

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

LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING

25 February 2013

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:

| ORGANISATION | PROJECT | AMOUNT |
|----------------------------------|---|---------------|
| Queen Elizabeth's Foundation | Therabike for Disabled People | £2,000 |
| SACRE | Hire of Gatton Hall & Refreshments | £ 300 |
| Surrey County Council - Highways | Replacement Trees in New Zealand Avenue | £3,000 |
| Elmbridge Business Network | Finance Conference | £1,998 |
| Royal British Legion | Refurbishment of Gents Toilets | £6,385 |
| Oasis Childcare Charity | Summer Break 2013 | £8,665 |

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| Walton Cricket Club | Coaching of Colts & Girls | £3,102 |
| Thames Ditton Foundation Charity | Marnies Pond Restoration | £2,000 |
| The Eikon Charity | iPad II | £ 250 |
| Oatlands Primary School | Storytelling Benches | £1,000 |
| Oasis Childcare Charity | Counselling for Parents | £2,500 |
| 1 st Weybridge (Brooklands Own) Scout Group | Camping & Catering Equipment | £1,311.52 |
| Girl-guiding Weybridge District | Hall refurbishment | £1,500 |

- (ii) The Local Committee is asked to approve the reallocation of £4,885 capital funding that was returned by Surrey County Council's Parking Team, as a contribution to the Royal British Legion refurbishment project.
- (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 a similar purpose.
- 1.3 Member Allocation funding will not usually be granted for purposes which 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:

**Queen Elizabeth’s Foundation for Disabled People
Purchase of a Therabike**

£2,000 Revenue

John Butcher

The Queen Elizabeth’s Foundation has submitted an application for £2,000 towards a therabike which will benefit service users at QEF Independent Living Services in Leatherhead. The bike will be used by wheelchair users at the service and help them with their mobility, strength and flexibility. It will also aid them in improving their independence and achieving their life goals.

This is a retrospective bid as the bike was purchased in June 2012 for a total cost of £4,015.

SACRE – Refreshments Gatton Park

£300 Revenue

Margaret Hicks

Surrey’s Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) has submitted an application for refreshments and the hire of the Gatton Hall Ballroom on 6 November 2012 for the launch of the new agreed Religious Education syllabus. The committee is advised that this is a retrospective application for an event that has already occurred.

This funding will cover the total cost.

**Surrey Highways/Walton Open Gardens
Replacement Trees New Zealand Avenue**

£3,000 Revenue

Tom Phelps-Penry

Walton Open Gardens Group has submitted an application for Surrey Highways to replace trees on both sides of New Zealand Avenue, Walton-on-Thames. This will form a tree-lined avenue from the traffic lights at Walton Bridge to the junction with Ashley Road/High Street. Trees will be maintained for the first two years by an external contractor to give them the best chance of survival and any that need replacing during this critical time will be replaced as part of the project.

The total cost of the project is £12,500.

Elmbridge Business Network

£1,998 Revenue

Ian Lake £999

Tony Samuels £999

Elmbridge Business Network has submitted an application for funding towards a Finance Conference in March 2013. The funding is for venue hire and catering costs. The Elmbridge Business Network is a voluntary organisation that provides assistance to local businesses in finding alternative sources of finance, making applications and increasing their knowledge.

The total cost of the project is £7,250.

**Royal British Legion –
Refurbishment of Gents Toilets**

£1,500 Revenue

£4,885 Capital

Tom Phelps-Penry £1,500

The Royal British Legion has submitted an application for funding towards the refurbishment of the Gents Toilets. This refurbishment will include the retiling of the walls, five new urinal bowls and a WC, new flooring, an extraction fan, ceiling tiles, a hand basin unit and a water heater. This project which will also benefit from the £4,885 returned capital funding, was proposed by Councillors Ernest Mallett, Nigel Cooper and Tom Phelps-Penry and has been included in the £6,385 listed in (i) above.

The total cost is estimated at £8,000

**Oasis Childcare Charity
Summer Break 2013**

£8,665 Revenue

John Butcher

Oasis Childcare Charity has submitted an application towards the cost of taking families currently under the Oasis wing on a summer break. This would benefit up to 25 families for a week away in August 2013. This is designed to enable Oasis to work closely with the whole family unit in a home style environment and monitor how their work is changing their daily lives and to establish any future work that might be required.

The total cost of the project is £8,665

**Walton Cricket Club
Coaching of Colts & Girls Group**

£3,102 Revenue

Tom Phelps-Penry £1,546

Tony Samuels £1,556

Walton Cricket Club has submitted an application for funding towards professional coaching for the Colts and Girl members of the club. There are currently 170 colts and 20 girl members aged 9-17 years old. The coaching will run from April 2013 to July 2013.

The total cost of the project is £3,102

**Thames Ditton Foundation Charity
Restoration of Milbourne Pond**

£2,000 Revenue

Peter Hickman

The Thames Ditton Foundation Charity has submitted an application for funding towards the installation of a borehole to provide an additional source of water for the pond which dries up in the summer and holds minimal levels of water in the winter. The aim is to have a permanent level of water in the pond to support normal pond ecology/wildlife. A bore hole was recommended by the ERM Foundation's detailed Hydro-Ecological Survey 2012.

The total cost of the project is £4,500

**Oasis Children's Charity
Counselling for Parents**

£2,500 Revenue

Ian Lake

Oasis Children's Charity has submitted an application for funding for one to one counselling with independent counsellors and group sessions for parents. This will address the needs of vulnerable parents and children in the Elmbridge area. The costs are £40 per group session and £25 per individual session.

The total cost of the project is £2,500

**1st Weybridge (Brooklands Own) Scout Group
Camping & Catering Equipment**

£1,311.52 Revenue

Ian Lake

1st Weybridge (Brooklands Own) Scout Group has submitted an application for funding of necessary camping equipment and also for catering equipment for their newly refurbished kitchen at its headquarters.

The total cost of the project is £1,311.52

**Oatlands Primary School
Storytelling Benches**

£1,000 Revenue

Tony Samuels

Oatlands Primary School has submitted an application for funding towards Storytelling benches to complement the Storytelling Chair that was previously funded to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the school. This will provide seating for pupils and provide an interactive play space to encourage children to develop language skills. The cost per bench is £267.

The total cost of the project is £1,068

**The Eikon Charity – On the Move!
iPad**

£250 Revenue

Tony Samuels

Eikon has submitted an application for further funding for the purchase of an iPad. £250 has previously been approved under delegated powers so, if agreed, this will constitute a repeat bid. Eikon provides support to vulnerable young people and their families and works in schools to identify 'at risk' young people, supporting them during their teenage years. The Eikon Charity has requested repeat funding for the total cost of the iPad which will make a valuable difference to the team. They will be able to become more mobile and the iPad will also facilitate them in giving presentations at various events.

The total cost of the project is £500.

**Girl Guiding Weybridge District
Hall refurbishment**

£830.48 revenue

Ian Lake

Girl Guiding Weybridge District is seeking funding for the initial stage of the renovation of its Hall. The funding would pay for the hire of a skip to allow for the clearance of rubbish, the replacement of a faulty electric oven and the preparation of architectural plans for the next stage of the renovation. It will also enable the internal walls of the hall to be painted in the interim to refresh it for current users.

The total cost of the project is £1500.

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:

| COUNCILLOR | PROJECT | AMOUNT |
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| Tom Phelps-Penry | Here, There and the Elsewhere: Adventures in Four Dimensions | £ 250 |
| John Butcher | SCC Highways – Grit Bin at T-Junction the Ridings & Sandy Lane, Cobham | £1,000 |
| Margaret Hicks | Hersham Bowls Club - Rewiring | £1,000 |

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| Mike Bennison | Love of Learning - Claygate & Oxshott Day & Children's Centres | £1,000 |
| Tony Samuels | The Eikon Charity – On the Move! iPad | £ 250 |
| Tony Samuels | Sunbury & Walton Sea Cadets - Aquadock | £ 500 |
| Tony Samuels | Oatlands Primary School – Storytelling Chair | £ 600 |
| Mike Bennison | SCC Countryside Access Team – Filling Potholes in Telegraph Lane | £ 860 |
| Margaret Hicks | Elmbridge Music Club | £1,000 |
| Margaret Hicks | Walton Youth Centre – Projector Screen | £ 583.08 |
| John Butcher | Love of Learning – Looking Good Feel Good and Into Work | £ 450 |
| Margaret Hicks | Grit Bin – Back Green Hersham | £1,000 |
| Ian Lake | Elmbridge Football Scheme | £ 400 |
| Ian Lake | Elmbridge Community Link – Monday Board Games & Numeracy Evenings | £ 675 |
| Ian Lake | Walton & Weybridge Advocacy Group – Art Exhibition | £ 500 |
| Ian Lake | Elmbridge Community Fishing – New Equipment 2013 | £1,000 |

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 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: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SCC Constitution: Financial Framework• Local Committee Protocol• Criteria and Guidance for Members Allocations• Local Committee Funding Bids |

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