

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)

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SUBJECT: COMMUNITY SAFETY FUNDING UPDATE 2018-19

DIVISION: MOLE VALLEY (ALL)

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

The local committee has a delegated budget of £3000 for community safety projects. This report provides an update on the projects approved for 2018/19. This follows an update provided to the committee in June 2018 on the use of the funds during 2017/18.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) is asked to note the contents of this report

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

To ensure the local committee are aware of the allocation of community safety funding for Mole Valley projects during 2018/19.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 The Local Committee has a delegated budget of £3,000 to spend on activities in support of community safety. The East Surrey Community Safety Partnership and other local organisations were invited during the summer of 2018 to put forward prospective projects for use of the fund.
- 1.2 The decision on what projects to fund is delegated to the Community Partnerships Team in consultation with the chairman of the local committee.

2. ANALYSIS:**Outreach Youth Support: £3000 - Mole Valley District Council**

- 2.1. The £3,000 funding will provide outreach youth work alongside diversionary activities in the Kingston Road Recreation Ground, Leatherhead, to deter anti-social behaviour. This follows graffiti appearing on the new skate park a couple of weeks after installation, with some reports of nuisance behaviour. The project aims to stop the behaviour escalating.
- 2.2. The team will work closely with the Family Service, Leatherhead Youth Project, YMCA, Prosper Communities, Mount Green and Clarion. They will deliver a

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project that will result in the most positive outcomes where they will be involved in 20 detached 3 hour youth sessions, an Express Yourself, multimedia arts project run over a couple of days for 10 young people, and a 30 week 'pitch up and play' football session targeting young people. The format of the session will be a "pitch up and play" focused on game play, delivered by a football activator as opposed to rigid "skills and drills". With no requirement for long term commitment, or to attend every week, we can engage young people who would not be willing to commit or unable to afford traditional community clubs. The outcomes of the session are to provide a diversion from negative activities such as anti-social behaviour as the young people will be able to take part in football in a safe space.

- 2.3. There will be a skateboarding and BMX event to encourage beginners to participate. This will be a free event on a Saturday, running from 10-3 and it will be open to all young people (boards and bike available to borrow)
- 2.4. The project will start with the skateboarding and BMX event, followed by detached youth work up until the end of March 2019. The pitch-up and play sessions will run for a period of 12 months although the commencement date is yet to be determined.
- 2.5. Additional support to the young people will be provided through youth workers. The fun, informal nature of the project and the fact that a youth worker will be present as well as a coach, will help to attract new people to the sport, who would otherwise be 'hanging around'. This allows youth workers to engage with young people in a positive environment, improving their views on authority, reducing local ASB and giving them some ownership of the project with volunteer opportunities.
- 2.6. The YMCA has a highly successful team of qualified Youth Workers, who are experienced at delivering detached Youth Work in the community, using their iBus as a movable location for activities. It is a highly effective way of engaging with young people at risk, enabling youth workers to build relationships, assess needs and offer information, advice and guidance on various issues, such as crime and gang culture, transition from school into further education or work, homelessness and teenage pregnancy. It offers a preventative service for young people, whilst identifying and working more closely with those who are struggling to engage with education or facing other challenges, such as homelessness. In addition, it acts as a funnel to other targeted services, for specific issues or needs, eg drug abuse and sexual exploitation.
- 2.7. The outcome of the sessions are to provide a diversion from negative activities, and for staff to provide advice and guidance on issues affecting young people. Therefore offering a preventative service for young people, whilst identifying and working more closely with those who are struggling to engage with education or facing other challenges, such as homelessness. In addition, it acts as a springboard to other targeted services, for specific issues.
- 2.8. Total project cost is £9100, of which £3000 is being met by the county council's community safety fund, and the remainder from Active Surrey and Mole Valley District Council.

3. OPTIONS:

3.1 Not applicable – report for information only.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

4.1 The chairman of the local committee was consulted and supports the project. The chairman noted that the Cock Lane Recreation Ground at Fetcham also seemed to be suffering a variety of incidents, and asked whether it would be possible to include Recreation Grounds in North Mole Valley and deploying this support where there are issues. The Community Safety Manager at Mole Valley District Council has indicated this could be possible, as the YMCA have a bus that they can take to different locations.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 Not applicable – report for information.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 No significant implications arising from this report.

7. LOCALISM:

7.1 This project directly supports the aims of the County Council as outlined in this report.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	See below.
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

8.1 Crime and disorder

The project aims to support young people and communities through preventative work and proactive signposting to targeted services.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

9.1 The local committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

10.1 The local committee will receive a further update on the outcomes and impacts achieved by the project at a future meeting.

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Consulted:

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Sources/background papers:

- Mole Valley local committee meeting 6 June 2018 – community safety funding and representation on task groups and external bodies
- Mole Valley local committee meeting 5 September 2016 – Local committee funding of community safety projects