



Allocating Local Committee Funding: Members' Allocations

**Local Committee (Woking)
2 November 2006**

KEY ISSUE:

To set out the funding available for County Councillors' allocations for 2006/07, and to consider the requests received.

SUMMARY:

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

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to consider and approve the proposed expenditure from the Members' Allocation budget

Background

1. The Surrey County Council Local Committee (Woking) has £77,000 in 2006/07 to spend on local projects to promote the social, economic or environmental well-being of the people of Woking. This amounts to £11,000 per County Council member of the committee.
2. An additional capital allocation of £35,000 has been made available to each Surrey County Council Local Committee.
3. Members of the Local Committee (Woking) have agreed to pool the available funds.
4. Annex 1 sets out a list of all funding approved from the Members Allocation and Capital Allocation budget to date for 2006/07.

Criteria for allocations

5. Members' Allocations can only be used for purposes that fall under Surrey County Council's legal powers. In summary, this means that money must be used either for a Surrey County Council service, or under the power to promote the social, economic or environmental well-being of the area contained in the Local Government Act 2000.
6. In spending the budgets the Local Committee must do so in accordance with the administrative guidelines. In spending these sums the Committee must ensure that in doing so it does not commit to on-going funding. Annex 2 sets out the criteria to be considered when allocating to this budget and the procedure that groups who wish to apply for funding should follow.

Bids received

7. The table below shows all bids received which have been sponsored by at least one member. They are therefore all eligible for decision by the Local Committee.

Project summary	Capital/ Revenue	Member sponsor	£ requested	£ recommended
Display Case for West Byfleet Library The supporters of West Byfleet Library would like to purchase a display case for displaying new books in the Library. It is estimated that 90% of users go straight to new books. They would like all the funding for this item. In 2005/06 the Local Committee funded a coffee machine and two chairs.	Revenue	Geoff Marlow	£610.95	£610.95

<p>St John's Cornerstone Centre, West Byfleet The Centre Committee would like funding to complete the double glazing in the main hall and kitchen. They have already replaced some of the windows but would like funding for the remainder. The centre is used by a number of different groups including those that cater for elderly people as well as young babies and toddlers so it is important to have a warm building. Double glazing will also help with reduction in energy bills, condensation, noise and security. They have not received Local Committee funding in the past.</p>	Capital	Geoff Marlow	£13,660.77	£13,660.77
<p>Girls Venture Corps – French War Graves and Recruiting The Girls Venture Corps would like some funding for a two part project. They would like to arrange a visit for some of the girls to visit the war graves in France during the holiday period. They hope to send 14 children. They hope it will enable the girls to learn more about the meaning of remembrance day and give them a sense of belonging, they would be using skills to plan the trip and some would be finding where their grandfathers are buried. If they can afford it, the girls will be asked to pay 50% of the costs. If not these will be subsidised. Adults will pay for themselves. They would also like to produce some leaflets and a ¼ page advert to increase numbers involved with the association. This should help promote one of the few youth facilities in the area. The total funding required is £4,717 and they would like £4,000. The remainder will come from girls contributions and fundraising. They have not received Local Committee funding in the past.</p>	Revenue	Geoff Marlow	£4,000	£4,000
<p>Pyrford Cricket Club Shower Repair They would like funding to add a water pump and mixer so that users can have a hot shower, instead of the cold one they currently get. The club is used widely by members of all ages as well as the Nursery School playgroup and Football Club. They would like the total funding for the project and have not received Local Committee funding in the past.</p>	Revenue	Val Tinney	£1,100	£1,100
<p>St Peters Day Centre The day centre, which is for physically disabled people from 19-64 would like funding to purchase technical modifications for the computers and help with internet costs. The client base is from Woking, Byfleet, Knaphill, St Johns and</p>	Revenue	Andrew Crisp	£2000	£1232.88

<p>Goldsworth Park. It is hoped that the modifications will enable the clients to be more independent, to gain more knowledge and to aid confidence building. The total cost of the project is £2,251.28 (£1232.88 one off costs and £1018.40 ongoing costs) and they would like £2,000 of this. They have not received Local Committee funding in the past.</p>				
<p>Sutton Green Village Hall They would like to replace the windows and doors in the village hall to increase the warmth and reduce the energy costs. They would like 50% of the total cost of the double glazing. The Local Committee has not funded the village hall in the past.</p>	Capital	Andrew Crisp	£4,500	£4,500
<p>Local and Global Community Business Enterprise Project Sythwood Primary School would like the children, supported by staff, to help elderly people in the community by carrying out a simplified version of Ground Force. They may also do shopping for the housebound. With the money raised the children will be asked to choose a project in a developing country that they could get involved with, either by sending the money or buying items that are not available and sending these over. The children and the community will benefit by building good relationships amongst the community. The children involved will also learn how to run a business, including making decisions about where to put their money etc. They would like 50% of the funding for buying gardening equipment. Sythwood School have not received Local Committee funding in the past.</p>	Capital	Shamas Tabrez	£500	£500
<p>Refurbishment of Goldsworth Park Community Association Community Hall The hall has been in constant use for 18 years. Over the years they have carried refurbishment to the kitchen, replaced carpets, refurbished the snug bar and replaced half the tables. They would like funding to replace the chairs, most of which are damaged, and to replace the curtains. They would like total funding for the chairs (as a priority), and if funds are available total funding for the curtains. They have not received Local Committee funding in the past.</p>	Revenue	Shamas Tabrez and Diana Smith	£3,400 for chairs £5,000 for curtains	£8,400

Surrey Air Ambulance To put a contribution towards the Surrey Air Ambulance appeal for up to £10,000. This will provide a dedicated resource for Surrey. The Air Ambulance will be able to transport emergency cases to the most appropriate place for treatment. Surrey is one of only a few county's in England not to have a dedicated air ambulance. The total capital cost of leasing the Air Ambulance is £250,000. To date they have raised £200,000. They have not received Local Committee funding in the past, but they have received £50,000 from the County Council's Policy Initiatives Fund.	Revenue	Geoff Marlow	£10,000	£10,000
Potential bids for next meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St John/Brookwood Scouts • Arbour Youth Club • Pyrford Cricket Club Fencing 				
TOTAL Capital Revenue				18,660.77 25,343.83
Total available to this meeting: Capital Revenue				£19,625 £59,400.40
Balance for future use Capital Revenue				£964.23 £34,056.57

Conclusion and Reason for Recommendation

15. The spending proposals put forward for this meeting have been assessed against the County standards for appropriateness and value for money and it is recommended that they should be approved.

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Consulted:

Background Papers: The listed bids for Members' Allocations

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Annex 1
Local Committee bids funded to date from April 2006/March 2007 Budget

Project summary	Capital/ Revenue	Member sponsor	Date Approved	Agreed
Holiday Classes for Muslim Girls	Revenue	Shamas Tabrez	15 June 2006	£1,500
Lakeview Play Scheme	Revenue	Shamas Tabrez and John Doran	15 June 2006	£2,690
The Generation Centre: Guide and Scout HQ	Revenue	Diana Smith and Shamas Tabrez	15 June 2006	£4,000
Marjorie Richardson Centre – Renewal of Carpet	Revenue	Diana Smith	15 June 2006	£3,500
Woking Dance Festival: Radiance Glow	Revenue	Elizabeth Compton/Diana Smith	15 June 2006	£5,000
Chill and Chat	Capital	Diana Smith	15 June 2006	£2,800
Brookwood Centre Restoration	Capital	Elizabeth Compton	15 June 2006	£625
Outside Area for Orchard Centre	Capital	Elizabeth Compton	15 June 2006	£1,700
“Attitude” Youth Group	Capital	Val Tinney	15 June 2006	£1,300
Woking Sea Cadets – Purchase of 4 Pico dinghys	Capital	Val Tinney	15 June 2006	£3,100
Birchmere Campsite Digester Sewage Treatment Tank	Capital	John Doran	15 June 2006	£850
Vehicle Activated Sign for Horsell High Street	Capital	John Doran	15 June 2006	£5000
Community Speedwatch Program	Revenue	John Doran	15 June 2006	£909.60
TOTAL				
Capital				£15,375
Revenue				£17,599.60
Total available to this meeting:				
Capital				£35,000
Revenue				£77,000
Balance for future use				
Capital				£19,625
Revenue				£59,400.40

Annex 2

Local Committee (Woking) Members Allocation Criteria

Criteria to be considered should include whether projects:

1.
 - a. Support the priorities of Making Surrey a Better Place:
 - to learn and develop
 - to live and do business
 - to travel
 - where vulnerable people are more independent
 - where people feel safe
 - where everybody matters
 - b. Support the priorities of the Community Strategy for Woking:
 - A strong community spirit with a clear sense of belonging and responsibility
 - A clean, healthy and safe environment
 - A transport system that is integrated and accessible, recognising Woking's potential as a transport hub
 - Access to housing that is decent and affordable for local people and key workers
 - A community which values personal health and well being
 - Integrated and accessible local facilities and services
 - c. Meet demonstrable local needs
 - d. Be possible to implement within the time and budget, offer value for money and have a clear audit trail.

2. To be eligible for consideration for funding a project should be able to demonstrate that:
 - a. The funding needed is "one-off". All payments are made on a one off basis. There is no expectation of future funding. Consequently any organisation that uses funding from this source will have to make arrangements for securing any future ongoing funding necessary for their project. If the project involves ongoing costs such as maintenance, repair etc. there must be confirmation that an organisation has agreed to take on those costs
 - b. The project will commence within 12 months of Local Committee approval.
 - c. The project will demonstrate its impact within 12 months of receiving funding.
 - d. The project will give long-term benefit and be preventative in purpose.
 - e. The project targets more disadvantaged areas or communities.
 - f. Local Committee funding will unlock much more funding from other sources.
 - g. There is no other probable alternative source of funding

3. The funding must not:

- be used to fund schools for the direct delivery of the National Curriculum as this is already resourced on a formula basis by the County Council
- be used as a “grant” to an individual
- sponsor a political party, including contributing to the expenses of any conference, meeting or other event organised by or on behalf of the party. NB Some Surrey residents’ associations and local societies have to register as political parties because they have candidates standing in District, County or General Elections.

Capital Funding

4. The £35,000 capital is primarily allocated for support to the voluntary sector, however this funding may be used for other functions. It must meet the following criteria:
 - a. it must be applied to physical assets with life of more than one year
 - b. it must not be used to meet staffing costs or other routine running costs.

Additional Guidelines:

5. In choosing what to fund, the Local Committee aims for a portfolio which overall:
 - a. includes at least one comparatively large project of benefit to Woking;
 - b. benefits a variety of communities of interest (for example, young people, old people, ethnic minorities, disabled people), and different areas of Woking;
 - c. includes a mix of large and small projects, but not a lot of very small ones.
 - d. A large project that benefits a lot of people will take priority over a project that benefits only a few people.

Members Allocation Procedure for 2006/7

6. Groups that wish to apply for funding should contact their local County Councillor to discuss the project.
7. If the County Councillor feels the project meets the criteria (paragraphs 6-10) and wishes to support the project, the applicant should complete the bid form and return it to the Local Partnerships Team. The Local Partnerships Team will confirm compliance with the allocation criteria and if this is met will ensure the project is included in the next report to the Committee.
8. If the funding is approved, the Local Partnerships Team will complete the allocation process and ensure that payment is made.