



## **OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE WOKING**

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

**22 October 2009**

#### **KEY ISSUE**

To set out the funding available for county councillors' allocations for 2009/10 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 local committee (Woking) is asked to:**

- i. **Consider and approve the proposed expenditure from the members' allocation budget 2009/10.**
- ii. **Note that there were no allocations approved under delegated powers between the last local committee on 8 July 2009 and 22 October 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 Members of the local committee agreed to pool available funds at Committee on 8 July 2009.
- 1.4 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 five priorities for the current year:
  - Protecting vulnerable children and young people
  - Helping adults to live independently and safely
  - Minimising and recycling waste
  - Improving Surrey's roads
  - Working to keep Surrey's economy successful
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 Annex 1 sets out a list of all funding approved from the members allocation and capital allocation budget to date for 2009/10.

## 2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 Each project detailed below 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

- 3.1 Bids received

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.

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	Project summary	Capital/ Revenue	Member sponsor	Requeste d	Recom- mended
1	<p><b>Sail Shade:</b> Funding has been requested for a shade sail for part of the playground and environmental garden for West Byfleet Infant School. The total cost of the project is £6808 and £3000 has been requested from the local committee for the remainder of the funds which will come from the West Byfleet Infant School's PTA.</p> <p>West Byfleet School have not received funding in the past.</p>	C	Geoff Marlow	£3,000	£3,000
2	<p><b>St Mary's Hall Disabled Toilet:</b> Funding is requested to install a disabled toilet in St Mary's Hall in St Mary's Church. The total cost of the project is £5000 and a request of £2500 has been made from the local committee.</p> <p>St Mary's Hall has not received funding from the local committee in the past.</p>	C	Geoff Marlow	£2,500	£2,500
3	<p><b>Goldsworth Park Lake Bank Restoration and Wildlife Sanctuary:</b> Funding of £2500 has been requested for a six metre floating island which will provide a safe area for nesting birds and refuge for fish and invertebrates. £1150 had been requested for an interpretation board. The total cost of the project is £21,000.</p> <p>This project has not received funding from the local committee in the past.</p>	R	Diana Smith	£3,650	£3,650
4	<p><b>Woking Hockey Club:</b> Funding is requested for dugouts and replacement goals as follows: 6 hockey goals                               £7500 6 five a side football goals               £4500 2 Team Dugouts/shelters               £5000 The club hires out its pitches to community groups and local schools who will all benefit from the upgraded facilities.</p> <p>The hockey club has not received funding from the local committee in the past.</p>	C	Ben Carasco	£17,000	£17,000

5	<p><b>The Cabin - Knaphill Café for young people:</b>  This project to provide a safe place for local young people (aged 13 – 18) to meet their friends is looking for funding for its first year. This follows an initial six month trial period which averaged 25 young people using the café each week. The total cost of the project is £2955. Local committee has been asked to fund £1996 for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• activity equipment, tabletop games, computer consoles £300</li> <li>• PAT testing for electrical items £110</li> <li>• printing and publicity £90</li> <li>• stationery and postage £16</li> <li>• To pay for craft materials £540</li> <li>• To run cooking/dance workshops £360</li> <li>• CRB checks for new volunteers £150</li> <li>• Child protection and other training for new volunteers £250</li> <li>• Special events to raise awareness of the café £180</li> </ul> <p>It is looking to secure future funding from events and activities and help from local businesses.</p> <p>This project has not received funding in the past.</p>	R	Diana Smith	£1,996	£1,996
6	<p><b>Byfleet Methodist Youth Club:</b> Funding is needed to decorate a room which is currently used for storage to provide new facilities and a space which is dedicated to young people. The computers will also be used for one-off group sessions on things like writing CVs, job hunting and powerpoint.</p> <p>The total cost of the project is £2325 and £2000 has been requested for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 computers with antivirus software £900</li> <li>• Flatscreen TV £250</li> <li>• Games console package £350</li> <li>• Desk and chairs £200</li> <li>• Coffee table and chairs £170</li> <li>• Lamp, shelving units, throws £130</li> </ul> <p>The youth club has not received funding from the local committee in the past.</p>	C	Geoff Marlow	£2,000	£2,000

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7	<p><b>Woking Dance Festival:</b> The Festival is looking for funding to work with five community groups within Woking to create a piece of dance to represent their own community and perceptions about Woking. It will culminate in a performance at the HG Wells Centre as part of the opening of the biennial international festival. Woking Dance Festival is working with the Borough Council to target disadvantaged communities, in particular Lakeview and Sheerwater.</p> <p>The total project cost is £34,710. The local committee is being asked to fund £5000 to cover the cost of running the community workshops and contribute towards the venue costs for the performance.</p> <p>Funding was given to Woking Borough Council for the Dance for health project last year which was a partnership project which included Woking Dance Festival.</p>	R	Diana Smith	£5,000	£5,000
8	<p><b>Wildlife Garden:</b> Funding is being sought to fund the creation of a wildlife garden at St Dunstan's Catholic Primary School. The total project cost is £1500 and the local committee is being asked to fund £1000. The remainder of the funding will come from the PTA.</p> <p>The primary school has not received funding in the past.</p>	R	Liz Bowes	£1,000	£1,000
9	<p><b>Girlguiding Woking East Division Centenary Camp:</b> Woking East are looking for funding to celebrate girl guiding's centenary with a weekend stay at Bishop David Brown in Sheerwater 28-30 May 2010. The event will enable the girls to experience new and adventurous activities and will benefit over 300 girls, teenagers and adults who are members of this division.</p> <p>The cost of the event is £5000. The committee is being asked to fund £1000 for the following activities and trained staff to support them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climbing wall £700</li> <li>• Archery/rifle shooting equipment £200</li> <li>• Caving system and trained staff £100</li> </ul> <p>The remaining £4000 will be covered by those attending the event.</p>	R	Ben Carasco	£1,000	£1,000
10	<p><b>Friends of Byfleet Library:</b> This organisation is looking for £137 for vertical blinds to replace old curtains in the black out room for heritage presentations to local groups.</p> <p>The group received £2500 from local committee to fund armchairs in June 2007.</p>	R	Geoff Marlow	£137	£137

11	<b>Friends of St Mary's day centre:</b> Funding of £1300 has been requested to purchase stage curtains and fittings and a piano stool. The stage is used by clients, their friends and staff to put on amateur shows for users of the day centre.  The day centre received funding of £1311 for a cinema entertainment project in February 2009.	C	Geoff Marlow	£1,300	£1,300
	<b>TOTAL Capital Revenue</b>				£25,800 £12,783
	<b>Total available to this meeting: Capital Revenue</b>				£28,130 £46,212
	<b>Balance for future use Capital Revenue</b>				£2,330 £33,429

### 3.2 Revenue Funding Allocated under Delegated Powers

There were no allocations approved under delegated powers between the last local committee on 8 July 2009 and 22 October 2009.

## 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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### BACKGROUND PAPERS:

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## Annex 1

**Local Committee bids funded to date from April/July 2009 Budget by project and Member**

<b>Project summary</b>	<b>Capital/ Revenue</b>	<b>Member sponsor</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Agreed</b>
Tea time for dance	Revenue	Mohammed Amin	8-July-2009	£1,774.00
Relationship Counselling- Relate	Revenue	Mohammed Amin	8-Jul-2009	£5,310.00
Holiday at Home	Revenue	Diana Smith	8-Jul-2009	£600.00
Attitude Youth Group	Revenue	Liz Bowes	8-Jul-2009	£3,854.00
Upgrading Wishel Lawn Tennis Clubhouse	Capital	Will Forster	8-Jul-2009	£4,000.00
Byfleet Primary School Swimming Pool	Capital	Geoff Marlow	8-Jul-09	£2,870.00
<b>Total Capital Revenue</b>				<b>£6,870 £11,538</b>

**Total Allocations to date by Member:**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Capital</b>	<b>Revenue</b>
Mohammed Amin		£7,084
Liz Bowes		£3,854
Ben Carasco		
Elizabeth Compton		
Will Forster	£4,000	
Geoff Marlow	£2,870	
Diana Smith		£600
<b>Total</b>	<b>£6,870</b>	<b>£11,538</b>