



Allocating Local Committee Funding: Members' Allocation

Local Committee for Woking 23 July 2003

KEY ISSUE:

The Local Committee has approximately £75,000 of the members' allocation budget remaining to allocate this year.

SUMMARY:

This report lists and where appropriate makes recommendations on bids received for Members' allocations which have been sponsored by at least one Member.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Members decide whether to fund the bids for Members' allocations described in paragraph 7.

Background

1. The Local Committee has £107,100 Members' allocation in 2003/04, of which £32,000 has been allocated so far this year, leaving £75,000 available. Bids have been received for a maximum of £46,032.
2. Members are reminded that at the March meeting of the Local Committee for Woking, they expressed their intention to allocate half the budget before the summer, leaving the other half - approximately £50,000 - to allocate at their October meeting. If Members want to keep to this plan, they should allocate no more than £25,000 at this meeting.
3. The Local Director has been advised of several bids which individual Members wish to put forward in October, which could not be considered at today's meeting because they are not yet finalised. Members may therefore wish to reserve at least the £50,000 they originally planned, if not more, for October decision.

Criteria

4. On 19 March 2003, Members set criteria to assess bids. Bids for funding from Members' Allocations 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.
5. 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).
6. Also 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 Members' allocation

7. The following bids for Members' Allocation have been assessed by the Local Director and meet the criteria in paragraph 5:

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT SUMMARY	SPONSOR	BID (£)	OFFICER COMMENT
Bus map	For a simplified map of buses serving Woking to encourage bus use	Mr David Rousell	2,500	Seeking additional contributions from providers and County Hall
Youth Council	For Youth Council to allocate in Local Democracy week (with criteria to ensure spent within SCC powers)	Mr David Rousell	5,000	Youth is Surrey County Council key priority.
Byfleet Community Action: transport to West Byfleet	To help people get to health care in W Byfleet now that Dickson House, Byfleet, has closed	Mr Geoff Marlow	600	Local Committee expressed concern about closure of Dickson House in June
Byfleet Boy Scouts storeroom	To replace store-room (roof has collapsed from rot)	Mr Geoff Marlow	1,780	
Brookwood Playground	Improved seating for parents & children	Mrs Elizabeth Compton	1,000	Woking Borough Council is funding other improvements to playground
St John's Memorial Hall rebuilding	Either an amplifying system or maple flooring	Mrs Elizabeth Compton	15,000	Surrey County Council has refused bid until match is secure. Will not demonstrate impact by end of year.
Basingstoke canal	To buy stones to resurface towpath in Brookwood area	Mrs Elizabeth Compton	2,000 to 3,000	Members funded towpath improvements last year
Pyrford Recreation ground and Pavilion Recreation	i) new WC and showers ii) new "wickets" esp. for young people ii) mower for grass in outfield	Mrs Valerie Tinney	6,000	The bid contains several elements: I) £7,000 + ii) £3,000 iii) £1,500-£2,000 - could fund part only
Woking Shopmobility Fleet update	To buy 4 new disability scooters to replace worn-out ones	Mrs Valerie Tinney	6,152	Half the sum bid for is being sought from Woking Borough Council – could fund part only
TOTAL			40,032 to 41,032	

Outstanding business

8. As reported to the June meeting a bid was received towards the end of last financial year for the salary of the Race Relations Adviser. At the Woking Community Relations Forum 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.

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

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