



## OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)

### COMMUNITY PRIDE FUND

24 June 2011

#### KEY ISSUE AND SUMMARY

Surrey County Council's new £400,000 Community Pride Fund will pay for improvements to towns and villages across the county. In November 2010 the Cabinet approved an allocation to each Local Committee based on £5,000 per County Member. For Tandridge this is a total of £30,000. The Tandridge Local Committee has delegated authority to decide how this funding is allocated.

Guidance as to how this fund can be used and what it can deliver has been distributed to Members and is included as an annex to this report.

To ensure all Local County Councillors have the ability and flexibility to promote projects in their area it is recommended that the Local Committee delegate funding and decision-making to each County Councillor on the basis of the £5,000 per Member allocation. If two or more Members wish to pool their funding across divisional boundaries officers will facilitate this, subject to the agreement of all appropriate parties.

#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

**The Local Committee (Tandridge) is asked to agree that:**

- (i) funding be devolved to each County Councillor based on an equitable allocation of £5,000 per division
- (ii) individual Members allocate their funding based on the principles detailed in the document attached as Annex A.
- (iii) Members contact the Area Maintenance Engineer to discuss any specific requirements and arrange for the work activities to be managed on their behalf.

## **1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Surrey County Council's new £400,000 Community Pride Fund will pay for improvements to towns and villages across the county. In November 2010 the Cabinet approved an allocation to each Local Committee based on £5,000 per County Member. For Tandridge this is a total of £30,000. The Tandridge Local Committee has delegated authority to decide how this funding is allocated.

## **2 OPTIONS**

- 2.1 Members have two options for how to spend the £30,000 Community Pride Fund allocated to Tandridge Local Committee, as below.
- 2.2 **Option 1:** The six Divisional Members may use the £30,000 jointly to fund potential area wide minor works selected from the schedule of rates provided and agreed through the Maintenance Engineer. The Maintenance Engineer will then feed back to the Committee on the works delivery.
- 2.3 **Option 2:** The six Divisional Members may use the £5,000 per member in their own division to carry out minor Community works selected from the attached schedule of rates provided and agreed through the Maintenance Engineer. The Maintenance Engineer will then feed back to the Committee on the works delivery.

## **3 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 Option 2 is recommended to enable Committee Members to use their £5,000 allocations to carry out Local Community works in their divisions. These works would not be classed as a Highways Safety Defect (HIS) and would not conform to the matrix, but would be deemed as essential to improve the local appearance of the network and have no alternative funding available.

## **4 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 Option 2 would ensure all Local County Councillors have the ability and flexibility to promote projects in their area. If two or more Members wish to pool their funding across divisional boundaries, Officers will facilitate this, subject to the agreement of all appropriate parties.

## **5 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

- 5.1 The Area Maintenance Engineer will liaise with each Member and will confirm the pricing for any individual minor works order, confirm the final costs to the Member and order the works, feeding back on delivery dates and final spend profiles throughout the financial year.

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