



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE TANDRIDGE

MEMBER ALLOCATIONS FUNDING

14 December 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 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.

This report makes recommendations on bids received for funding that have been sponsored by at least one County Councillor from the 2012/13 budget.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Tandridge) is asked to:

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

Organisation	Project Title	Amount
Chaldon Scout Group	Refurbishment of HQ	£4000
Surrey Police	Electric Patrol Cycles	£1599
Soper Hall Community Centre	Tables and Trolleys	£2500
Downlands Project	Minibus	£3500
Tandridge DC	Taxi Vouchers	£5000
Burstow Parish Council	Millennium Garden Proj.	£2500
Outwood Cricket Club	Junior Academy Equip	£523.94
Warlingham Cricket Club	Practice Net	£5000

- ii. Consider the items presented for funding from the Local Committee's 2012/13 **capital** funding as set out in section 2 of the report and summarised below:

Organisation	Project Title	Amount
1 st Whyteleafe Scouts	Refurbishment of Scout Hut	£5000

- ii. Note the expenditure previously approved by the Community Partnerships Manager and the Community Partnerships Team Leader, in consultation with County Councillors, under delegated powers, as set out in section 3.
- iii. Note any returned funding and/or adjustments, as set out within the report and at **Annex A**.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 At the 29 June 2012 Tandridge Local Committee meeting, County councillors agreed to pool their individual £12,615 revenue allocations and to continue to collectively make decisions on expenditure from both their revenue (£75,690) and capital budgets (£35,000).
- 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 one 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 is set out below.

Chaldon Scout Group

£4000 Revenue

Mr John Orrick

An application has been received from Chaldon Scout Group to refurbish their Headquarters. The project will provide new toilets for boys and girls, a new kitchen and storage area, new doors throughout, alteration of electrical wiring and provide hot water throughout the building. The work will benefit approximately 100 young people in the Chaldon and Caterham Hill area. The total cost is £8135, with the remainder coming from local funding raising.

Surrey Police**£1599 Revenue**

Mr Michael Sydney

An application has been received for the purchase of two electrically assisted pedal cycles. These will enable wider and more visible patrols by individual Police Officers and Community Support Officers throughout the Tandridge area. Cycle patrols will form part of patrol plans, reassurance measures, targeted operations and engagement opportunities in the community. The bikes cost £1599 each, funding is requested for one of the cycles. Surrey Police will fund the purchase of the other cycle.

Soper Hall Tables and Trolleys**£2500 Revenue**

Mrs Sally Marks

An application has been received for the purchase of 20 folding tables and carrier trolleys. This will increase capacity to meet all hirers' needs, which could be as many as 2,000 per year. There is a long term commitment to keep the building's use as a community centre to meet the needs of Caterham specifically and the Tandridge area in general. The cost of the project is £2593.92.

Downlands Project Minibus**£3500 Revenue**

Mr John Orrick

An application has been received for the purchase of a 15 seater minibus which has been on hire from Croydon Accessible Transport for the last year. It is in good condition and has been offered at a special sale price. The Downland Project works across North East Surrey and South London, including various sites in Tandridge and their Depot is on Caterham Hill. One of their aims is to encourage communities to get out and enjoy the countryside. The minibus is imperative to carrying out their work.

Tandridge Taxi Vouchers**£5000 Revenue**

County Councillors requested that funds be ring-fenced for this project at the October 2012 Local Committee meeting. The scheme addresses the transport needs of people who are unable to access existing transport services due to mobility problems and/or rural isolation. The funds will cover an administrative and printing cost for each voucher book of £10 and the remainder of the funds will be used when the people travel using their vouchers. This funding will benefit 30 additional people.

Millennium Garden Project- Smallfield**£2500 Revenue**

Mr Michael Sydney

An application has been received from Burstow Parish Council for the refurbishment of the Millennium Garden in Smallfield. The garden is in need of repair and re-stocking due to degradation over time. The application is for the full cost of the Project which includes a general tidy of flower beds, lifting and re-bedding some block pavers, removal of existing cement from edges of existing pavers, supplying top soil to bring beds up to level of path and re-pointing brickwork as required. The Project will benefit all members of the community who visit the area.

Outwood Cricket Club – Junior Academy**£523.94 Revenue**

Mr Michael Sydney

An application has been received for the purchase of a selection of equipment including soft impact balls, nets, bats and target stumps designed for the training and use by young people to bring the sport of cricket to the local children of Tandridge. The Academy has grown over the last few years and the funding will enable more children to be trained with the latest equipment and have the benefit of increased safety as well. This will mainly benefit children from Outwood, Smallfield and Horne but others attend from the Tandridge Area.

Warlingham Cricket Club Practice Net**£5000 Revenue**

Mr David Hodge

An application has been received for a new, self-build practice net area with fully enclosing nets and an all-weather playing surface. This is needed to re-establish the colt and junior cricket section by offering a safe and true playing surface. The Cricket Club has suffered badly in playing strength following the old nets becoming unusable. The senior members will also be able to practice within the club environment. The Cricket Club is part of Warlingham Sports Club which is an open community sports club and covers the Warlingham, Chelsham, Farleigh and Whyteleafe areas. The cost of the project is £10,316. Surrey County Cricket Board and Tandridge DC are also contributing funds.

- 2.2 The proposal for capital funding for consideration and decision at this Committee is set out below.

1st Whyteleafe Scouts

£5000 Capital

Mrs Sally Marks

An application has been received for refurbishment of the scout hut. The general condition of the hut is very poor, with extensive works required to bring it up to a suitable standard. The proposed work includes the installation of new soak aways, a disabled access ramp, replacing doors, insulating the loft, removal and replacement of water damaged flooring, renewing guttering and lighting and stripping out and refurbishing the kitchen. The hut acts as a core, local community facility for a number of groups that provide development and social opportunities for young people. The total cost of the project is approximately £16000. A recent Community Improvement Fund application has been unsuccessful.

3. DELEGATED AUTHORITY APPROVED BIDS

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

Member	Project	Amount Revenue
Mr Michael Sydney	Felbridge Village Hall CCTV	£900
Mr David Hodge	Warlingham Church Hall Hire	£90
Mr David Hodge	Tatsfield Horticultural Society	£300
Mr Michael Sydney	Lingfield Christmas Lights	£750

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 balances are as set out in the chart in the Local Committee's financial position statement attached at Annex A.
- 6.3 Please note that 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's standards for appropriateness and value for money within the agreed Financial Framework and the local criteria. These are 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 the 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 to the Community Partnerships Team.

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Background Papers:

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

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