

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)

DATE: 21 JUNE 2019



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SUBJECT: LOCAL PROJECTS FUNDED BY COUNTY COUNCILLORS IN 2018/19

DIVISION: ALL TANDRIDGE

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

Surrey County Council Councillors have allocated funding so they can support projects and priorities locally.

Each county councillor has £5,000 funding to help residents, voluntary and community organisations deliver activities that benefit local people in their neighbourhoods. This funding is known as Members' Community Allocation.

Members also have £7500 revenue funding each through the Member Local Highway Fund to support local highways improvements that may not meet the criteria for investment centrally, but that are a local priority.

This report provides an update on how the funding was spent in 2018/19.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) The Local Committee (Tandridge) is asked to note the contents of the report.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

To highlight the local projects and improvements that have been made possible through the use of local allocations to county councillors.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

Members Community Allocation

- 1.1 Members' Community Allocation can be used to support local projects that help to promote social, economic or environmental well-being in the neighbourhoods and communities of Surrey. Eligibility criteria is detailed in the council's Financial Framework, which is contained within the council's constitution.
- 1.2 The deadline for applications was brought forward by the then Leader, to the end of October 2018, so that any unspent funds could be used to support the council's savings requirements.

Member Local Highway Fund

1.3 The Local Member Highway Fund allows councillors to address local highway issues in their divisions that may not meet the criteria for central investment, but which are a priority locally. Councillors were encouraged to work with partners locally, such as parish councils and the district council, to secure best value for money.

2. ANALYSIS

2.1 The full details of projects that members funded during 2018/19 are contained within **Annex 1** (Members Community Allocation) and **Annex 2** (Local Highway Fund).

2.2 Highlights from projects that have received funding are detailed below:

Members Community Allocation

2.3 The chart below demonstrates that in Tandridge, the vast majority of the allocation was used to support community groups.



Case studies



St John's Church, Outwood, replacement of old tables for church and community events - Mrs Rose Thorn helped St John's Church, Outwood to replace existing (very old, heavy and unsafe) tables with new folding tables. The tables are regularly used at Church events including fundraising events like the Christmas and Summer Fairs

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Lingfest - Mrs Lesley Steeds provided funding to support 'Lingfest' party in the park – a local festival for the community.

Featuring live music, the event is organised by a volunteer group of residents, and backed by Lingfield Parish Council.

Tandridge Befriending Scheme – Mr Chris Botten used his Members Community Allocation to support Tandridge Voluntary Action's 'befriending' scheme.

The scheme aims to provide friendship to people who are feeling lonely or socially isolated.

Befrienders usually visit for about an hour a week, at a time that is mutually convenient and will agree with their friend how that time is spent.

Holland Sports and Social Association trim trail - Mr Cameron McIntosh contributed £3,000 from Members' Community Allocation towards this project to go towards a an all-weather Trim Trail path around the perimeter of Mill Lane playing fields.



Local Member Highway Fund

2.4. The local highway fund has funded a total of 30 projects in the district. Of these, some were smaller projects, such as footway repairs, and some were delivered in collaboration from the local parish council. For example:

- In Caterham Valley, 3 bollards were installed in front of a bus shelter on Godstone Road, Whyteleafe, to stop the shelter becoming obstructed by parking.
- In Burntwood Close, Caterham on the Hill, kerb works were undertaken to prevent property flooding.
- On the high street, Bletchingley, 4 bollards were installed on the grass verge to prevent HGVs running onto the verge.

- Patching and drainage improvements were made to West Street Dormandsland.
- In Oxted, a Vehicle Activated Sign on Barrow Green Road, Oxted was funded together with Oxted Parish Council to remind drivers of the speed limit.
- On Blanchmans Road, Warlingham, verge hardening work was carried out that was part-funded by Warlingham Parish Council

3. OPTIONS:

3.1 Not applicable. This report is for information only.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

4.1 We ask applicants to the Member Community Fund for their feedback. This tells us the 95% of applicants would apply for funding again, 99% are satisfied with the speed of the process, 87% are satisfied with the level of communication, and 82% found it easy to apply.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 County councillors worked with their local communities to identify local priorities and projects to support.
- 5.2 All applications for Members Community Allocation are received and assessed by officers in the County’s Community Partnership Team or, for the Member Local Highway Fund, the Area Highways Team. Applications were only progressed if they demonstrated compliance with the county council’s Financial Framework. ,

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS::

6.1 The Members’ Community Allocation and Local Member Highways fund budget is intended to enhance the wellbeing of residents and make the best possible use of the funds.

7. LOCALISM:

7.1 The funds are a positive example of the county council seeking local solutions to issues of local concern.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	No significant implications arising from this report
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	No significant implications arising from this report
Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	No significant implications arising from this report
Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	No significant implications arising from this report

Public Health	No significant implications arising from this report
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9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

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10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 10.1 Following Council approval of the 2019/20 budget, both funds have been retained for 2019/20, and are now live.
- 10.2 To apply for Members Community Allocation, speak to your county councillor, or look on our webpages for more information:
<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/your-local-area/local-funding-opportunities>

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Consulted:

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Annexes:

Annex 1 – Members' Community Allocation
 Annex 2 – Local Member Highways Fund

Sources/background papers:

- Financial Framework
- Cabinet Budget Report 30 January 2018

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