



County Councillors' Local Allocations for 2007/08

22 June 2007

KEY ISSUE

To set out the funding available for County Councillors' allocations for 2007/08, and to consider the requests received.

SUMMARY

For 2007/08 the allocation for each County Councillor is £11,000. In addition a sum of £35,000 is available for the Local Committee to spend on capital projects for voluntary sector organisations in the local area, making a total of £101,000.

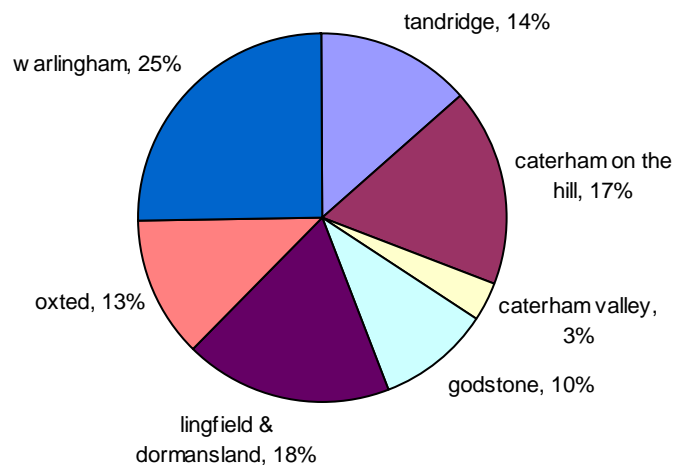
RECOMMENDATIONS

County Councillors are asked:

- a) to consider new requests for funding from the Members' Allocations budget as at Annex A

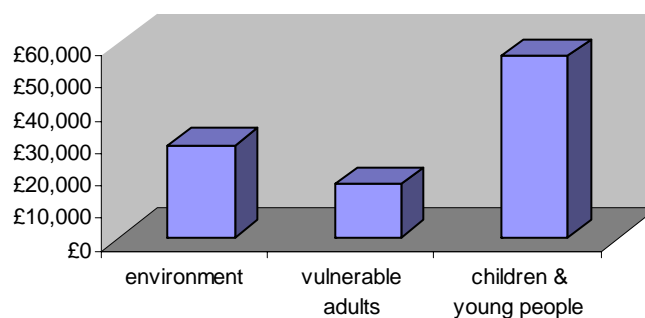
1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Since April 2002, Members of the Tandridge Local Committee have pooled their resources and have jointly supported 167 local groups with a variety of projects, disbursing a total of £517,400 over 5 years. Although the amount available has varied from year to year, the number of projects has remained roughly the same and a wide range of local people have benefited.
- 1.2 In 2006/07 the Local Committee supported a total of 39 projects. These ranged from a donation of £300 to allow a lighting scheme in the Blindley Heath car park to be completed to £10,000 to the Tandridge Youth Forum to disburse on variety of youth schemes. Some of the bids were for leverage funding such as the East Surrey Museum bid or contributions towards larger projects such as the Warlingham Sports Club development. The Local Committee continued to prioritise young people and the vulnerable and elderly but spent more on environmental issues than in previous years.
- 1.3 Because the funding is pooled, it allows Members to put the money where and when it is most needed and the spread across the district reflects this. The split in 2006/07 favoured Warlingham and Lingfield, bucking the trend of previous years, while 14% was spent on district-wide projects.



- 1.4 Among the local priorities (see para 1.5), unusually nothing at all was spent on Communication in 2006/07 but the total was split among the others as follows:

Allocations by category



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- 1.5 In 2007/08, Surrey County Council has held funding at the same level as last year and has delegated £11,000 to each of its 80 County Councillors to spend on local projects. In addition each Local Committee has £35,000 to spend on capital projects for voluntary organisations. In Tandridge, members continue to pool their funds and to spend them on improving services for local residents, with the following priorities:
- to help children and young people
 - to help vulnerable people, including older people
 - to improve the local environment
 - to improve Surrey County Council's communication with local people
- 1.6 The Local Committee allocation follows the financial year and, under SCC's financial arrangements, will only fund projects that can be successfully completed within 12 months. Nor can it commit to funding projects for more than a single year. However, regardless of the restrictions that it imposes, the Local Committee fully committed all of its funding for 2007/08.

2 NEW REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

- 2.1 There have been 11 requests for funding so far this year. Members have received copies of the applications so only a brief summary is included below.
- 2.2 **Peter Langham Le Personne Memorial £1500**
Due to time constraints, the Local Committee agreed in principle at an informal meeting on 10 May to contribute £1500 to the restoration of the Le Personne Memorial in Caterham. Members are asked to formally ratify that decision at this meeting.
- 2.3 **Peter Langham Chaldon Cricket Club £2250**
Chaldon Cricket Club pavilion is in need of repair and the Committee has been asked to donate funding towards the replacement of rotted timbers in the structure. The Club's small income goes towards equipment and upkeep of the playing area. Without support it is feared that the pavilion will become unusable and be lost as a local asset. The Club promotes sporting activities among young people in the local area.
- 2.4 **Peter Langham TDC Care & Repair Team £5000**
The Local Committee has twice previously donated funding to this project for key safes. Key safes permit emergency services to gain access to premises without damage to property where the tenant is vulnerable due to age or disability and is unable to let them in. The Care & Repair service provides free installation and this facility is available across the Tandridge area.
- 2.5 **Nick Skellett Young Enterprise £2400**
The young Enterprise scheme aims to promote life skills education alongside the national curriculum and has proved to be highly beneficial in secondary schools particularly where young people are unlikely to go on to further education. It is now being adapted to primary schools and Holland School in Hurst Green has invited Young Enterprise to provide the service to all of its primary classes in the next academic year. A donation from the Local Committee would enable Young Enterprise to provide this.
- 2.6 **David Hodge Warlingham School £2065**
The Local Committee is asked to provide soundproofing curtains for a new recording studio at Warlingham School which will be available to local

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young musicians both within the school and in the local community including out of school hours. With many young people viewing the music industry as a career option, they will be able to use the facility to learn about the equipment and process as well as recording their own music.

2.7 **Nick Skellett Friends of St Peter's School £2000**

The parents' association, known as the Friends of St Peter's School, seeks help with providing a fitness and adventure trail on land owned by the school but accessible to all local children in an area that is already well frequented by them. The trail is intended to promote health and fitness as well as being fun.

2.8 **Peter Langham ESCSA £3500**

The East Surrey Carers Support Association would like to provide a day trip for carers in the autumn. A contribution by Members will enable carers to have a much needed and therapeutic break while meeting the cost of professional care in their absence so that they can relax. It is available to members of the association across Tandridge.

2.9 **Peter Langham TDC Housing Department £500**

Tandridge District Housing Department in partnership with the Community Safety Unit and Surrey Trading Standards is contributing to a local 'trickster' event in September aimed at raising awareness among the elderly and vulnerable about how to recognise and deal with unscrupulous doorstep salesmen. They would like to take the opportunity to promote safety in the home and, building on the previous falls awareness training, ask the Committee to provide 'sloppy slippers', to prevent trips and falls, to distribute to attendees. The District Council is also contributing to this event.

2.10 **Nick Skellett Oxted Community Hall £5000**

Oxted Community Hall is nearing completion and the Local Committee is asked to contribute funding towards photovoltaic cells for the roof, which is a planning requirement aimed at significantly reducing its energy costs. Half of the cost is being met from a Government Energy Grant which leaves £8,314 outstanding. The Committee has previously provided leverage funding of £2500 to the project. The Hall opens officially in September and the Local Committee plans to hold its next meeting there in early October.

2.11 **Peter Langham Surrey Young Carers £550**

Surrey Young Carers operates across the East of Surrey and is currently planning a ten year anniversary celebration. This will include transport, catering and fun activities for young carers'. It will take place in Reigate and the organisers have been pledged support from a number of sources including a free venue and some transport. The total amount pledged will determine the number of young people who will be able to attend. They have approached each of the east Local Committees to contribute to a total of £1650 and aim to ensure that places are equally distributed across Mole Valley, Reigate & Banstead and Tandridge.

2.12 **Ken Rimington St Peter & St Pauls £1500**

The Local Committee is asked to contribute towards repairs to the roof of this historic building in Lingfield which is currently in danger from water damage caused by leaking.

3 CONCLUSION AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 3.1 The total of these bids is £26,215. Members are requested to consider the listed funding bids and make a decision as to which of these it will endorse so that payment can be processed. From a total of £101,000, if these are all agreed, the remaining balance will be £74,785.
- 3.2 Members across the County are encouraged to allocate their delegated funding in accordance with Surrey County Council's financial framework with a view to distributing the full sum by 31st March 2008, as any funding remaining unallocated at that time may not be carried forward. It is recommended practice to disburse funding proportionately throughout the financial year. The current funding bids represent roughly 25% of available funding and are therefore in line with this code of practice.
- 3.3 Any future bids for funding should reach the Local Committee and Partnership Officer as soon as possible and no later than 17 September 2007.

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