



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE TANDRIDGE

MEMBER ALLOCATIONS FUNDING

1 March 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 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 (Tandridge) is asked to:

- i. Consider and agree which of the following projects can be funded from the remaining 2012/13 Local Committee delegated revenue budget of £5606.92, as set out in section 2 of this report:

Organisation	Project Title	Amount
Tandridge Voluntary Service Council	Community Hub Laptops	£2300
Caterham Festival Theatre Company	Antony & Cleopatra	£500
Nutfield Pensioners Lunch Club	Auto Fill Water Urn	£475
Plough Road Allotment Group	Maintenance Equipment	£900

Outwood Horticultural Society	Display Equipment	£550.80
East Surrey Rural Transport Partnership	Wheels for Work	£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 is 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 FUNDING

- 2.1 The funding proposals for consideration and decision by the Local Committee are set out below. If all of these projects were to be funded in full, the Committee would require a sum of £9725.80. However, the Committee's remaining revenue budget is £5606.92. Members are therefore requested to decide which projects are to be funded from their remaining revenue budget.

Tandridge Voluntary Service Council

£2300 Revenue

Mrs Sally Marks

An application has been received for the purchase of five laptop computers for permanent use in the Community Hub. The laptops will be used by the various voluntary, community and faith sector organisations that use the Hub's facilities. The computers will be used for training courses, by the Job Club and to assist with general outreach. It is hoped that the laptops will help the Hub to become more widely accessible by members of the community. The total cost of the project is £2300.

Caterham Festival Theatre Production

£500 Revenue

Mrs Sally Marks

Mr John Orrick

A financial contribution to a production of William Shakespeare's play, Anthony and Cleopatra, as part of the 2013 Caterham Festival is being sought. The play will be open to up to 300 members of the general public attending the Festival and is also intended to benefit local school pupils since the play currently features as part of the A Level curriculum.

Nutfield Pensioners Lunch Club

£475 Revenue

Mr Tony Elias

An application has been received for the installation of a self-filling urn that will be used by all groups and members of the community that use the Christ Church Hall, where the Pensioners Club meets. This will make the provision of refreshments available to everyone. Currently, some elderly and infirm users find it difficult to use the existing facilities available.

Plough Road Allotment Group

£900 Revenue

Mr Michael Sydney

An application has been received for maintenance equipment for universal use at the allotment site, comprising a lawnmower (£450), strimmer (£200) and safety equipment (£40). The equipment will benefit all allotment holders, thus reducing the system of having to transport heavy equipment by vehicle. The application for £900 is to cover all equipment costs and subsequent related expenses.

Outwood Horticultural Society

£550.80 Revenue

Mr Michael Sydney

An application has been received to purchase display equipment for local horticultural shows. This will provide an alternative to using the walls in the local halls for displaying art work/photography at the shows. This will benefit the horticultural society and anyone who submits entries to the shows, approximately 50 people.

**East Surrey Rural Transport Partnership
Wheels for Work**

£5000 Revenue

All Members

The East Surrey Rural Transport Partnership (ESRTP) has submitted an application for financial assistance to help re-establish its Wheels for Work project. The project aims to provide mopeds to allow local young people to look for and take up work in industries that operate anti-social hours (early mornings or late evenings) or are in hard to reach locations such as industrial estates or rural towns and villages where public transport is either lacking or prohibitively expensive. ESRTP has requested £5000 from the Local Committee. This funding would pay for two moped vehicles, safety equipment, insurance and training. The vehicles would be made available on either a rental or a rent-to-buy basis for young people in Tandridge. The total cost of the project is £15000 and an application for £5000 has also been made to Surrey's Youth Small Grants fund.

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 John Orrick	Caterham Community Choir	£600
Mr Michael Sydney	Dormansland Cricket Club	£975
Mr David Hodge	Warlingham School Road to Rio	£897.09
Mr Michael Sydney	Lingfield Nature Reserves	£990
Mr Michael Sydney	Lingfield Youth Club	£350.97
Mr Nick Skellett	Uvedale Rd jct Brassey Rd	
	Grit Bin	£400
Mr Nick Skellett	Home Park Grit Bin	£400

4. OPTIONS

- 4.1 The Local Committee may choose to approve part or none of the funding proposals under discussion in this report. The Committee is unable to fund all of the proposals under consideration in this report, in full because it has insufficient remaining funds to do so.

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 The Committee does not have sufficient monies to fund all of the proposals contained within this report in full. If all of the above recommendations are approved, the committee will have overspent its budget by £4,118.88, 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. They will 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 remaining 2012/13 delegated revenue budget of £5606.92, 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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