



LOCAL MEMBER INITIATIVE FUND PROPOSALS

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S LOCAL COMMITTEE
(REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)**

20TH MARCH 2006

KEY ISSUE

To consider the proposals contained within the report for funding from the Members' Local Allocations and Local Committees Capital for Voluntary Groups Allocation.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is asked to:

- (i) Approve the items submitted for consideration.

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NEW FUNDING PROPOSALS FROM MEMBERS
INDIVIDUAL ALLOCATIONS**

1 REPLACEMENT OF CONCRETE BOLLARDS, BANSTEAD

Member Mr M Gosling

Amount Proposed £1,150

Summary of Proposal

This funding will allow for new concrete bollards to be installed along public footpath 37 in Banstead, and the removal of older bollards. The footpath is a source of concern for local residents in the area, due to anti social behaviour and cycling. The new bollards will be galvanised and styled to be unsuitable for seating and placed in such a manner as to prevent cycle games. The proposal has been developed in full consultation with local residents, and led by the Burgh Heath Residents Association.

2 HILLBROOK HOUSE, REDHILL

Member Dr L Hack

Amount Proposed £6,800

Summary of Proposal

This proposal will provide funding for the YMCA to recruit a Weekend Activities worker for Hillbrook House in Redhill which provides accommodation for young people.

Many of the residents have grown up without positive role models and may have had little or no opportunity to take up constructive hobbies, sports or other interests.

The post is a pilot project and the worker will be available on to provide support through a programme of activities for residents, which will help develop new skills and interests. Activities could include trips, training events, sports and cultural activities.

The pilot will run for one year. During this time the project will be evaluated and if seen to benefit residents, the YMCA will seek to raise the necessary funds to continue the post.

**3 ALL WEATHER GARDEN, WRAY COMMON PRIMARY SCHOOL,
REIGATE**

Member Dr L Hack

Amount Proposed £3,000

Summary of Proposal

The funding will support the development of an all weather garden at Wray Park Primary School. The current playground is rather barren and the garden will provide a quiet area for pupils, with benches and picnic tables.

The design of the garden has been developed with the pupils and school council. Fiona Dennis from the Royal Horticultural Society has provided expert advice on the design. The garden will include a variety of plant species to encourage wildlife such as birds and butterflies. The garden will promote ecological awareness and enhance the curriculum through its use.

This allocation will fund the hard landscaping and some of the planting. The school is also planning to approach local businesses to provide sponsorship for plants and benches.

4 MEADVALE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Member Mr S Harding

Amount Proposed £2,000

Summary of Proposal

The allocation will cover the costs of transportation for the Meadvale Friendship Club. The club is operated by Age Concern (Merstham, Redhill and Reigate). Transportation is provided for members to get to and from the meetings, and is currently provided by an elderly person who needs some support to continue providing the service.

The club enables elderly residents to meet and socialise, promoting inclusion, and enabling them to remain independent. The club is popular among local residents and has been supported by the Local Committee in the past.

5 VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS

Member Mrs K Hammond (£4,100),

Mrs D Ross-Tomlin (£4,100)

Amount Proposed £8,200

Summary of Proposal

The funding proposal will enable the Local Transportation Service to purchase 2 vehicle activated signs and eight brackets for mounting.

The signs flash warnings when passing vehicles exceed the speed limit and are used to provide traffic calming in speeding 'hot spots'. The signs aim to improve road safety and reduce antisocial driving, which residents have reported as one of their biggest concerns in Surrey.

The signs are mobile and can be moved to any location where a bracket is installed. The brackets will be installed in 4 locations across the Horley East and Horley West divisions.

6 SANDCROSS SCHOOL LIBRARY EQUIPMENT

Member Mrs F King

Amount Proposed £766.35

Summary of Proposal

Sandcross school have recently purchased a range of new library books for their pupils. This allocation will enable them to purchase 6 new bookshelves and a book trolley to improve their library facilities in year three classrooms.

The new equipment will enable the books to be displayed in the school to encourage reading. By providing a better display environment, it is hoped that children will enjoy choosing new books, and thus enjoy reading from an early age.

7 LIGHTING AT RIVERSIDE, HORLEY**Member** Mrs D Ross-Tomlin**Amount Proposed** £1953.60**Summary of Proposal**

This funding will enable the installation of additional lighting at Riverside, Horley. The additional lighting will reduce fear of crime among local residents (many of whom are elderly) and users of the currently unlit car park. Surrey Police have been consulted on the best location for lighting and fully support the proposal. The work will be carried out through RB Housing Trust. The Executive Member for Transportation has confirmed that revenue and maintenance costs of the new lighting will be met through Surrey County Council's street lighting budget.

8 CCTV, HORLEY RECREATION GROUND**Member** Mrs D Ross-Tomlin**Amount Proposed** £500**Summary of Proposal**

This funding will support the installation of additional CCTV equipment at Horley Recreation Ground. The equipment is being provided in partnership with Horley Town Council. The area has suffered from anti-social behaviour and it is hoped that the presence of increased CCTV will discourage these activities.

Horley Town Council have agreed to take responsibility for maintaining, insuring and repairing the camera. The Town Council are currently responsible for a number of CCTV cameras in Horley.

9 PREMISES HIRE, HORLEY YOUTH COUNCIL**Member** Mrs D Ross-Tomlin**Amount Proposed** £500**Summary of Proposal**

Horley Youth Council was formed in 2004 and has members who attend Oakwood School and Reigate College. The council currently has a number of members aged between 13 and 17 and are always looking for new members. The Youth council encourages young people to become involved in local issues. Horley Town Council supports the Youth Council.

The regular meetings need to be held in a safe and appropriate venue that is accessible for both members and the public. This funding will cover the costs of using the Horley Learning Partnership's Bungalow facility for one year.

10 ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES, HORLEY INFANT SCHOOL

Member Mrs D Ross-Tomlin
Amount Proposed £650

Summary of Proposal

This allocation will enable the resumption of English language courses at Horley Infant School, to support parents who are non English speaking.

The funding for courses was withdrawn after the number of participants began to fall. However, the demand for courses has increased and this allocation will allow the courses to continue.

Supporting parents to improve their English language skills, enables them to then support their children in their education. This encourages learning and communication skills between family members.

11 COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Member Mrs F King (£1,000)
Mrs D Ross-Tomlin (£1,000)
Mr Simon Harding (£1,000)
Mrs A Fraser DL (£661)
Mrs K Hammond (£400)
Dr L Hack (£1,000)
Mr D Kee (£1,000)

Amount Proposed £6,061

Summary of Proposal

Feedback from consultations with local residents has highlighted speeding and anti-social driving as one of the biggest issues in Surrey.

Community speedwatch schemes are administered through Surrey Police, and aim to reduce speeding. Pilot schemes have operated in Mole Valley and have been shown to successfully reduce the levels of speeding traffic.

The scheme is community led with residents trained by Surrey Police to operate a speed radar gun. Speeding cars are recorded and Surrey Police dispatch letters warning drivers of the dangers and penalties they face.

The funding will enable schemes to be established in Reigate and Banstead, providing radar guns and high visibility clothing (each new scheme costs £1,000 to set up). The Reigate and Banstead Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership support the scheme and a number of residents groups have already expressed an interest in establishing a scheme.

12 CRIME REDUCTION SCHEME – DOOR SECURITY

Member Mrs D Ross-Tomlin (£896.40)
Dr L Hack (£300)

Amount Proposed £1,196.40

Summary of Proposal

Elderly and vulnerable residents face a higher risk of crime, particularly distraction burglaries. This allocation will provide additional funding for Surrey Police to provide and install door safety devices for the elderly and vulnerable.

This scheme has been previously funded by the Local Committee. The funding has enabled the Crime Reduction Officer to purchase a range of security measures such as door bars, spy holes, intercom systems and a variety of locks, which can be installed free of charge. These measures will help to reduce the fear of crime in the elderly and vulnerable.

13 MOBILITY INDEPENDENCE SCHEME**Member** Mrs A Fraser**Amount Proposed** £1,430**Summary of Proposal**

The Mobility Independence Scheme was established in 2004, funded by the Local Committee.

The scheme runs across the Borough offering short term hire of mobility buggies at a very affordable rate. The scheme is aimed at people suffering from mobility difficulties following injury or an operation.

It is hoped that the scheme will become self funding through rental income, however, until the scheme becomes established there is a need for some supporting funding. This allocation will cover the cost of renting storage space for the buggies and support equipment. The storage space is provided, at reduced cost, by RB Housing Trust.

14 HEARING LOOP, PETER AUBERTIN HALL, CHIPSTEAD**Member** Mrs A Fraser**Amount Proposed** £1,209**Summary of Proposal**

This allocation will fund the installation of a hearing loop in the Peter Aubertin Hall in Chipstead. The hall is a community resource and the installation of the hearing loop will support the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act.

The allocation will cover the cost of purchasing and installing all the equipment to provide a loop to support those who are hard of hearing.

15 INTERACTIVE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, SHAWLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL**Member** Mr N Harrison**Amount Proposed** £2,500**Summary of Proposal**

Shawley Community Primary School is part of the North Downs Federation of Schools. The funding will enable the school to purchase and interactive Smart Board and support package (laptop, amplifier, speakers, projector, VGA splitter, installation and software).

The new facility will be used by across the school confederation to improve curriculum through the use of modern technology. The school are funding an upgrade of their computer suite, and this additional equipment will compliment these improvements. The school have agreed to take responsibility for maintaining the new equipment.

16 COLEBROOK PROJECT HYDRO

Member Mrs F King (£133.65)
Mr S Harding (£403.57)

Amount Proposed **£537.22**

Summary of Proposal

Surrey County Council is committed to making its services more accessible to the people of East Surrey, and with this in mind, is planning a pioneering Community Resource Centre on the current Colebrook Day Service site.

Initially the plans included the provision of a Hydrotherapy pool. Hydrotherapy is a therapeutic treatment that uses a programme of exercises and movements in water, and is known to help in restoring muscle function, preventing muscle damage and reducing strain on load bearing joints.

The capital costs of the project, however, will not cover the provision of a Hydrotherapy pool. Project Hydro was established to raise the necessary additional sum of £110,000. This allocation is towards the Project Hydro fundraising group. The group are planning applications to a number of large grant making trusts and have already raised over £10,000.

It is hoped that the pool will be of considerable interest to a wide range of community groups, care providers and health professionals, especially as the building will be designed to ensure that the pool can be accessed independently in the evenings and weekends. Service users will have primary use during weekdays.

17 PLAYGROUND PROJECT, ORCHARD INFANT SCHOOL

Member Mrs F King

Amount Proposed **£1,000**

Summary of Proposal

This funding will allow the school to develop ideas put forward by the school council for playground improvements. The playground will be repainted with themed areas and provide new equipment such as planters and seating for the children.

The outcome of these improvements will be a more stimulating environment for the children and ensure that pupils can learn and play in a safe and inspiring playground.

The Friends of Orchard group will also be supporting these projects with additional funding.

18 WOODHATCH PARK PROJECT

Member Mrs F King

Amount Proposed **£1,000**

Summary of Proposal

The Woodhatch Park Project is a design plan aimed at improving the area and providing a natural environment to attract insects and birds to the park.

This funding will enable the project to plant native species trees, enhancing the overall scheme. As they are native species they will also contribute to attracting wildlife to the park.

Each tree costs around £100, and the project will be contributing £25-30 per tree. This funding will, therefore, enable approximately 14 trees to be planted.

19 ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT, DOVERS GREEN SCHOOL

Member Mrs F King
Amount Proposed £1,000

Summary of Proposal

This allocation will support the school in further developing the outside environment for children. The funding will be used to purchase equipment such as seating, birdtables/boxes, wind chimes, wind direction instruments, rainfall monitor, and develop a science trail.

These improvements will enhance the science curriculum for all children. The equipment will provide new and interesting experiences for children during their science lessons and also during their break and lunch times.

The equipment will require minimum maintenance.

20 MANORFIELDS SCHOOL, HORLEY

Member Mrs K Hammond
Amount Proposed £1,000

Summary of Proposal

This funding will enable the school to provide extra curricular activities for pupils of all ages, such as gardening, knitting, storytelling and sport. These activities will be organised and supervised by the teaching assistants and the funding will provide for any resources or materials to support them. The activities will be of a constructive and creative nature such as art and sport, and provide the opportunity for children to gain new skills and interests. This funding will support the establishment of these activities and it is hoped that ongoing fundraising by the PTA will ensure they continue in the future.

21 EMLYN MEADOWS ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Member Mrs K Hammond
Amount Proposed £1,000

Summary of Proposal

This allocation is to support a project in Emlyn Meadows. The project aims to improve the local environment with a variety of plans, involving the local community, Horley Learning Partnership and coordinated by Greenspace in partnership with Horley Town Council, who are leading on the project.

The improved local environment will provide an outdoor learning space, supporting the local schools and the whole community. Horley Town Council are providing match funding and a bid has also been submitted to Awards for All.

22 MERSTHAM CRICKET CLUB

Member Mr D Kee
Amount Proposed £500

Summary of Proposal

This funding will enable the cricket club to purchase new equipment and provide training. It is hoped that this will encourage young people in the area to take part in the sport. This will enable young people to have an active role in the community, and provide young people with additional opportunities to develop skills.

The club has been supported by the Local Committee in the past and is an important community group.

23 PRESTON SELF RELIANCE PARTNERSHIP

Member Mr M Gosling (£5,485.25)
Mr N Harrison (£4,000)

Amount Proposed £9,485.25

Summary of Proposal

Preston has been designated one of five Self Reliance areas within the County Council's Self Reliance policy and as such, services are required to target work in the area.

The work in Preston is seen as an excellent example of partnership working and the Preston regeneration Board has been leading on the innovative Preston Master Plan, which aims to regenerate the environment.

The Communities that Care preventative work that has been carried out has been coordinated by the partnership neighbourhood manager. This post is funded in partnership with Reigate and Banstead Borough Council, Surrey Police, RB Housing Trust, PCT and two London Boroughs.

This allocation will support the partnership in continuing to fund the post and ensure that effective evaluation is carried out.

24 MERSTHAM WOODLAND WALK PROJECT

Member Mr D Kee

Amount Proposed £1,200

Summary of Proposal

As part of the self reliance work in Merstham, the Community Development worker (part funded by Surrey County Council) is organising a 'community clean up day'.

One of the main aims of this day is to clear the woodland area behind the Merstham estate and begin developing a woodland walk.

This funding will provide interpretation boards at the entrance to the woods, providing visitors with information on the local area and the wildlife.

The aim of the woodland walk is to encourage visitors and local residents to enjoy the local woodland and improve healthy living by encouraging walking as a hobby.

25 FURNISTORE

Member Mr D Kee

Amount Proposed £1,300

Summary of Proposal

Furnistore is a local charity that has been supported by the Local Committee in the past. Furnistore was established to address some of the needs of households lacking basic furniture and effects by collecting unwanted furniture and reusing it. The charity restores and resells the furniture at reduced or no cost (depending on need). Furnistore is currently operating in Redhill in temporary premises. It has recently agreed a lease for a shop unit in Merstham, which they plan to refurbish and move into by April 2006. This funding will contribute towards this work, providing materials and covering the cost of electrical work.

Merstham is an area highlighted in the Index of Multiple Deprivation and will benefit from the charity operating locally. The aims of the charity are in line with Surrey County Councils policies around Self Reliance and reducing waste.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NEW FUNDING PROPOSALS FROM THE LOCAL COMMITTEE CAPITAL FOR VOLUNTARY GROUPS ALLOCATION**1 COLEBROOK PROJECT HYDRO****Amount Proposed** £35,000**Summary of Proposal**

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