



SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S LOCAL COMMITTEE IN EPSOM & EWELL MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

18th JULY 2005

KEY ISSUE

To consider proposals for expenditure from the Members' Allocations budget.

SUMMARY

This report sets out how much funding the Committee has available this financial year 2005/06 and puts forward new schemes suggested by Members for funding from the Members' Allocations budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee approves the proposed expenditure from the Members' Allocations budget.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Each Member of the County Council has been allocated a budget of £11,500 in 2005/06 to be spent in accordance with his/her wishes on schemes and projects which promote social, environmental or economic well-being. Each Member's proposal will require the approval of the Local Committee.
- 1.2 The Local Committee has also been allocated a capital grant of £35,000 and has £4,443 remaining from 2004/05 capital allocation grant. Members need to consider how they would like to spend this part of their allocation.

2 PROPOSALS

2.1 Conquest Art

Conquest Art is a charity founded by Mrs Ursula Hulme MBE in 1978. The charity runs art classes for physically disabled people. Currently their membership consists of mainly older people who can attend classes during the day. The classes are run by volunteer class leaders and helpers. Conquest Art would like to extend their service to include young physically disabled people and they would like to run these courses in the evenings. Conquest Art have approached Epsom & Ewell Phab who have expressed an interest in holding a Conquest Art class as part of their arts and crafts programme. They would also like to set up further independent classes locally. Both schemes would require funding to get them up and running.

Project A: A Conquest Art group within Epsom & Ewell Phab age 8-18 yrs

• 1 day's training in Conquest Art methods for volunteer class leader and 5 helpers	£180
• Art materials for a period of 6 months	£100
• Cost of Conquest Art general manager maintaining contact with class for a period of 6 months	£100
• Cost of Conquest Art Training co-ordinator to advise on suitable methods for certain children for a period of 6 months	£550
Total:	£930

Project B: Formation of Conquest Art evening class in Epsom & Ewell age 18-25

• Advertising for class leader and helpers	£200
• 1 day's training in Conquest Art methods for class leader and helpers	£180
• 6 months' rent accommodation for 26 weeks at £20 per week	£520
• Art materials – setting up and ongoing cost	£250
• Advertising new class	£50
• Cost of Conquest Art general manager maintaining contact with class for a period of 6 months	£100
• Cost of Conquest Art training co-ordinator continuing to advise class leader on suitable methods and ideas for a period of 6 months	£550
Total:	£1,850
Total for both schemes	£2,780

2.2 New Footpath

Chris Frost proposes to fund the construction of a new footpath from the Vale Primary School to Warren Recreation Ground. The request for a path came from residents and parents at the school to make access to the recreation ground easier especially for those with push chairs. A quote will be provided by Chris Frost at the meeting.

2.3 Stoneleigh (St John's) Scouts and Guides Headquarters Hall Committee

The Stoneleigh Scouts and Guides Headquarters are based at Dell Lane the hall is home to 1 Rainbow unit, 2 Brownie packs, 2 Guide companies, 1 Beaver colony, 1 Cub pack and 1 Scout group. The hall has recently just had a new roof and ceiling fitted, but now due to a lack of direct investment the remaining areas of the hall require major refurbishing. Details of the funding are below:

• Toilets – retiling, re-plastering, new flooring, painting and decorating	£8,197
• Entrance Hall – new lighting, new flooring and redecoration	£1,946
• Kitchen – removing and fitting kitchen furniture, new cooker, retiling, re-plastering, new lighting, new extractor fan, new electrical socket, repair hatch doors, new flooring and redecoration	£9,393
• New front doors – supply and fitting of new front doors in timber	£2,000
• Boundary fence and gates – replacing the boundary fence and gates	£1,200
Total:	£22,736

3. CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 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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