

**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE  
(Elmbridge)**

**LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING**

**19 November 2012**

**KEY ISSUE**

To give consideration to the funding requests received that have been sponsored by at least one County Councillor.

**SUMMARY**

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

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Local Committee (Elmbridge) is asked to:**

- (i) Agree the items presented for funding from the Local Committee's 2012/13 **revenue** funding as set out in section 2 of this report and summarised below:

<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Molesey Local History Society	Molesey Jubilee Then & Now Photo Project	£2,075
SCC - Highways	Westcar Lane Mini VAS	£4,000
The Dittons Scout Group	Car Park For Scout 'shack'	£5,000
Molesey Second World War Memorial Association	1939/45 War Memorial	£5,234.81
Molesey Business Association	Magical Molesey	£624
The Counselling Partnership	Counselling Payment Assistance Scheme	£2,000
Molesey Police Volunteers	Elmbridge Young Person's Honour Awards	£1,500

Long Ditton Residents Group & Local Businesses	Long Ditton Christmas Festivities & Special Events	£2,000
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- (ii) The Local Committee is asked to approve the reallocation of £1,250 revenue granted to St Barnabus Youth Group for a new roof project. This allocation was sponsored by Ernest Mallet and originally approved at Local Committee on 14 June 2012 towards Duke of Edinburgh Awards Qualifications.  
NB: This will be subject to the bid form and quotes meeting the agreed Members Allocation criteria.
- (iii) Note the expenditure previously approved by the Community Partnerships Manager and/or the Community Partnerships Team Leader under delegated authority, as set out in section 3.
- (iv) Note any returned funding and/or adjustments, as set out within the report or at Appendix 1.

## 1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 At its 14 June 2012 Local Committee (Elmbridge) meeting, councillors agreed to pool their £35,000 capital budget but to keep their £12,615 revenue allocations separate.
- 1.2 Member Allocation funding is generally made to organisations on a one-off basis, so that there should be no expectation of future funding for the same or similar purpose.
- 1.3 Member Allocation funding will not usually be granted for purposes that benefit an individual, nor to fund schools for the direct delivery of the National Curriculum, nor to support political parties.
- 1.4 When considering bids, organisations applying are advised against assuming that the Local Committee will meet the total cost of their project.

## 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:

**Molesey Local History Society** £2,075 Revenue

Ernest Mallet £1,075  
Nigel Cooper £1,000

The Molesey Local History Society has submitted an application for £2,075 to produce a photographic record of Molesey in the Jubilee year compared to historic photographs.

Copies of the record will be available at libraries and the Surrey History Centre.

The total cost of the project is £3,450 and the remainder of the funding will be coming from private donations.

**SCC – Highways**

£4,000 Revenue

Margaret Hicks

Surrey highways team has submitted an application for £4,000 to install 2 mini Vehicle Activated Signs in Westcar Lane, Hersham. These will act as a reminder to drivers who illuminate the sign of the posted speed limit. Residents have made requests to Surrey County Council's highways team and the divisional member for speed reduction measures in the area.

The total cost of the project is £4,000.

**The Dittons Scout Group**

£5,000 Revenue

Peter Hickman

The Dittons Scout Group has submitted an application for £5,000 to resurface the car park at the "shack".

The entrance and car parking area at the scout 'Shack' is heavily cratered giving rise to health and safety concerns. To ensure the future enjoyment of the site for generations to come the Group has formed a committee to review the needs of this 80 year old building and site. The 1932 committee commissioned a survey that highlighted the car park as an area needing immediate attention.

The total cost of the project is £9,528 the rest of the money will be coming from funds raised by the Dittons Scout Group at its annual fair.

**Molesey Second World War Memorial Association** £5,234.81 Revenue

Nigel Cooper £4,143.81

Ernest Mallett £1,091

The Molesey Second World War Association (MSWWMA) has submitted an application for £5,234.81 towards additional structures being erected at West Molesey War Memorial (1914-18) in order to record the 1939-45 names of war dead. This will help to meet the British Legion's War Veteran's and public efforts to honour 1939-45 war dead. Some 140 names are to be newly recorded and this will honour families of the war dead and be of interest to the general public.

The total cost of the project is estimated at £11,078.40, the remainder of the funding is promised from private donations and subscriptions to MSWWMA.

Maintenance will be provided by the freeholder of the existing 1914-18 memorial.

**Molesey Business Association – Magical Molesey** £624 Revenue

Ernest Mallett

The Molesey Business Association has submitted an application for £624 of funding towards the Magical Molesey Christmas Event 2012. The total cost of the event is £2,219 to include costs for advertising, staging, insurance, Christmas tree and lighting/cables. This is a Christmas community/business promotion event that the Molesey Business Association leads together with community organisations. This will benefit local people, school children, the church choir, scouts and guides and several thousand people visiting the event.

**The Counselling Partnership**

£2,000 Revenue

Tom Phelps-Penry

The Counselling Partnership has submitted an application for funding towards their counselling payment assistance scheme. The Counselling Partnership is a registered charity whose core objective is to provide low cost counselling to people on low incomes. It assists residents suffering from anxiety or moderate depression that can be as a result of unemployment, or stressful family relationships. The Counselling Partnership asks its clients to make a payment for their counselling but they often are unable to meet the cost in full and so the assistance scheme aids in meeting this funding gap. It is estimated that 80 people will directly benefit from the scheme but there will also be associated benefits reaped by their families, friends and employers and those they are in contact with. The total cost of the project is approximately £7,000 to £8,000 per year. The rest of the funding is coming from 'The Dancer Fund'.

**Molesey Police Volunteers**

£1,500 Revenue

Tom Phelps-Penry

The Molesey Police Volunteers has submitted an application for funding towards the Elmbridge Young Persons of Honour Awards 2013. The annual award scheme recognises good social and community contributions made by young people in the borough of Elmbridge. The total cost of the project is approximately £2,000 and funding will meet room hire, refreshments, medals, certificates, promotion and invitation printing costs.

The remainder of the funding is being obtained from donations and subscriptions.

## Long Ditton Christmas Festivities & Special Events £2,000 Revenue

Peter Hickman

The Long Ditton Residents Group and local businesses have submitted an application for funding towards the provision of electrical and other equipment needed for Christmas and future events. Funding is for the supply of the first year's Christmas trees in order to help to enhance the local business environment in Long Ditton. It will also help to pay for the purchase of multi-purpose brackets for flags and the trees.

The total cost of the project is £2,080. The rest of the funding will be raised by the Long Ditton Residents Association and local businesses.

### 3 DELEGATED AUTHORITY APPROVED BIDS

- 3.1 The Community Partnerships Manager or the Community Partnerships Team Leader (East Surrey) has already approved the following revenue bids under delegated authority, since the last committee meeting:

<b>COUNCILLOR</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Mike Bennison	Centennial Low Ropes Assault Course	£1,000
Tony Samuels	Oatlands Park Bowling Club Green Renovation	£1,000
Mike Bennison	Arts And Crafts At The Pavilion Cafe	£1,000
Ian Lake	Fast & Loose Production of "The Alchemist"	£999
Nigel Cooper	Replacement Kitchen Pump For Esher CAB	£547.20
Nigel Cooper	Speakers for Probus Meeting	£350
Ernest Mallett & Nigel Cooper	Artefact Amenity Group 2012 Jubilee Project	£624
Mike Bennison	Play And Stay Connected Through Art	£1,000
Peter Hickman	Long Ditton Infants Outdoor Classroom Freeflow	£999
Mike Bennison	CHEER Tele-Befriending	£400
Tony Samuels & Tom Phelps-Penry	Walton Christmas Festival Of Light 2012	£1,000
Ernest Mallett & Nigel Cooper	New Remembrance Day Booklet	£359
Ernest Mallett	Kidzone Childrens Outing Programme	£816
Peter Hickman	Thames Ditton Christmas Fair	£400
Tony Samuels	Erection Of Flag Pole In	

	Oatlands Recreation Ground	£500
Tony Samuels	Spring Bulb Planting at Painshill Park	£560
Mike Bennison	Claygate Allotment Holders' Association – 2 Allotment Gates	£1,000
Margaret Hicks	Replacement Heritage Lights Belgrave Close, Hersham	£700
Margaret Hicks	Elmbridge Mencap	£869

#### **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 of 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 balances will be those set out in the financial position statement attached at Appendix 1.
- 6.3 Please note that these figures may 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's 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 budget, 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 All successful applicants will be contacted for details of how the funding was spent and will be asked to supply evidence.

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**Background Papers:**

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