

# OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)

## LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING

# 03 MARCH 2011

## **KEY ISSUE**

To consider the proposals contained within the report for Local Committee (Mole Valley) for delegated funding from the 2010/11 budget.

## **SUMMARY**

Members are asked to consider 14 proposals for formal approval from the Local Allocation funding. Details of the proposals are outlined in Annexe A:

•	£2,500 capital	Salt Bin in Petters Road, Ashtead
•	£2,500 capital	St John's Church N. Holmwood, funding for new hall
•	£2,500 capital	Powell Corderoy School, beehive refurbishment
•	£2,453 capital	Fetcham United Charities, new toilets
•	£1,500 capital	Traffic signage, Park Lane Ashtead
•	£1,000 capital	Pitstop Leatherhead, new carpets
•	£4,500 revenue	Dorking Town Centre management, decluttering
•	£2,800 revenue	Liquid Connection, relational support at Therfield School
•	£2,500 revenue	Salt Bin in Westfield, Ashtead
•	£2,000 revenue	S. Bookham YCA Ltd., refurbishment of community building
•	£1,500 revenue	Betchworth Parish Council, footpath resporation
•	£1,100 revenue	Barnet Wood School, new toilets
•	£1,000 revenue	Polsden Lacey Infant School, disabled access to garden
•	£1,000 revenue	Dorking Concertgoers Society, promotional materials

Members are also asked to note 11 bids that fall below the £1,000 threshold:

•	£923 capital	Bookham YCA, new toilets and refitting kitchen
•	£831 capital	Barnet Wood School, new toilets
•	£950 revenue	Polesden Lacey Shakespeare, promotional materials
•	£940 revenue	Ashtead FC, ground improvement
•	£600 revenue	Buckland PC, additional gritting
•	£620 revenue	Bookham YCA, new toilets and refitting kitchen
•	£500 revenue	Brockham PC, ditch maintenance
•	£500 revenue	Bookham Churches Together, community café
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£200 revenue Dorking Town Festival, displays
£100 revenue Newdigate Parish Council, Salt bin refill

£100 revenue
Sidney Michael Charity, additional gritting

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 <u>Annexe A</u> totalling £28,853
- (ii) Note the approval of proposals which fall below the £1,000 threshold totalling £6,264

#### 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.

#### 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 2010/11

- 3.1 The County Council has approved delegated funding to Local Committees of £8,250 revenue funding per County Council member and £30,000 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 2010/11 is £49,500 (£8,250 per County Councillor).
- 6.2 The Local Committee capital funding for 2010/11 is £30,000.

## 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 2010/11 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 Partnerships Team **no later than Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS** Local Committee funding bids