



## OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)

### COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS FUND

24 FEBRUARY 2012

#### KEY ISSUE

To note the launch of the fund by Surrey County Council and the arrangements for making applications.

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At the full meeting of Surrey County Council on 13 December 2011, the Leader announced the establishment of the Community Improvements Fund. Information on the fund can be found on the website through the following link:

<http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/voluntary-community-and-faith-sector-vcfs/community-improvements-fund-leaders-initiative2>

All applications will be submitted through the Community Partnerships Team to the Community Improvements Panel which will meet quarterly. Applications can be made either through the application form (**Annex 2** and also available on the web page) or through the online application form, found through the following trail on the County Council web-site: [Apply for It > A-Z of non-highways forms > C > Community Improvements Fund](#). If the online form is used, then the Community Partnership and Committee Officer will let local County Councillors know about the content of the application.

Whilst the fund is open to applications from the start of January, funding will not be available until the new financial year. Initial applicants will be informed as to whether they have been successful in gaining funding early in the new financial year once decisions on the award of funding have been announced by the Leader based upon the advice of the Community Improvements Panel.

The Panel will meet for the first time on Wednesday 9 May 2012. The deadline for bids to be submitted for consideration at this Panel meeting is 5pm on Thursday 5 April 2012. Copies of the relevant cover sheet (**Annex 1**) and application form (**Annex 2**) are annexed to this report.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Local Committee (Waverley) is asked to agree to** note the application arrangements for the Community Improvements Fund and publicise these as appropriate.

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