



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (WOKING)

MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS FUNDING

26 SEPTEMBER 2012

KEY ISSUE

To set out the funding available for County Councillors' allocations for 2012/13, and to give consideration to the funding requests received.

SUMMARY

Surrey County Council's Local Committees receive funding to spend on locally determined purposes that help to promote social, economic or environmental well-being. This funding is known as Members' Allocations.

For the financial year 2012/13, the County Council has allocated £12,615 revenue funding to each County Councillor and £35,000 capital funding to each Local Committee.

The report identifies and makes recommendations on bids received for funding that have been sponsored by at least one County Councillor.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Woking) is asked to:

- (i) Agree the items presented for funding from the Local Committee's 2012/13 **revenue** and **capital** funding as set out in paragraph 2 of this report.
- (ii) Note the expenditure approved since the last Committee by the Community Partnerships Manager and the Community Partnerships Team Leader under delegated powers, as set out in paragraph 3.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The County Council's Constitution sets out the overall Financial Framework for managing the Local Committee's delegated budgets. The underlying principle being that Members' Allocations should be spent on local projects to promote the social, environmental and economic well-being of the area, as required by the Local Government Act 2000.
- 1.2 Members of the Local Committee (Woking) have traditionally agreed to pool both the revenue and capital funding.
- 1.3 In addition to the £88,305 revenue funding we have an additional £6334 funds returned as unspent. The total available for 2012/13 is £94,639
- 1.4 In addition, the Local Committee agreed to delegate authority to the Community Partnerships Manager & Community Partnership Team Leader (West Surrey) to approve budget applications (and refunds) up to and including £1,000, subject to these being reported to the Committee at the following meeting. The Council's Constitution also allows for the Community Partnership Manager to approve funding for the purchase of grit bins upon a request from a County Councillor.
- 1.5 In allocating funds, Members are asked to have regard to Surrey County Council's Corporate Strategy 2010-14 Making A Difference that 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 Members' Allocation funding is made to groups and organisations on a one-off basis, so that there should be no expectation of future funding for the same or similar purpose. It may not be used to benefit individuals, or to fund schools for direct delivery of the National Curriculum, or to support a political party.

2. BIDS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL – REVENUE/CAPITAL FUNDING

- 2.1 The proposals for revenue and capital funding for consideration and decision at this Committee are set out below.

2.2 **Surrey Library Service – High technology display screen for the refurbished Woking Library (Liz Bowes)**

Project Cost	£4000
Amount Requested	£4000 (Capital)

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Project Description: To pay for a high tech LCD display screen for the newly refurbished Woking library. The screen improves delivery of information to library users and allows the library service to advertise library and Council events and initiatives.

2.3 Second Hand Dance – Dad Dancing (Liz Bowes, Ben Carasco, Geoff Marlow)

Project Cost £350

Amount Requested £350 (Revenue)

Project description: One off funding to pay towards three leaders to run creative dance and craft workshops for fathers and their children at three Sure Start Centres in Woking – The proposed venues are Horsell Village School Sure Start Children's Centre, Pyrford and Byfleet Sure Start Children's Centre and Sythwood Sure Start Children's Centre's Outreach venue in Old Woking.

2.4 Knaphill Residents Association – Knaphill Christmas Lights (Diana Smith)

Project Cost £1300

Amount Requested £1100 (Revenue)

Project description: To pay towards the purchase of 15 wall mounted brackets for Christmas trees and lighting. The trees will be wall mounted above shops along Knaphill High Street and Anchor Hill and decorated with lights.

2.5 Woking Community Action Fund- (Linda Kemeny, Will Forster)

Project Cost £5000

Amount Requested £5000 (Revenue)

Project description: The WCAF provides emergency funding to people in a crisis situation in Woking. The fund is able to help areas of need such as helps towards food vouchers for the homeless and applicants with benefit problems, help towards admin fees for letting agents, money towards white goods. The maximum grant is £250.

3. DELEGATED AUTHORITY APPROVED BIDS

3.1 No bids were approved under delegated authority since the last committee meeting.

4. OPTIONS

- 4.1 The Local Committee may choose to approve all, part or none of the funding proposals under discussion in this report.

5. CONSULTATIONS

- 5.1 In relation to new bids, consultation, where appropriate, may have been undertaken by the organisation receiving the funding, the local Member or the Community Partnerships Team as required.
- 5.2 The appropriate Surrey County Council services and partner agencies are consulted when bids are submitted, as required.

6. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Each project detailed in this report has completed a standard application form giving details of timescales, purpose and other funding applications made. The County Councillor proposing each project has assessed its merits prior to the project's inclusion as a proposal for decision by the Committee. All bids are also scrutinised to ensure that they comply with the Council's Financial Framework and represent value for money.
- 6.2 There are sufficient monies to fund all of the proposals contained within this report. If the above recommendations are approved the remaining available funds are set out in the table in the Local Committee's financial position statement attached as Annexe 1.
- 6.3 Please note these figures will not include any applications submitted for approval after the deadline for this report or that are currently pending approval under delegated authority. They also do not include any funding that is in the process of being returned to the Local Committee.

7. EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The allocation of the Committee's budgets is intended to enhance the wellbeing of residents and make the best possible use of the funds. Funding is available to all residents, community groups or organisations based in, or serving, the area. The success of the bid depends entirely upon its ability to meet the agreed criteria, which is flexible.
- 7.2 The Local Committee funding can be allocated to projects that benefit a diverse range of community safety needs.

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 within the agreed Financial Framework and the local agreed criteria, which is available from the Community Partnerships Team.

8.2 The Local Committee is asked to consider the items submitted for funding from the 2012/13 Local Committee delegated budgets as detailed in the report.

9. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 The Committee is being asked to decide on these bids so that the Community Partnerships Team can process the bids in line with the wishes of the Committee.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 10.1 If approved by the Local Committee, organisations will be approached to sign funding agreements for their projects based on the bids submitted.
- 10.2 Any changes to an approved bid will be discussed with the local Members and the Chairman, and if the changes are considered to be significant, an amended bid will be brought back to the Committee for approval. In all other circumstances, the Community Partnerships Team will process the payments as soon as possible once the signed agreement has been received.
- 10.3 Within 6 months of receipt, all successful applicants will be contacted for details of how the funding was spent and will be asked to supply evidence.
- 10.4 A breakdown of the expenditure for the year will be brought to the first meeting of the next municipal year.

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Background Papers:

- SCC Constitution: Financial Framework
- Local Committee Protocol
- Criteria and Guidance for Members Allocations
- Local Committee Funding Bids