



## **OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (Woking)**

### **Allocating Local Committee Funding: Members' Allocations**

**8 July 2009**

#### **KEY ISSUE**

To set out the funding available for County Councillors' allocations for 2009/10, to agree the protocol for the expenditure of this money, and to consider and agree the requests received.

#### **SUMMARY**

This report lists and makes recommendations on bids received for Members' Allocations that have been sponsored by at least one Member. The report also makes proposals for delegating power to the Area Director to approve small allocations between meetings of the Committee.

#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Local Committee (Woking) is asked to:

- i) pool revenue and capital funds of £57,750 and £35,000 respectively for 2009/10**
- ii) agree to delegate the power to approve revenue bids up to £1,000 to the Area Director between meetings (up to two bids per member, between each meeting), subject to consultation with and agreement of the local Member and the majority of County Local Committee Members**
- iii) consider and agree the proposed expenditure (outlined in 3.2) from the Members Allocation budget.**

- iv) **Note the allocations approved under delegated powers between the last local committee on 16 February 2009 and 31 March 2009.**

## 1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The County Council's budget for 2009/10 made available £57,750 to be spent on local projects to promote the social, environmental or economic well-being of the people of Woking. This amounts to £8,250 revenue for each County Member of the Committee.
- 1.2 An additional capital allocation of £35,000 has been made available to each Surrey County Council Local Committee.
- 1.3 In allocating funds Members are asked to have regard to the County Council's Corporate Plan *Making Surrey a better place*. The Plan sets out the following four priorities for the current year:
- Improving highways and maintaining roads;
  - Ensuring that looked after children grow up better equipped for life, in particular through education;
  - Increasing the number of vulnerable adults able to live independently;
  - Increasing waste minimisation and recycling.
- 1.4 Member allocation funding is made to organisations on a one-off basis, so that there should be no expectation of future funding for the same or similar purpose.
- 1.5 It is proposed Members of Local Committee (Woking) agree to pool available funds.
- 1.6 At its meeting on 2 November 2006 the Local Committee noted the authority of the Area Director, in consultation with the Local Committee Chairman, has authority in approving grants under 1) criteria agree by Surrey County Council (SCC) Executive, and 2) local criteria for Woking. These are outlined in turn below:
- 1.6.1 SCC Executive criteria for delegation:
- (i) The application must have been endorsed by the appropriate local Member.
  - (ii) The application should be for a maximum of £1,000
  - (iii) Applications from private clubs or other membership organisations must clearly demonstrate the wider community benefit of the project
  - (vi) Projects must not contravene any of the Council's agreed policies or priorities

- (v) The application should be for a future project, not a retrospective request
- (vi) The application should not be to cover ongoing revenue costs

#### 1.6.2 Additional local criteria for Woking:

- (i) Each individual Member can have up to two grants approved in between each formal Local Committee meeting.
- (ii) Applications up to £1,000 will be considered for approval by the Area Director between meetings, subject to consultation with and agreement of the local Member and the majority of County Local Committee Members

## 2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 Each project listed in 3.2 has completed a standard application form giving further details of timescales, purpose and other funding applications made. The member proposing each project assesses its merits, before the project can be included as a proposal for funding in the report to Committee.

## 3 OPTIONS

### Bids received

- 3.1 County Councillors are invited to consider each of the following bids received, and to seek further details as required.

	Project summary	Capital/ Revenue	Member sponsor	Reques- ted	Recom- mended
1	<p><b>Tea Time to Dance – Anecdotes in Time:</b> Surrey Arts will run workshops that will work towards bringing groups of young people and over 50's together from the Sheerwater area. They will put together a piece of dance that will be performed at the Surrey Arts festival in the summer of 2010. The total cost of the project is £35,000 and £1,774 has been requested from the Local Committee to pay for workshop fees, contribution towards costumes and contribution towards transport costs for the final performance.</p> <p>This project has not received member's allocation funding in the past.</p>	Revenue	Mohammed Amin	£1,774	£1,774
2	<p><b>Relate - Relationship Counselling at Sythwood Children's Centre:</b> To cover start up costs of a relationship counselling service in the Lakeview/Goldsworth Park area based at the sure-start centre. Further costs will be met through bursary funding and</p>	Revenue	Mohammed Amin	£5,310	£5,310

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	<p>client contributions. The total cost of the project is £5,310 and this is the amount that has been requested.</p> <p>Relate have had funding of £4,000 in the past to set up relationship counselling in Sheerwater.</p>				
3	<p><b>Holiday at Home ‘Now and Then’:</b> A holiday club for over 50's run in August in the Knaphill area, to offer support and activities for older people at a time when family and other support is often on holiday. One off funding is required to run craft activities and to hold a reunion tea in September. The total cost of the project is approx £850 and £600 has been requested from the Local Committee. The remaining amount will be funded by charging the participants a small entrance fee.</p> <p>Holiday at Home have not received funding in the past.</p>	Revenue	Diana Smith	£600	£600
4	<p><b>Upgrading WisheLawn Tennis Clubhouse:</b> Funding has been requested towards the cost of restoring the front of the clubhouse for which the cost is £5,775 and funding of £4,000 has been requested. The remaining funds are coming from club funds.</p> <p>The tennis club has not received funding in the past.</p>	Capital	Will Forster	£4,000	£4000
5	<p><b>Byfleet Primary School – Swimming Pool</b> Funding has been requested to re-clad the outer walls of the swimming pool to improve appearance and add insulation. The swimming pool is used by the school and the local community. The total cost of the project is £5,000 and £2,870 has been requested from the Local Committee. School funds raised by parents will fund the difference.</p> <p>Byfleet Primary School received funding of £1,000 in March 2004 towards the costs of rebuilding the swimming pool.</p>	Capital	Geoff Marlow	£2,870	£2,870
6	<p><b>Physical and Educational Activities at Attitude Youth Club:</b> A series of activities to build relationships with the young people that attend the club, to try to keep them engaged with the club and off the streets. This will include attending a special youth programme at Priory Events: activities will include an obstacle course, quad bikes, archery, bowling, badminton and museum visits.</p> <p>The total cost of the project is £3,854 and this is the amount that has been requested.</p>	Revenue	Liz Bowes	£3,854	£3,854

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	Attitude youth club received funding of £1,460 in November 2007 to set the club up with electronic games etc.				
				<b>Requested</b>	<b>Recom- mended</b>
	<b>TOTAL Capital Revenue</b>			£6,870 £11,538	<b>£6,870 £11,538</b>
	<b>Total available to this meeting: Capital Revenue</b>			£35,000 £57,750	£35,000 £57,750
	<b>Balance for future use Capital Revenue</b>			£28,130 £46,212	£28,130 £46,212

### **Revenue Funding Allocated under Delegated Powers**

3.2 The following bids were approved under delegated powers between the last local committee on 16 February 2009 and 31 March 2009.

- Holiday at Home £960
- Refurbishment of St John's Youth Centre- Sports Hall £1,000
- Asian Elders Luncheon Club £1,000
- Freemantles School Music technology project £761.66
- Bicycle Ballet £1,000
- Lakers Youth Committee £800

## **4 CONSULTATIONS**

4.1 As part of the standard application, each project must demonstrate that they have undertaken some consultation with service users or the community to show that the project is needed and will benefit people in the area.

## **5 VALUE FOR MONEY AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Applicants for member allocations funding must provide costed proposals and supply evidence of spend after project completion.

## **6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 The applications for member allocations will benefit people of different ages, race and gender.

## **7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 There are no specific crime and disorder implications.

## **8 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 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.

## **9 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 9.1 All of the proposals brought before the Committee fulfil the agreed criteria for member allocations funding.

## **10 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

- 10.1 The Local Partnerships Team will write to all of the organisations that have made applications to the Committee to advise them of the Committee's decision, with a copy of the Funding Agreement for them to sign as appropriate. When this has been signed and returned, the funding will be released, and a monitoring report will be requested three months subsequent to that date.

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