



## **OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (SPELTHORNE)**

### **CLIMATE CHANGE FUND**

**15 MARCH 2010**

#### **KEY ISSUE**

The Leader of Surrey County Council has announced a Climate Change Fund of £50,000 available across the County. Local Committees have been invited to submit proposals with a value of up to £10,000.

#### **SUMMARY**

The Surrey County Council Local Committee (Spelthorne) has received one application from Spelthorne Borough Council, acting on the initiative of the Local Committee Chairman, for the clearance and marketing of allotments across the borough to increase availability and usage. The application is attached at Annex A.

#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Local Committee is asked to:**

- (i) Support the application completed by Spelthorne Borough Council and submit it to be considered for formal approval.

## **1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Leader of the Council has announced that sustainability and taking action to prevent climate change must play a key part in the Council's agenda, cutting across all our strategies and local services. To that end, the Leader has announced a Climate Change Fund.
- 1.2 The County Council is a member of the Surrey Climate Change Partnership to reduce per capita carbon emissions in Surrey and to improve our resilience to the impacts of climate change, including extreme weather events.

## **2 ANALYSIS**

- 2.1 The Climate Change Fund is a pot of £50,000 in 2010-11 to support local actions to raise awareness and develop local solutions for tackling climate change and improving local resilience. Funding is available for local, community-based initiatives, which support action to tackle climate change within the local area.
- 2.2 The Fund will support projects that can demonstrate:
  - Support for the aims of the Climate Change Strategy
  - Local community leadership and engagement
  - Innovation and replicability
  - Demonstrate impacts in terms of cutting carbon emissions, raising local awareness and/or improving local resilience.
- 2.3 The fund is designed to encourage innovation. Examples of the types of initiatives which might be supported by the Fund include:
  - Support for the development of local environmental groups;
  - Support for local awareness raising events and campaigns;
  - Support and training for development of skills in local community leadership/communicating climate change;
  - Support for local school-based climate change initiatives; and
  - Initiatives to improve local air quality.

## **3 OPTIONS**

- 3.1 The Local Committee is invited to consider the attached application and decide whether or not it wishes to formally submit the proposal for consideration.

## **4 CONSULTATIONS**

- 4.1 The Local Partnerships Team has consulted informally with the Local Committee members.

## **5 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The financial arrangements relating to this fund are set out above.
- 5.2 The application attached at Annex A is requesting the Local Committee allocate up to £10,000 towards the project, which is acceptable under the criteria of the Climate Change Fund.
- 5.3 The total cost of the project set out in the application is £10,000.

## **6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The project will be of potential benefit to all residents of the borough.

## **7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 Not applicable.

## **8 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 The Local Committee is asked to consider the application attached at Annex A and decide whether it is appropriate to put the project forward for formal consideration.

## **9 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

- 9.1 If the Local Committee decides to support the application, it will be put forward for consideration. All bids will be evaluated by Dr Andrew Povey, Leader of the Council, Dr Lynne Hack, Cabinet Members for the Environment and Roger Hargreaves, Head of Environment.

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