

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)

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SUBJECT: LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY FUNDING UPDATE

DIVISION: ALL

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

The local committee has a delegated budget of £3,000 for community safety projects in 2019/20. This report sets out the process by which this funding should be allocated to the Community Safety Partnership and/or other local community organisations that promote the safety and wellbeing of residents. The report also provides a progress update regarding last year's funding.

RECOMMENDATIONS:**The Local Committee (Mole Valley) is asked to agree that:**

- (i) The committee's delegated community safety budget of £3,000 for 2019/20 be retained by the Community Safety Team, on behalf of the local committee, and that the Community Safety Partnership and/or other local organisations be invited to submit proposals for funding that meet the criteria and principles set out at section 3 of this report.
- (ii) Authority be delegated to the Community Safety Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the local committee and divisional members as appropriate, to authorise the expenditure of the community safety budget in accordance with the criteria and principles stated in section 3 of this report.
- (iii) The committee receives updates on the project(s) that are funded, the outcomes and the impact it has achieved.

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) is asked to note:

- (iv) The update from the North Leatherhead Street Talk Project regarding the use of the funds in 2018-19.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The report sets out a process for allocating the committee's delegated community safety budget of £3,000 to local organisations to achieve the recommendations outlined above.

There is also an update on how last year's funding was used in order to provide visibility and promote accountability within the Community Safety Partnership.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 Prior to 2016, the local committee had historically chosen to passport its delegated community safety funding to the local Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to assist in their efforts to tackle crime and anti- social behaviour on behalf of residents.
- 1.2 Following countywide analysis of the projects that were funded through CSPs and the outcomes achieved, the local committee agreed that its local CSP should firstly be invited to provide an outline of any prospective projects that could be supported from the committee's funding for approval. This aimed to provide greater oversight of the committee's expenditure. In the context of the County's Medium Term Financial Plan and the requirement upon all county services to contribute to significant savings, the process would also help to achieve better value for money from projects in support of the County Council's wider community safety priorities.
- 1.3 In 2018/19, the committee awarded £3,000 to the North Leatherhead Street Talk Project.

2. ANALYSIS:

Update on the funding awarded to the North Leatherhead Street Talk Project for 2018/19 (applied for by Mole Valley District Council)

- 2.1 The Community Safety funding in 2018/19 was awarded to the North Leatherhead Street Talk Project (£3000). The local committee received a report in December 2018 to confirm the awarding of the Community Safety funding. It included that a full update on how the funding from 2018/19 was spent would be received in the new financial year.
- 2.2 The details below include the updated information on how the funding was spent and the subsequent outcomes of the project.
- 2.3 Street Talk is a detached youth work programme focusing in the deprived areas of East Surrey. The intended outcomes from the project were for youth workers to familiarise themselves with the area around Bridge Youth Centre and build a rapport with the young people. This then allowed the youth workers to determine what provisions were available for the young people and what activities could be included at the youth centre.
- 2.4 YMCA youth workers made sure they were highly visible to young people for the first few sessions without being invasive and initial rapport was built by saying hello to the young people, nodding or waving at them and then walking on. Young people started to show an interest in who the YMCA youth workers were and why they were there at the start of the third session.
- 2.5 Following the third session the youth workers began engaging with the young people to undertake a consultation to establish young peoples' desire for a Bridge based youth club, the best time and date for this to take place, and what type of activities should be available.
- 2.6 Following this initial consultation the focus is now on undertaking further consultation and opening a Bridge based youth club in the near future.

- 2.7 The impacts of this project have been as follows:
- YMCA youth workers have been able to demonstrate credibility when talking to local young people and residents in terms of their knowledge of the area.
 - Young people's voices are being heard through conversations with YMCA youth workers. YMCA workers are forming a clear idea of what is currently available from youth provision perspective.
 - Young people have the ability to make informed choices.
- 2.8 The following benefits have been identified from the project:
- YMCA youth workers have improved confidence and credibility when speaking to local young people.
 - Young people have gained trust in the youth workers and this has enabled them to make informed choices
- 2.9 The £3,000 awarded has been spent by the YMCA to fund this project and a further £600 spent on a skateboarding and BMX event at Kingston Road Recreation ground. Additional funding to continue work has come from Clarion Futures (£3500), MVDC (£1100) and Active Surrey (£5,000).

3. OPTIONS:

- 3.1 As in the previous year, a clear and simple process designed to support CSPs will be adopted in order that funds can be processed efficiently this year.
- 3.2 Local CSPs will be invited to submit a brief outline of the projects that they would like to put the committee's funding towards, on a simple template designed for this purpose.
- 3.3 To assist CSPs in identifying suitable projects, the following criteria will be provided as a guide:
- a) Results in residents feeling safer
 - b) Has clear outcomes that align with the priorities of the local committee and/or the CSP
 - c) Is non recurrent expenditure
 - d) Does not fund routine CSP activities (e.g. salaries, training)
 - e) Is not subsumed into generalised or non-descript funding pots
 - f) Does not duplicate funding already provided (e.g. domestic abuse services, youth work, transport costs, literature which could be coordinated across all CSPs)
- 3.4 To ensure funds can be utilised within the current financial year, it is suggested that a deadline, yet to be confirmed, is imposed for the submission of outline projects by CSPs and/or local organisations. This deadline will be communicated widely to local CSPs and partner organisations.
- 3.5 To ensure that funds can be distributed speedily and efficiently, it is recommended that authority is delegated to the Community Safety Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Local Committee, along with the relevant divisional member, to authorise the expenditure of the

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committee's funds outside the formal quarterly committee meeting cycle. This should allow local organisations to obtain approval, initiate and implement projects with the minimum of delay.

- 3.6 Once implemented, the CSP and any other recipients of this funding will be required to provide the local committee with a short update on each project, outlining how the funding was used and the difference and impact it has made in the local community.
- 3.7 All viable options were considered and appraised when forming the recommendations to the Local committee. The previous arrangement, whereby the committee transferred both its funding and the decision-making about how the funding could be used to the CSP was not considered to provide sufficient information on the impact that the funding or the outcomes it had achieved.
- 3.8 The recommended funding arrangements will employ a simple process for the commitment of funds by the committee to enable greater scrutiny over the use of this funding.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 Local committee chairmen were collectively consulted about this process for allocating community safety funding as recommended in this report, before its implementation last year.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 The costs of the recommendations in this report are contained within existing revenue budgets. Early scrutiny of proposed projects by CSPs and local organisations will help to achieve better value for money for the Committee's funding.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 There are no direct equalities or diversity implications. However, through its membership of the local CSP and external bodies, the County Council can help to ensure that local services are accessible to harder to reach groups. The CSP also maintains ongoing monitoring of hate and domestic abuse crimes.

7. LOCALISM:

- 7.1 The proposals contained in this report will enable CSPs and/or other suitable local organisations to submit projects that support the County Council's strategic goal of enhancing resident experience.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	Set out below
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	No significant implications.
Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	No significant implications.

Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	No significant implications.
Public Health	No significant implications

8.1 Crime and Disorder implications

The county council's membership of local CSPs helps ensure the achievement of its community safety priorities. The committee's funding for local community safety projects enables the CSP and/or other local organisations to help to promote safety, reduce crime, and tackle antisocial behaviour and raise awareness of safer practices and behaviours.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 9.1 The recommendations contained in this report are intended to secure greater oversight of the committee's community safety expenditure and achieve better value for money through projects that help to achieve the County's community safety priorities.

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- 9.2 The committee's delegated community safety budget of £3,000 for 2019/20 be retained by the Community Partnership Team, on behalf of the local committee, and that the Community Safety Partnership and/or other local organisations be invited to submit proposals for funding that meet the criteria and principles set out at section 3 of this report.
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10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 10.1 The CSP will be advised of the funding process agreed by the Local Committee and invited to access this funding.

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Consulted:

Surrey's local committee chairmen and local committee members.

Annexes: None

Sources/background papers:

www.surreycc.gov.uk/molevalley

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- Mole Valley Local Committee, September 2016. Local Committee funding of Community Safety Projects
- Mole Valley Local Committee, June 2018, Local Committee Community Safety Funding and Task Group and External Bodies Appointments report