



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
Epsom and Ewell**

**MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS
5 March 2012**

KEY ISSUE

To consider new proposals for expenditure from the Members' Allocations budget 2011/2012.

SUMMARY

This report sets out new schemes suggested by Members for funding from the Members' Allocations budget and notes the funds approved under delegated authority.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked:

- i) To approve the proposed expenditure from the Members' Allocations revenue and Capital Grant budgets.
- ii) To note the Members' Allocations funds approved under delegated authority.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1** Each Member of the County Council has been allocated a budget of £8,410 in 2011/12 to be spent in accordance with his/her wishes on schemes and projects that promote social, environmental or economic wellbeing.
- 1.2** The Committee has also been allocated a capital grant of £35,000. This funding may only be used for capital projects and schemes. It has been allocated equally on a division basis of £7,000 each, as agreed by the Local Committee on 27th June 2011.

2. MEMBERS' REVENUE ALLOCATION & CAPITAL GRANT 2011/12 – APPROVALS UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

The following applications were approved from the 2011/12 budget, by the Community Partnerships Manager and Community Partnerships Team Leader (East Surrey) under delegated authority, in consultation with the Chairman, since the meeting on 5th December 2011.

2.1 TRAMPOLINING SESSIONS FOR THOSE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

£1,000 (revenue) £250 each from Cllrs Mason, Kington, Frost and Taylor to contribute towards providing new trampolining sessions which will aim to increase physical activity levels amongst these children/young people and enhance their opportunity to experience greater levels of social inclusion.

2.2 ST MARTIN'S INFANT SCHOOL WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT AREA

£150 (revenue) from Cllr Frost to contribute towards the Wildlife Development Area, namely to have the Wildlife area (front section) rotovated, weeds removed, spring bulbs replanted, summer meadow planted, site cleared.

2.3 LEAKING BUS SHELTER REPAIR

£660 (revenue) from Cllr Wood to replace roof panels & paint shelter.

2.4 GIANT PICNIC

£187.50 (revenue) from Cllr Kington to contribute towards eight schools in Surrey taking part in an exciting event in celebration of the Olympics 2012 and Surrey's ancient tradition of Hill Top Picnics. Each school will work with Ballyhoo Artists over 2 days to make giant processional puppets. The puppets will be constructed and decorated by the children, based on the theme of 'forgotten histories' and 'sporting heroes'. The giants and children will then be brought together in May for a celebratory picnic on top of Box Hill. This will involve drama performances from the schools and a giant sports competition with a medal ceremony. The giants will also appear at events across the county, in celebration of the Olympic cycle race and torch relay.

2.5 COMMUNITY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH EMAIL DATABASE

£1,000 (revenue) from Cllr Kington to contribute towards building a comprehensive community wide email database for the dissemination of Neighbourhood Watch information. This requires the printing of leaflets and

application forms for distribution to all households, as well as posters for notice boards and shop windows.

2.6 AURIOL PARK JUBILEE IMPROVEMENTS – PARK BENCH

£425 (revenue) from Cllr Kington to provide a Park Bench for Residents to rest during a circuit of the Park. Elderly residents on walking aids find the circuit of the park too difficult without a rest. Having a seat also allows them to stay in the park longer.

2.7 EXCITING READING, WRITING AND MATHS WITH IPADS

£1,000 (capital) from Cllr Taylor to contribute towards encouraging pupils to enjoy literacy and numeracy by making the tools fun to work with.

2.8 NEW WEBSITE FOR HOME-START EPSOM, EWELL AND BANSTEAD

£300 (revenue) from Cllr Frost to set up a website to inform local residents of the service that Home-Start Epsom, Ewell and Banstead provides. Home-Start Epsom, Ewell and Banstead recruit and train volunteers to provide home-visiting support to families with at least one child under 5 years old who are finding it particularly difficult to cope. Their trained volunteers provide practical help, emotional support, informal parenting advice and direction to other support agencies in the community. Their aims are to strengthen relationships within families and to improve families' links with their local community. A website would provide information about their service to potential service users/volunteers/referrers and would be useful for their fundraising activities.

2.9 HI VISIBILITY CLOTHING PROJECT

£416.50 (revenue) from Cllr Frost to buy 17 Hi Visibility jackets with Surrey Search and Rescue branding. The jackets will keep search and rescue volunteers safe when searching near roads.

2.10 GIANT PICNIC

£200 (revenue) from Cllr Frost will contribute towards eight schools in Surrey taking part in an event in celebration of the Olympics 2012 and Surrey's ancient tradition of Hill Top Picnics as previously described at paragraph 2.4.

2.11 JUBILEE PARTY IN THE PARK

£1,000 (revenue) from Cllr Kington to contribute towards providing the residents' of Ewell Court with a celebration to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The event will include a hog roast, disco, bouncy castle and other children's entertainment. The event will be fully insured and it is anticipated that the majority of the events will be free to residents.

2.12 COMMUNITY COHESION AT THE MEAD SCHOOL

£545 (capital) from Cllr Kington to contribute towards a new noticeboard which will be purchased and erected to be accessed by the whole community. This will enable The Mead Infant School to advertise events and opportunities in the local area to the wider community.

2.13 PATIENT INFORMATION BOOKLET + LEAFLET

£1,000 (revenue) from Cllr Kington to provide spiral bound, laminated booklets to be made for display in the surgery which will include updated

information from the website. A Trifold leaflet will also be produced with basic information to be kept in reception for new patients.

2.14 MEADOW MUSIC AND SOUND GARDEN

£500 (revenue) from Cllr Wood to contribute towards establishing a Music and Sound Garden with an array of outdoor musical instruments within the school's grounds.

2.15 CHURCH MEADOW PROJECT (EWELL)

£1,000 (revenue) £500 each from Cllrs Frost and Wood to contribute towards the excavation of Church Meadow, Ewell (3 weeks a year over 4-5 years).

3. MEMBERS' CAPITAL ALLOCATION NEW FUNDING BIDS

3.1 REPLACEMENT COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

£1,600 (capital) This funding will provide computer equipment for the charity Carers of Epsom Ltd and thereby replace obsolete and inefficient PCs currently in use. Administration will become more efficient, giving Carers Support staff more time to identify and support carers in the community.

Member proposing	Cllr Colin Taylor
Project cost	£1,600 (4 computers costing £400 each)
Amount requested	£1,600
Amount proposed	£1,600

3.2 INSTRUMENT REPLACEMENT

£1,000 (capital) This funding will contribute towards the replacement of a new flugelhorn which will be purchased. The current instrument that the band has is suffering from a number of defects which mean that it is not up to the required standard. A new instrument will allow the player to reach a higher standard. There is also the added benefit that the old instrument can be made available to a young player for training purposes where necessary.

Member proposing	Cllr David Wood
Project cost	£1,500
Amount requested	£1,000
Amount proposed	£1,000

3.3 ST MARTIN'S INFANT SCHOOL WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT AREA (2)

£2,490 (capital) This funding will contribute towards preparing (removing existing astro turf strip, laying sheeting and pegging out) surface for resin bonded rubber. Supplying and installing 73m² of resin bonded rubber safety surfacing.

Member proposing	Cllr Chris Frost
Project cost	£15,000 the approximate total cost of the outside area project
Amount requested	£2,490 (to complete phase 3)
Amount proposed	£2,490

3.4 COMMUNITY CHURCH MUSICAL EQUIPMENT

£300 (capital) This funding will enable the Sunnybank Trust to purchase new and replacement musical equipment. The musical equipment will assist in the inclusion and active participation of people with learning disabilities attending Sunnybank's Community Church.

Member proposing	Cllr Colin Taylor
Project cost	£300
Amount requested	£300
Amount proposed	£300

3.5 COMMUNITY CHURCH VISUALISER PROJECTION EQUIPMENT

£892 (capital) This funding will enable the purchase of new visualiser, projector and notebook driver. The equipment provides staff, visiting speakers and musicians with the technology for presentations needed at activity events both within Community Church and across all service areas of Sunnybank activities to communicate in an effective and appropriate visual way with service users with learning disabilities.

Member proposing	Cllr Colin Taylor
Project cost	£892
Amount requested	£892
Amount proposed	£892

4. MEMBERS' REVENUE ALLOCATION NEW FUNDING BIDS**4.1 PROPOSED JUBILEE COPSE - GIBRALTAR RECREATION GROUND**

£1,815 (revenue) This funding will enable the planting of 420 transplanted tree and shrubs to create a native wooded copse and the planting of 20 feathered trees as specimens in Gibraltar Recreation Ground. The copse will be planted by volunteer community groups (such as the Tree Advisory Board, Cubs/ Scouts with supervision by the Lower Mole Project and/or the Council). It will be sited in a large area of barren greensward and occupy a footprint of 200 square metres. The Copse will be protected by approximately 100m of locally sourced chestnut pale fencing. Specimen trees will be planted by contractors. This tree planting will aim to eventually establish 60 trees at maturity and therefore provides an additional Jubilee Link.

Member proposing	Cllr Wood
Project cost	£1,815
Amount requested	£1,815
Amount proposed	£1,815

4.2 SUNNYBANK ADVOCACY (SHOUT) PROJECT

£3,200 (revenue) This funding is to contribute towards providing a sessional advocate in the SHOUT project and also for the purchase of IT equipment (Notebook) for management purposes. SHOUT is a project providing Transition Advocacy to prepare young people at Woodlands School (students with multiple and profound learning and physical disabilities). The project helps them to achieve their choices by journey planning enabling their entry into appropriate training or suitable

activities until they are supported by adult social services. They will provide such support to each person for 3 years or more.

Members proposing	Cllr Colin Taylor
Project cost	£15,000
Amount requested	£3,200
Amount proposed	£3,200

4.3 WORPLE ROAD FOOTWAY RESURFACING

£2,600 (revenue) This funding will repair a 40 metre section of the footway close to St. Martin's Infant School. It will allow the school to safely operate a 'walking bus' and parents and other residents to walk safely along this stretch of road.

Members proposing	Cllr Chris Frost
Project cost	£2,600
Amount requested	£2,600
Amount proposed	£2,600

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The table attached as Annexe 1 shows the commitments and balances remaining for Members' individual allocations and the capital grant as of 20th February 2012.

6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The contributions proposed would benefit a wide range of adults and children in Epsom and Ewell, some of whom may have disabilities.

7 CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 The spending proposals put forward for this meeting have been assessed against the County standards for appropriateness and value for money and it is recommended that they should be approved.

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