



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

### **ALLOCATING LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING: MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS COMMUNITY SAFETY FUNDING**

**7 JULY 2010**

#### **KEY ISSUE**

To set out the funding available for county councillors' allocations for 2010/11 and to consider the requests received.

To delegate responsibility for expenditure of the County Council's community safety funding to the Area Director.

#### **SUMMARY**

This report lists and makes recommendations on bids received for members' allocations which have been sponsored by at least one member. It also sets out the County Council's community safety funding for Woking.

#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The local committee (Woking) is asked to:**

- i. **delegate responsibility for expenditure of the County Council's local community safety funding of £2,500 to the Area Director, and note that, as a domestic abuse outreach service is provided, a further £12,000 is contributed to the Community Safety Partnership funds.**

- ii. **pool Members Allocation revenue and capital funds of £57,750 and £30,000 respectively for 2010/11**
- iii. **note the guideline limit of £3,000 per bid for both capital and revenue funds (with the possible exception of larger borough wide schemes)**
- iv. **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**
- v. **Consider and approve the proposed expenditure from the members' allocation budget 2010/11 as set out in para 3.1.**
- vi. **Note the allocations approved under delegated powers between the last local committee on 3 February 2010 and 7 July 2010 as set out in para 3.2.**

## 1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

### Community Safety Funding

- 1.1 As set out in the report taken earlier within the Public Engagement Agenda (Public Engagement Item 2), Surrey County Council's contribution to community safety funding in Woking comprises £12,000 which is available to the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) subject to a domestic abuse outreach service being provided, as it is; and a further £2,500 which members are asked to delegate to the Area Director as the representative on the CSP.

### Members Allocation

- 1.2 The County Council's budget for 2010/11 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.
- 1.3 An additional capital allocation of £30,000 has been made available to each Surrey County Council local committee.
- 1.4 It is proposed members of local committee (Woking) agree to pool available funds, and that as a guideline, a limit of £3,000 is set for bids to both the capital and revenue funds, but the committee may make an exception for larger borough wide schemes.
- 1.5 In allocating funds members are asked to have regard to Surrey County Council's Corporate Strategy 2010-14 *Making A Difference*, it highlights five themes which make Surrey special and which it seeks to maintain:
- a safe place to live;
  - a high standard of education;
  - a beautiful environment;
  - a vibrant economy
  - a healthy population
- 1.6 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.

## 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.

	Project summary	Capital/ Revenue	Member sponsor	Requested	Recom- mended
1	<p><b>Birchmere Scouts Campsite Second Water Supply - £800</b></p> <p>They would like to lay a second water supply to the camp fire wooded area which would reduce fire risk and reduce the need for young scouts to carry heavy water containers to their camping area.</p> <p>The catchment area for the scouts is all Woking youth, but they also welcome visiting groups from outside the area.</p> <p>They would like the full cost of the projects. They received funding in 2004 for £9000 for a disabled WC, £850 in June 2006 for a digester sewage treatment tank and £1200 in 2009 for hall lighting and electrical testing.</p> <p>This bid was deferred from the meeting in February 2010.</p>	R	Diana Smith	£800	£800

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2	<p><b>The Eco-Classroom – The Oaktree School</b></p> <p>The school would like funding for a water harvesting system within the environmentally friendly classroom, which is being built. The additional classroom is needed as the PAN has been raised to 90. The new classroom will not only benefit the school, but will also help educate pupils and the local community about sustainability issues. The school has been working closely with the News and Mail throughout the project.</p> <p>The total cost of the classroom is £200,000. They would like full funding for the water harvesting system at a cost of £4,010.</p> <p>The school has not received local committee funding in the past but was successful in a bid to the County Council's Climate Change Fund in March 2010 and received £10,000 towards a ground source heat pump.</p> <p>This bid was deferred from the meeting in February 2010.</p>	R	Elizabeth Compton	£4,010	£3000
3	<p><b>Warren Farm Resident's Association-</b></p> <p>Would like funding to promote social events to encourage residents to meet and talk. They would like funding to buy an 8 metre x 3 metre waterproof tent and lighting for £445 and a photocopying machine for £220.</p> <p>They would like 100% of the costs for this.</p> <p>The residents association has not received local committee funding in the past.</p>	R	Liz Bowes	£600	£600

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4	<p><b>Woking Malayalee Association-</b> They would like funding to hold a function to celebrate Onam which is the national festival of Kerala a southern state of India.</p> <p>Funding of £1000 has been requested for the following: Dance costumes for 20 children (20x £15) = £300 Traditional band = £300 Prizes and stationary = £350 Stage decorations = £50</p> <p>The remaining £3,500 required for the project will come from fees from participants and donations from members.</p> <p>The Woking Malayalee association has not received local committee funding in the past.</p>	R	Mohammed Amin	£1000	£1000
5	<p><b>Chobham and district lawn tennis club-</b> Funding has been requested to install a mesh practice tennis wall. The club members are from Surrey Heath and Woking with a split of 65%/35% respectively. The total cost of the project is £4500 and they would like to apply for £525. They are applying to Surrey Heath local committee for £975.</p> <p>They have not received local committee funding in the past.</p>	R	Ben Carasco	£525	£525
6	<p><b>Woking Community Action Fund-</b> This fund supports any members of the Woking community who have nowhere else to go to find support. This includes funding to help people buy equipment who are starting to live independently, food vouchers for homeless people etc.</p> <p>They would like funding of £388 for a fixed desktop PC to enable the administrator to access information easily and at all times so that they can support clients at the office with applications for the community fund.</p> <p>They would also like £425 for leaflets and display equipment to promote the fund.</p> <p>Woking Community Action fund have not received local committee funding in the past.</p>	R	Will Forster	£813	£813

7	<p><b>Woking Street Angels-</b> A team of volunteer street angels will be recruited and trained in preparation for establishing a presence on the streets of Woking between 10pm and 4am for initially one night a week (they are in discussion with the Police to decide which night in the week this should be) to assist those who are vulnerable, distressed or lost to get to a place safely. This will help make the streets of Woking safer and more hospitable.</p> <p>The total cost of the project is £17,600 and funding of £5000 has been requested to pay towards the cost of uniforms, publicity, consultancy and equipment.</p> <p>They have also applied for funding from the Safer Woking Partnership, and the rest will be raised from church and individual contributions.</p> <p>This scheme will have a positive effect for residents from across the borough.</p> <p>Woking Street Angels have not received local committee funding in the past.</p>	R	Mohammed Amin	£5000	£5000
8	<p><b>Link Leisure –</b> Link leisure is a Woking based charity providing sports, social and recreational activities for children and adults with a broad range of learning disabilities, who come from all areas of Woking. They have just taken a 50 year lease of the New Horizons building in Maybury, and want to improve the garden space.</p> <p>They have set up a gardening project, the total cost of which is £10,000. They would like to apply for funding of £3,750 to buy some gardening tools (£250) and a clubhouse (£3,500). This is a log building which will form the central point of the garden and will be the base for the gardening club to meet and house their tools, seeds and plants. It will also be used by the wider membership as a social and learning area, a chill out area and quiet space.</p> <p>Link leisure received funding of £3155 for activity groups in March 2003.</p>	R/C	Mohammed Amin	£3,750	£3,750
	<b>TOTAL Capital Revenue</b>				£3,500 £11,988

	<b>Total available to this meeting: Capital Revenue</b>			£30,000 £56,871
	<b>Balance for future use Capital Revenue</b>			£26,500 £44,883

### 3.2 Revenue Funding Allocated under Delegated Powers

The following bid was approved under delegated powers between the last local committee on 3 February 2010 and 7 July 2010.

- Burbank Community Home £879

- 3.3 Sheerwater Community Forum was allocated funds of £650 in June 2008 to produce a forum newsletter. The newsletter was not produced and therefore the funds were not spent. The local committee agreed that the funds could be reallocated and will now be used for the Sheerwater Summer festival on 24 July 2010.

## 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. Of the £14,500 funding identified in the County budget for community safety £12,000 will be contributed to the CSP as a domestic abuse outreach service is provided, and members are asked to delegate the further £2,500 to the Area Director to also contribute to the CSP for initiatives in the partnership plan in order to achieve best value for money.
- 5.2 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 The community safety funding will support community safety initiatives within the borough.



## 8 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 Members are asked to agree to delegate responsibility for expenditure of the County Council's contribution to community safety funding in Woking to the Area Director.
- 8.2 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 The delegation of the community safety funding is recommended to facilitate timely decision making in response to fast moving trends in patterns of crime and disorder locally.
- 9.2 All of the proposals brought before the committee fulfil the agreed criteria for member allocations funding.

## 10 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 10.1 The Surrey County Council contribution to community safety will be paid over to the borough council for community safety initiatives in Woking.
- 10.2 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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## Annex 1

## Local Committee bids funded to date from April June 2010 Budget by project and Member

Project summary	Capital/ Revenue	Member sponsor	Date Approved	Agreed
Burbank Community Home	Revenue	Elizabeth Compton	Under Delegated	£879
<b>Total Capital Revenue</b>				<b>£0 £879</b>

## Total Allocations to date by Member:

Member	Capital	Revenue
Mohammed Amin		
Liz Bowes		
Ben Carasco		
Elizabeth Compton		£879
Will Forster		
Geoff Marlow		
Diana Smith		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£879</b>