bookham Resident Association, £3530 capital
  - Holmwood Parish Council, £1,124 capital
  - Harvest Community Church, £2,527 capital
  - Dorking Chamber of Commerce, £6,316 (£1189 capital £5127 revenue)
  - Westcott Youth Centre, £2,856 revenue
- 2. Members are asked to note three proposal that falls below the £1,000 threshold:
  - Capel Parish Council Beare Green Pavillion, £500 revenue
  - Dorking Community Orchard Plant community orchard, £600
  - Food Float for Dorking, £384

- **3.** Members to make a decision regarding the change of use for funding outlined in **Annexe B**:
  - Rotary Club of Ashtead, £1,548
- **4.** Members to agree whether a local allocation for Ashtead Tennis Club in 2008-2009 can be spend on a new sign for the Club House, stating that: The premises are the property of Ashtead Players Tennis Club but that new members are always welcome.

The original allocation of £500 was due to be spent on two tennis posts, nets plus furniture for the club. £288.92 has been spent on tennis nets. The remainder of the money was due to be spend on net posts, however contractors who resurfaced the courts last Spring have returned to do this work again free of charge.

**5.** Members to note the withdrawal of funding from Mole Valley District Council awarded for improvements to car park security in Dorking on 4 March 2009.

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 Annexe A totalling £46,737
- (ii) Note the delegated approval of those proposals which fell below the £1,000 threshold totalling £1,484
- (iii) Make a decision regarding the amended proposal detailed in Annexe B totalling £1,548
- (iv) Make a decision regarding the changes to Ashtead Tennis Players Club local allocation 2008/2009
- (v) Note the withdrawal of £2000 capital funding from Mole Valley District Council.

## 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.
- 6.3 A summary and analysis of both revenue and capital expenditure from the 2009/10 budget is detailed in Annexe C.

#### 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.

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