



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

LOCAL COMMITTEE BUDGETS

24 JANUARY 2013

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

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Waverley) 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 (2.2-2.5) of this report and annexed to this report (Annexes B, C, D and E).
- (ii) Note the expenditure approved since the last Committee meeting 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 (Waverley) have traditionally agreed to split both the revenue and capital funding equally amongst the members of the Committee.
- 1.3 In addition, the 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.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 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. 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 Godalming District Scout Canoe Club – Jetty Improvements (Steve Cosser) – Annex B

Project Cost	£4150
Amount Requested	£ 3000 (£889 Capital £2111 Revenue)

Project Description: Funding is requested to remove a damaged jetty and replace with a new floating pontoon jetty.

2.3 South Farnham - Highway vegetation clearance and signage cleaning (David Munro) – Annex C

Project Cost £5000
 Amount requested £ 5000 (Revenue)

Project Description: Funding is requested to cut back vegetation adjacent to the highway and clean road signage in various locations in South Farnham.

2.4 Surrey County Council Godalming Library- Purchase of artwork (Steve Cosser and Peter Martin) – Annex D

Project Cost £2000
 Amount requested £2000 (Steve Cosser £1000, Peter Martin £1000 Revenue)

Project Description: Funding is requested to purchase artwork produced by residents of Meath Home for display at Godalming Library.

2.5 Farnham Maltings Association Limited- Film Maltings Digital Future (Pat Frost, David Munro and Denise Le Gal) – Annex E

Project Cost £55,000
 Amount requested £4500 (Pat Frost £1500, David Munro £1500 Denise Le Gal £1500 Revenue)

Project Description: Funding is requested to pay towards the cost of purchasing new projection equipment.

3. DELEGATED AUTHORITY APPROVED BIDS

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

3.2 Steve Cosser

- Godalming Library- Craft Trolley (£200 revenue)

3.3 David Harmer

- Pirrie Hall And Recreation Ground Management Committee – Construction of paved frontage to Pirrie Hall (£900 Capital)
- Churt Village Hall Management Committee – Churt Village Hall Replacement Cooker (£1000 Capital)
- Frensham Parish Council – Directional Signpost Replacements (£900 Revenue)

3.4 Pat Frost

- Satro – Primary Science Workshop-St Polycarp’s Catholic School (£250 revenue)

3.5 Denise Le Gal

- Surrey County Council – Provision of salt/grit bin in Copse Avenue, Farnham (£1000 revenue)

3.6 David Munro

- Disability Challengers -Challengers Farnham Pre-School Play Group (£500 revenue)

5. OPTIONS

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

6. CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 In relation to new bids the local member will have consulted the applicant, and Community Partnerships Team will have consulted relevant Surrey County Council services and partner agencies as required.

7. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 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.

- 7.2 There are sufficient monies to fund all of the proposals contained within this report. If the above recommendations are approved the remaining financial position statement is as attached at **Annex A**. 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.

8. EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 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.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 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.

10. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 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.

11. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

11.1 If approved by the Local Committee, organisations will be approached to sign funding agreements for their projects based on the bids submitted.

11.2 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.

11.3 Within six months of receipt, all successful applicants will be contacted for details of how the funding was spent and will be asked to supply evidence.

11.4 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

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