



## OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)

### COUNTY COUNCILLORS ALLOCATIONS FOR 2009/10

4 December 2009

#### KEY ISSUE

To set out the funding available to County Councillors from the delegated budget for 2009/10 and to consider requests received.

#### SUMMARY

Surrey County Council's Local Committees receive delegated funding to allocate to local and community organisations and projects that meet specific social, economic or environmental needs within the parameters of its espoused priorities. Members are asked to review, agree and record their local priorities annually.

For 2009/10 the allocation to each County Councillor is £8,250 revenue funding. In addition each Local Committee receives a further £35,000 to spend on capital projects for voluntary sector organisations in the local area, making a total of £84,500 available to Tandridge Local Committee.

The constitution allows Members to delegate authority to the Area Director to agree applications up to £1000. To exercise this power a formal decision has to be recorded.

#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

##### The Tandridge Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) consider new requests for funding from the Members' Allocations budget as set out in Annex A

## 1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Surrey County Council's Local Committees receive delegated funding to allocate to local and community organisations and projects that meet specific social, economic or environmental needs within the parameters of its espoused priorities.
- 1.2 At SCC's annual budget meeting in February 2009, this was set at £8,250 revenue per County Councillor, which represents a reduction of 25% on last year plus £35,000 per Local Committee for capital projects. This makes a total of £84,500 for Tandridge Local Committee as a whole.
- 1.3 A summary of all applications for this financial year, already agreed or under consideration is attached at Annex A.

## 2 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

- 2.1 Staffing, and other issues, resulted in a delay in young people from the Tandridge Youth Forum being able to disburse all of their £10,000 funding for 2007/08. As a result, it was not fully spent and £1,000 was returned to the revenue budget this year. We also now have a commitment from Caterham Hill Parish Council that they will contribute 50% of the cost of the Evening Villager pilot over two financial years. We are therefore in the process of recovering £2,625 revenue funding from them for 2009/10. All of this is reflected in the figures in Annex A as income.
- 2.2 Members will have been sent the application forms for the following 7 bids and a brief summary is included here for general information. A further application from Bletchingley Parish Council for village gateway signs has been withdrawn pending further investigation.
  - 2.2.1 **Limpsfield in Bloom - £600** sponsored by Mr Nicholas Skellett. LiB is now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year and is fully supported by the local councils, businesses, voluntary organisations and schools and, most importantly, by volunteers from the local community. In 2009 Limpsfield obtained four awards in the South and South East in Bloom competition including a gold award in the Champion of Champions group. Its recent and continued success has led to local estate agents referencing it in their advertising, promoting Limpsfield as a very desirable place to live and to visit with benefits to local traders and schools and to the community spirit of the village.
  - 2.2.2 **Woldingham Cricket Club - £5,000** sponsored by Mrs Sally Marks. WCC is facing major problems with the condition of its square just at a time when it has been promoted to Division 2 where the playing standard is much higher and the bowling speed higher. Safety is extremely important and they have identified a need to refurbish the square and to purchase a mechanised roller. They have estimated the total cost at £11,500, which is not viable from membership alone, and they would therefore welcome a

contribution from the local committee in time to prepare for the new season in 2010.

- 2.2.3 **Warlingham Park Bowls Club - £1,000** sponsored by Mr David Hodge. WPBC is currently refurbishing its club house and is asking for support primarily in relation to its heating. Installing adequate heating would enable them to make the club house available throughout the year to other community groups/clubs and associations. The green is already used by a local school as well as by older people with limited mobility for whom it is an invaluable centre for socialising and support. It is situated in a rural area where this kind of facility is at a premium and early consultation indicates that it will be well used.
- 2.2.4 **Tatsfield in Bloom - £800** sponsored by Mr David Hodge. 2010 is a landmark year for Tatsfield as they have been selected to represent south and southeast England in Britain in Bloom where they will be up against the best villages in the UK. It will also be celebrating the opening of the new Tatsfield Primary School, which will be adopted as the overall theme for their floral displays. It doesn't just concern itself with flowers but tackles environmental projects, litter clearing and involves all aspects of the local community including the church and local businesses. The small amounts of funding and the hours of hard work by volunteers reap huge rewards in terms of community spirit and the socio-economic benefits of increased tourism.
- 2.2.5 **Disability Challengers - £3,800** sponsored by Mr John Orrick. This application, if successful, represents 50% of the costs incurred in running and 8-day Easter Youth Scheme in Caterham at Clifton Hill School. While the school will provide a swimming pool and sensory room, Disability Challengers will supply the manpower and resources to ensure that disabled young people from across the district have a wonderful time during the Easter break. For their carers this is especially important as it offers a much needed respite from full time care, in the knowledge that the cared for young people are having fun in a safe, supervised environment. While the scheme is not restricted to Tandridge children there are 63 disabled young people in Tandridge who benefit from Challengers schemes.
- 2.2.6 **Limpsfield Parish Council - £350** sponsored by Mr Nicholas Skellett. The roof of the bus shelter outside the District Council Offices is now in need of replacement and the parish council, who own it, have obtained quotes for the work in the region of £1,800. They would welcome some support from the local authorities in maintaining it in good condition for the benefit of local residents. They are therefore asking for a modest contribution of £350.00 to enable the work to begin as soon as possible.
- 2.2.7 **Burstow Parish Council – £4,000** sponsored by Mr Michael Sydney The SkatePark in Burstow was demolished due to deterioration of the wooden structure in 2007 and BPC replaced it with a smaller version in spring 2008. They would now like to continue to develop the site to bring it up to its previous standard. The recreation area caters for all ages and sports a

multi-use games area (MUGA) and a toddlers' playground and it is very well used by families and young people. The local young people have been involved from the early stages of construction and look after it really well. It is not a target for vandalism or graffiti. As there are few options in the local area it attracts young people from Smallfield, Horne and Outwood and is a popular focal point for meeting up, particularly at weekends. With Committee support it could be in operation by January 2010.

### **3 OPTIONS**

- 3.1 The Local Committee may choose to approve all, any or none of the proposals under discussion.

### **4 CONSULTATIONS**

- 4.1 In relation to new bids, consultation, where appropriate, may have been undertaken by the organisation receiving funding, the local Member or the Local Partnerships Team as required, depending on the nature of the project, and further details are available on request.

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

- 5.1 Local Committee delegated revenue funding for 2009/10 is £49,000, plus £1,000 returned unspent from last year, added to £35,000 capital, totalling £85,500. If all the current bids, totalling £15,550, are approved and, taking into account the funds recouped from Caterham Hill Parish Council [para 2.0 of this report], this will leave a balance of **£20,596**. [Note: A breakdown of capital and revenue costs is indicated in Annex A.]

### **6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Local Committee funding is available to all residents, community groups or organisations based in, or serving, Tandridge and places no further restrictions on who may apply. The success of a bid depends entirely upon its ability to meet the locally agreed criteria, which are flexible and cover a wide-ranging and diverse variety of projects. The local priorities specifically target vulnerable adults and children, and Member funding continues to support projects which benefit disadvantaged local people.

### **7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 Local Committee funding may be allocated to projects that benefit a diverse range of community safety needs.

## 8 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The spending proposals put forward for this meeting have been assessed against the County standards for appropriateness and value for money within the agreed Financial Framework and the locally agreed protocol.
- 8.2 The Local Committee is asked to consider the items submitted for funding from the 2009/10 Local Committee delegated budgets as detailed in the report.

## 9 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 All projects under consideration have been sponsored by, and have the support of, the appropriate Local Member. Members are requested to consider them as a group and to decide whether or not to approve them.

## 10 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 10.1 If approved by the Local Committee, organisations will be approached to sign funding agreements for their projects based on the bids submitted.
- 10.2 Any changes to an approved bid will be discussed with the local Member and the Chairman and, if the changes are considered to be significant, an amended bid will be brought back to Committee for approval.
- 10.3 In all other circumstances the Local Partnerships Team will process the payments as soon as possible once the signed agreement has been received.
- 10.4 Within three months of receipt, all successful applicants will be contacted for details of how the funding was spent and will be asked to supply evidence.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS:** Local Committee Funding Bids