



## OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)

### LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING

06 DECEMBER 2011

#### KEY ISSUE

To consider the proposals contained within the report for Local Committee (Mole Valley) for delegated funding from the 2011/12 budget.

#### SUMMARY

Members are asked to consider 5 proposals for formal approval from the local allocation funding. Details of the proposals are outlined in Annexes A and B:

- £900 revenue            Legal challenge to planning application at forthcoming Public Inquiry.
- £4,000  
(£3,510 revenue  
and £490 capital)        Refurbishment of essential building items to allow the use of building as a community centre for Pixham Residents
- £2,000 revenue        Contribute towards a village website covering all aspects specific to Bookham
- £3,250 revenue        Update BFree equipment and decoration to ensure that the youth cafe remains a welcoming and state of the art venue for local young people
- £2,000 revenue        Pay for drama awards and contribute towards theatre hire to maintain reduced ticket prices for junior audiences for Leatherhead Drama Festival 2012

Members are also asked to note 6 bids up to a maximum of £1,000 and 1 bid in

respect of the purchase of grit bins that, under the Scheme of Delegation, the Community Partnership Manager and the Community Partnership Team Leaders have authorised for approval.

A brief summary of these bids is available at Annexe C.

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| ▪ £200 capital   | Leigh History Box                                                                                   |
| ▪ £500 revenue   | Therapeutic Riding for Special Need Children                                                        |
| ▪ £1,000 revenue | Activity Programme for Young People with ADD/<br>ADHD/ Asperger's Syndrome                          |
| ▪ £4,000 revenue | Coldharbour Grit Bins                                                                               |
| ▪ £1,000 revenue | Capel Grit Bins                                                                                     |
| ▪ £300 revenue   | To brighten up the village hall and courtyard for the<br>Christmas period. Give some TLC to village |
| ▪ £195 revenue   | Delivery of SCC Information Pamphlet Regarding 479<br>Bus Route                                     |

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 £11,250.
- (ii) To consider the proposal totalling £900, in light of the officer advice obtained and detailed in Annexe B.
- (iii) Note the approval of proposals by officers under delegated authority totalling £7,195 as detailed in Annexe C.

## 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 wellbeing, up to a maximum sum per County Council member of the Committee. In addition the County Council has 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 wellbeing.

- 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 approving small funding allocations (up to a maximum of £1,000) outside of formal committee meetings, with approval delegated to the Community Partnerships Manager and Team Leader in consultation with Local Committee members.

### **3 LOCAL COMMITTEE DELEGATED BUDGETS 2010/11**

- 3.1 The County Council has approved delegated funding to Local Committees of £8,410 revenue funding per County Council member and £35,000 capital for voluntary organisations per Committee.
- 3.2 Bids that have been submitted for consideration in excess of £1,000 are detailed in **Annexe A**. There is also a bid falling below the £1,000 threshold for the Committee's consideration at **Annexe B**.

#### **Remaining Funds**

- 3.3 The table at **Annexe D** details the remaining, uncommitted funds available to elected Members for the rest of the financial year 2011/12 if the bids detailed in this report receive approval from the Local Committee.

### **4 OPTIONS**

- 4.1 It is open to the Local Committee to approve the proposals for funding, to amend the proposals or to reject the proposals.

### **5 CONSULTATIONS**

- 5.1 Consultation may have been carried out by the organisation receiving funding, the local Member or by the Community 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 2011/12 is £50,460 (£8,410 per County Councillor).
- 6.2 The Local Committee capital funding for 2011/12 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 wellbeing.
- 9.2 The Local Committee is asked to consider the items submitted for funding from the 2011/12 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 Community Partnerships Team 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 Community Partnerships Team **no later than 10<sup>th</sup> February 2012.**

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<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS</b>	Local Committee funding bids