

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATING TO ITEM 13

13. Allocating Local Committee Funding: Members' Allocations

A further application for funding has been received which was submitted after the closing date due to Val Tinney's recent ill health and which, therefore, deserves consideration. The request is in relation to the Coldharbour Lunch Club in the sum of £300.

The Committee has funded this organisation in the past to help meet the rent of the premises from which a fortnightly lunch club is operated. The most recent award was approved in April 2004 but was in respect of running costs in the financial year 2003/04. This request is in respect of the running costs for 2004/05.

While the report circulated with the agenda recommends allocations which would, if approved, exhaust the allocation budget, some slippage has been identified in the allocation of £2,500 made for community engagement. It would be possible to fund this modest request from that source.

The request does, however, raise the issue of recurrent funding which could reduce flexibility in the use of any allocations budget made available for future years and it is suggested that the Local Director, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, prepares a policy on recurrent funding to be considered when and if an allocation is reported to Committee for 2005/06.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That an award of £300 is made to the Coldharbour Lunch Club to be funded from slippage in the Community Engagement allocation; and
2. That the Local Director, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman prepare a policy on recurrent funding to be considered at the beginning of the next financial year.