



Allocating Local Committee Funding

Local Committee for Woking 12 June 2003

KEY ISSUE:

The Local Committee has almost £80,000 capital and £107,100 Members' allocation to spend. The capital needs to be allocated at this meeting; Members' allocation decisions can be taken now or at later meetings this year.

SUMMARY:

This report lists and where appropriate makes recommendations on:

- bids received from Members and the Local Transportation Director for use of the capital allocation;
- bids received for Members' allocations which have been sponsored by at least one Member.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Members approve use of the capital allocation as recommended by the Local Transportation Director in table 1
2. That Members decide whether to fund the bids for Members' allocations described in table 2.

Background

1. The Local Committee has £79,226 capital and £107,100 Members' allocation to spend. The capital needs to be allocated at this meeting; Members' allocation decisions can be taken now or at later meetings this year.

Criteria

2. On 19 March 2003, Members set criteria to assess bids. Bids for funding from both Members' Allocations and the capital budget are more likely to be funded if they meet the following criteria:
 - a. The funding needed is a "one-off".
 - b. The project will demonstrate its impact before the end of the financial year.
 - c. The project will give long-term benefit.
 - d. The project is preventative in purpose.
 - e. The project targets more disadvantaged areas or communities.
 - f. Surrey County Council funding will unlock much more funding from other sources.

3. For the **capital allocation**, Members also decided that the Local Director or Local Transportation Director would assess each suggestion to make sure that:
 - a. It is legal.
 - b. It is possible to implement within the time and budget.
 - c. Funding from the Local Committee would not simply replace funding from another source and there is no probable alternative source of funding.
 - d. It either
 - increases the budget and scope of an existing capital transportation programme which has already been prioritised in the Local Transport Plan
 or
 - enables the Local Committee to carry out a scheme which supports the priorities of the Surrey County Council Corporate Plan and Woking Community Strategy and significantly improves the quality of life of local people.

4. For the **Members' allocation**, Members decided that the Local Director would assess each suggestion to make sure that it:

- a. supports the priorities of the Surrey Corporate Plan and Woking Community Strategy
 - b. is possible to implement within the time and budget, and offer value for money
 - c. meets criteria set by Audit (e.g. that it is legal).
5. Also, in deciding which projects to fund from Members' allocation, the Local Committee decided to aim for a portfolio of schemes which overall:
- a. include at least one comparatively large project of benefit to Woking;
 - b. benefit a variety of communities of interest (for example, young people, old people, ethnic minorities, disabled people), and different areas of Woking;
 - c. include a mix of large and small projects, but not a lot of very small ones;
- and the Local Committee decided that a large project that benefits a lot of people will take priority over a project that benefits only a few people.

Bids received for the capital allocation

6. The Local Transportation Service and Community Support Team have received the following bids.
7. The Local Transportation Director has checked that all meet the Committee's criteria (a), (b) and (d). Where alternative sources of funding might be possible, – in other words, the bid might fall under criterion (c) – the Local Transportation Director will allocate activities to whichever source maximises transportation income overall.

Table 1

PROJECT SUMMARY	PROJECT SPONSOR	ESTIMATED COST (£)	RECOMMENDED FUNDING (£)	COMMENTS ON RECOMMENDATION
Improving crossing safety in Walton Road, Maybury outside school.	Mrs V Tinney	18,000	15,000	Could be Safe Routes to Schools, but no funding in 03/04. Use £3000 from Signs & Aids budget.
Hart Road - grids on grass verges if not narrowed or removed to provide parking.	Mr G Marlow	30,000	0	Is in Pegasus requirements; no funding in 03/04; hope to get it in 04/05.
Pedestrian crossing at Parvis Road, east of Oyster Lane roundabout.	Mr G Marlow	50,000	0	Part of Broadoaks development agreement.
Brewery Lane, Byfleet - double yellow lines.	Mr G Marlow	1,000	0	Use LTS Signs & Aids budget.

Binfield Road/High Road, Byfleet - double yellow lines.	Mr G Marlow	1,000	0	Use LTS Signs & Aids budget.
Possible traffic calming in Inkerman Road, Knaphill and Northwood Avenue.	Mrs M Hill	Not known	0	Assessment required to determine need and appropriate solution.
Anchor Hill - development of solution following assessment	LTD	5000	2,500	LTS is undertaking an assessment in response to public input.
Consider installation of island refuge in Anchor Hill near Barnby Road, Knaphill.	Mrs M Hill	-	0	LTS currently undertaking an assessment of factors on Anchor Hill (see above).
Installation of pedestrian crossing in Brewery Road, Horsell at town path/car park crossing point.	LTD (public request)	15,000	15,000	Additional to current programme, well used crossing point.
Safe Routes to Schools developments throughout the year - officer time plus minor works.	LTD	15,000	15,000	Officer time includes liaison with schools, development and implementation of solutions.
Install safer crossing points at Westfield Ave/Westfield Rd junction	LTD	15,000	15,000	Has been included in Pegasus bid but not funded in 2003-04.
Turnoak roundabout crossing points	LTD	5000	0	Has been included in Pegasus bid but not funded in 2003-04.
Almond Avenue - Footways & bollards - A320 additional lane	LTD LTD	35,000 75,000	0 0	Has been included in Pegasus bid but not funded in 2003-04.
Community safety initiatives - footways, signs, lighting, officer time	LTD	15,000	15,000	Funding to support and enable local queries to be developed and implemented
Community engagement activities e.g. room hire; prizes	Mr David Rousell	5,000	2,500	To be evenly split between capital and Members' allocations

Bids received for the Members' allocation

8. The following bids for Members' Allocation have been received and assessed by the Local Director:

Table 2

PROJECT SUMMARY	PROJECT SPONSOR	ESTIMATED COST (£)	RECOMMENDED FUNDING (£)	COMMENTS ON RECOMMENDATION
Community engagement e.g. room hire; prizes	Mr David Rousell	5,000	2,500	To be evenly split between capital and Members' allocations
Installation of valve to prevent flooding in Woking East	Mr Geoff Marlow	2,500	2,500	Can be transferred to capital allocation if there is capital underspend
Neighbourhood Nursery, Sheerwater - fitting out	Mrs Valerie Tinney	up to 30,000	10,000	This project costs over £500,000, with significant contributions from several agencies
Pyrford Cricket Club equipment	Mrs Val Tinney	10,000	1,000	Funding to be released by Local Director once full details of requirements are confirmed, so that equipment can be bought for children before summer.
Woking Sea Cadets Community project	Mrs Sheila Gruselle	2,021.64	2,021.64	
The Gardening Project - gardening for older, disabled and vulnerable people	Mr David Rousell	15,000	15,000	This covers period from Oct 03 to Sept 04. Recommended that funding is conditional on the project extending to all Woking, as they plan
Foundation of Woking and District Branch of the Myasthenia Gravis Association	Mr David Rousell	250		

Outstanding business

9. Woking Community Relations Forum: a bid was received towards the end of last financial year for the salary of the Race Relations Adviser. The Local Committee decided to postpone making a decision on this bid until the future of the post was clearer. Discussions are still in progress, so no decision can yet be made about this bid.

10. Woking Asian Women's Association were allocated £8,163 last year if their application to the Community Fund failed. This bid did fail. I am therefore transferring this to them, and will advise them about applications to other funders.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: The listed bids for Members' allocations;
Local Director assessment of these bids.

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