



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

**LOCAL COMMITTEE IN  
EPSOM & EWELL  
MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS  
2 MARCH 2009**

**KEY ISSUE**

To consider new proposals for expenditure from the Members' Allocations budget 2008/09

**SUMMARY**

This report sets out new schemes suggested by Members for funding from the Members' Allocations budget.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee is asked:

To approve the proposed expenditure from the Members' Allocations budget.

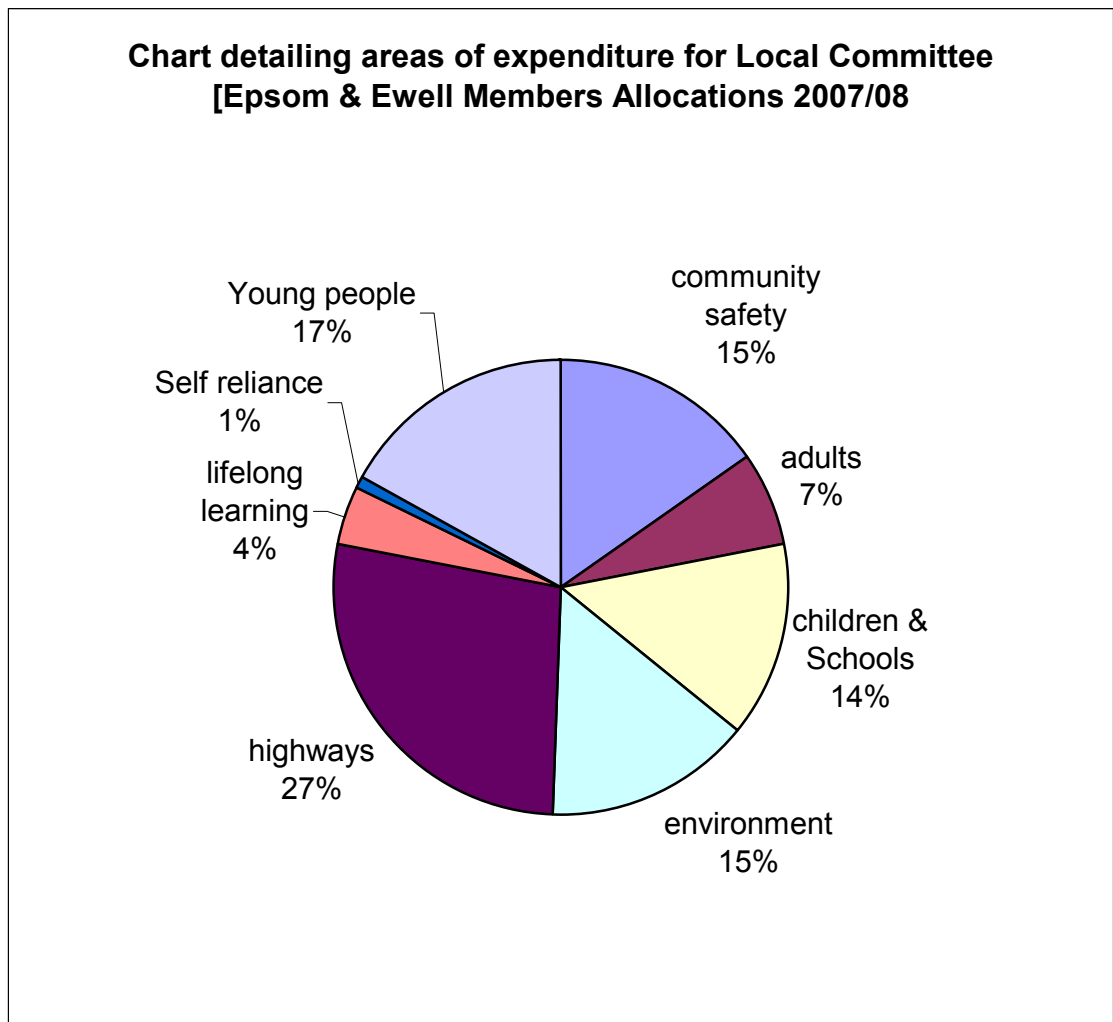
**1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Each Member of the County Council has been allocated a budget of **£11,000** in 2008/09 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. Existing commitments are shown on the attached table (Annexe 1).

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 and its allocation requires the agreement of the whole Local Committee.

1.3 Summary of Local Committee delegated budgets 2007/08

The chart below summarises the revenue funding allocated by the Local Committee in 2007/08, for information:



## 2. **MEMBERS' REVENUE ALLOCATION**

### 2.1 SUNNYBANK TRUST – WEBSITE AND DATABASE DEVELOPMENT

The Sunnybank Trust runs a support network for adults with learning disabilities. Through a befriending scheme and lay advocacy they provide assistance and support to people in community homes, private care homes or with their families. To assist their fund-raising efforts and to improve the administrative, efficiency and data security of the organisation, the Trust is looking to develop a server-based website and database system.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Chris Frost, Jan Mason, Colin Taylor</b>
<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>£ 5,000+</b>
<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>£ 4,000</b>
<b>Amount Recommended</b>	<b>£2,525</b>

### 2.2 FENCING AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, EWELL VILLAGE

The fencing on the north-east perimeter of Churchyard No. 4 is in a poor state of repair and people have been accessing the churchyard by climbing through the fence. Some have been using the churchyard as a cut-through, and children have been gaining access to play in the churchyard itself. Fly-tipping in the service road behind the shops on Castle Parade is creating a potential health hazard. Funding is requested as a contribution to the cost of removing the fly-tipping and supply/erection of new fencing to secure the churchyard. The balance will come from Parish Church reserves.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Nigel Petrie</b>
<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>£ 7,330</b>
<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>£ 1,500</b>

### 2.3 LOWER MOLE COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT PROJECT – UTILISATION OF LOCALLY-PRODUCED TIMBER

The project is keen to use timber from sites in which it is involved, timber which would otherwise be burned or left to rot. Currently, the Project has no facility to re-work sawn lengths into different sizes and having a bandsaw and planer-thicknesser would allow them to realise greater sustainability benefits (local use of local timber) and higher efficiency. For example, standardisation of finger sizes for RoW signposts would mean that replacement of any that became damaged or deteriorated could be easily achieved without the need to have a complete new post. The Project has recently acquired these two tools (through donation) but one is in need of repair they must both be up-graded to conform to Health & Safety legislation.

<b>Members</b>	<b>Nigel Petrie</b>
<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>£ 3,150</b>
<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>£ 1,500</b>

2.4 PROMOTION OF DOMESTIC ABUSE OUTREACH SERVICE (Citizens' Advice Bureau , Walton, Weybridge & Hersham)

Current promotional materials were produced in 2003 when the service opened. After more than 5 years, most of it has been used and stocks need replenishing , but they also need to be reviewed and updated. These materials are crucial in raising awareness and promoting the service and it can be demonstrated that about 50% of clients self-refer after having seen or been given leaflets/information about the service. Funding is requested to cover the cost of revision to the existing artwork and printing.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Jean Smith</b>
<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>£ 1,000</b>
<b>Amount Proposed</b>	<b>£ 1,000</b>

2.5 'NO COLD CALLING' SIGNS

It is proposed to introduce a 'No Cold Calling' zone within the Epsom and Ewell South-East Division. Funding is requested to cover the cost of the signs to be placed at entry points to the proposed zone. Other costs arising from establishing the No Cold Calling Zone will be shared by Trading Standards, Surrey Police, Epsom & Ewell Borough Council and the local Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Chris Frost</b>
<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>A breakdown of total costs is not available, but a quote of £750 is given for the signs themselves.</b>
<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>£ 750</b>

2.6 SURREY YOUTH GAMES

The Surrey Youth Games is an annual festival of sport where the 11 boroughs and districts of Surrey compete against each other. The Games are open to young people aged between 8-16 years, who have not reached County standard or above in their chosen sport. Following a budget review by Sport England, a significant source of funding was withdrawn and even with increased contributions from Local Authorities, there is only enough funding to employ the SYG co-ordinator until July 2009. All Surrey Local Authorities have committed to seek out additional funding to keep the co-ordinator in post beyond July, and allow for a full review of the games in October 2009 which, it is anticipated, will help to streamline finances and

ensure more effective and efficient delivery, thereby securing the future of the games for years to come.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Jan Mason, Nigel Petrie, Colin Taylor</b>
<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>£ 73,140</b>
<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>£ 2,000</b>
<b>Amount Recommended</b>	<b>£ 1,500</b>

## 2.7 ST JOHN AMBULANCE RESPONDERS

St John Ambulance Epsom & Ewell Division has obtained permission to launch an Ambulance Responder scheme in the local area. The trained volunteers will be on call ready to respond instantly to local 999 calls while the ambulance is on its way, and since they are based within the community in which they live or work, they are able to attend the scene of an emergency in a very short time, often within the first few minutes. The responder can then begin vital life saving first aid before the arrival of an ambulance, further increasing the patient's chance of survival. It is recognised that early treatment and the use of a defibrillator when a patient has had a cardiac arrest can increase the patient's chance of survival by up to 75%. This application requests funding to cover the cost of training for two responders. (Funding for equipment for two responders is the subject of a separate application against the capital grant – see para 3.1)

<b>Member</b>	<b>Christ Frost, Colin Taylor</b>
<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>£ 2,000</b>
<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>£ 2,000</b>
<b>Amount Recommended</b>	<b>£ 1,000</b>

## 2.8 COURT RECREATION GROUND – INTERPRETIVE NOTICE BOARD

Funding is requested to install a new lectern holding a panel of lettering, map, etc. to inform visitors about the history and geography of the park.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Colin Taylor</b>
<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>£ 1,000</b>
<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>£ 1,000</b>

## 2.9 ADVOCACY IN ACTION – NEW LAPTOP

Funding is requested to purchase a new laptop which will allow more efficient use of the CEO's time, and to purchase additional licences for existing software.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Chris Frost</b>
<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>£ 1,300</b>
<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>£ 1,300</b>



## 2.10 GREEN LANES INFORMATION BOARD FOR HORTON COUNTRY PARK

The installation of a new information board at the Green Lanes entrance to the Hogsmill Local Nature Reserve would inform visitors using that entrance about the site, its history and wildlife, and local volunteer activities with the Friends of the Hogsmill.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Jan Mason</b>
<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>£ 1,050</b>
<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>£ 500</b>

## 2.11 RIVERVIEW BREAKFAST CLUB

In order to encourage the children to have healthy diets and to offer an opportunity of a good start to the day for children whose parents have to leave for work very early in the morning and/or have domestic or financial problems, Riverview Primary & Nursery School is running a breakfast club before school each day. After Easter, the Breakfast Club will move into the new Children's Centre at Riverview, but in the meantime it is being run out of the school hall. At present, there are a number of children who would benefit from this service but whose families find the cost, at £2.50 per day, prohibitive. It is proposed to offer free breakfasts to 24 children for a period of 4 weeks immediately prior to the Easter recess and this, it is hoped, will encourage at least some of those families to use the service regularly when it moves into the Children's Centre.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Jean Smith</b>
<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>£ 1,200</b>
<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>£ 1,200</b>

## 2.12 ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL – REPLACEMENT OF RESOURCES LOST IN RECENT FLOODING

Following recent flooding at the school, funding is requested to replace some of the resources lost or damaged by the water.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Chris Frost</b>
<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>Still being assessed</b>
<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>£ 1,000</b>

## 2.13 EPSOM PHAB ACTIVITY HOLIDAY

Phab is planning an activity holiday in the Lake District for a group of Physically Disabled and Able bodied young people. The activities they will enjoy include canoeing, climbing, abseiling, team-building and orienteering. Some of their members are unable to afford the full cost and Phab would

like to be able to offer a subsidy to as many of those young people as possible. The full cost per person is £480 and a £330 subsidy would bring this down to £150 per person and would mean that the holiday could be available to some members who otherwise could not afford to go. Funding is requested to cover the cost of subsidy for 4 young people.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Jean Smith</b>
<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>£ 1,320</b>
<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>£ 1,167</b>

#### 2.14 GLYN HALL, EWELL VILLAGE – 2<sup>ND</sup> TRANCHE

A balance of £2,500 remains of a Member's Allocations grant towards the costs of improving the village hall. The present application requests a further £1,080 to cover the cost of installation of disabled toilet facilities and associated works.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Nigel Petrie</b>
<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>£ 3,580</b>
<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>£ 1,080</b>

#### 2.15 THE WELLS COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECT

Acting upon feedback from residents, both through regular Police Panel meetings and following a successful local Christmas Bazaar last year, efforts are being made to organise regular community-based projects and events at The Wells. Among the priorities will be setting up a youth group and encouraging community cohesion between the various groups that already exist for a range of ages and interests. Funding is requested to help with the initial costs of promotion and hall hire, with on-going costs to come from fund-raising so that the initiative can become self-sustaining.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Colin Taylor</b>
<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>£ 500</b>
<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>£ 500</b>

#### 2.16 DANETREE SCHOOL GARDEN IMPROVEMENTS

Danetree Junior School would like to effect improvements to the garden in the inner courtyard of the school. The garden beds need to be replanted with shrubs and work is required to clean up the pond, which can then be used for teaching purposes. The spreading of gravel would inhibit weed growth and new benches would be purchased.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Jan Mason</b>
<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>£ 1,000</b>
<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>£ 500</b>



## 2.17 NEW BENCHES FOR HOGSMILL NATURE RESERVE

The installation of three new benches alongside the new riverside path would improve the access and aspect for everyone using the reserve. The new path is a part of the site management plan and the benches are an integral part of the project.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Jan Mason</b>
<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>£ 500</b>
<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>£ 500</b>

## 2.18 BLINDS AND EQUIPMENT FOR EPSOM BOXING CLUB

Epsom & Ewell Amateur Boxing Club has been running out of the Stephen Woods Centre for more than 40 years, and currently boasts more than 50 young people undertaking regular training sessions and almost 80 adult members. The club has 8 young people working their way through to national competition level. In addition, the club's role as a diversionary scheme is well recognised. There are two Junior Club Nights per week (both sessions are fully booked) for which there is a nominal charge of £1 for each young person per evening, many of the young people coming from families living on benefits. The application is to have blinds installed at the front windows of the boxing club to protect the covering of the boxing ring from the strong sunlight, which is causing the fabric to thin and perish (**£247**). The club's boxing equipment is very well used and now sadly worn. Additional funding (**£495**) would enable the purchase of 3 new punch bags and hook & jab pads.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Jan Mason</b>
<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>£ 742</b>
<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>£ 742</b>

## 2.19 FRIENDS OF NONSUCH

Funding is requested for the physical reconstruction of the original 1800's simmering range in the kitchen in the Service Wing Museum at Nonsuch Mansion

<b>Member</b>	<b>Nigel Petrie</b>
<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>£ 1,650</b>
<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>£ 1,500</b>

## 2.20 SIGNPOSTS FOR THE EPSOM SALT WELL

It is proposed that the signposting for The Well at Epsom should be improved. The single finger-post at the junction of Wells Road and Spa Drive is helpful, but more signs are needed to make The Well easier to find, both for motorists and for those visiting on foot.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Colin Taylor</b>
<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>£ 1,000</b>
<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>£ 1,000</b>

## 3. PROPOSALS AGAINST CAPITAL GRANT

### 3.1 ST JOHN AMBULANCE RESPONDERS

St John Ambulance Epsom & Ewell Division has obtained permission to launch an Ambulance Responder scheme in the local area (see Para 2.7 for summary of the project). This application for funding from the capital grant cover equipment for two responders, and will include clothing, defibrillators, oxygen and other first aid equipment.

<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>£ 5,000</b>
<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>£ 5,000</b>

### 3.2 EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF YOUTH ENGAGEMENT SCHEME

Surrey Fire & Rescue Service provides a 5-day programme, based on a fire station, for young people aged 14 – 17 to address personal development and anti-social behaviour, particularly around fire and vehicle related crime. It is part of an intervention package, in partnership with the Youth Justice Service and Education Welfare, which runs over a longer period. Currently in north Surrey, 36-42 young people per year, drawn from the boroughs of Spelthorne, Elmbridge and Epsom & Ewell, attend a course at Walton Fire Station. The Local Committee's contribution will enable the purchase of equipment.

<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>£ 26,250</b>
<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>£ 1,000</b>

### 3.3 THE SUNNYBANK TRUST – IT EQUIPMENT

The Sunnybank Trust runs a support network for adults with learning disabilities. Through a befriending scheme and lay advocacy they provide assistance and support to people in community homes, private care homes or with their families. At present, the charity does not own any IT equipment and relies entirely on the equipment in the homes of volunteers. The purchase of 2 laptops would enable their Social Club Leader and the Volunteer Co-ordinator to have access to IT when at the Activity Club and when visiting care homes.

<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>£ 1,400</b>
<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>£ 1,400</b>

### 3.4 VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN FOR WELLS ROAD

The installation of a new vehicle activated sign in Wells Road would improve pedestrian safety along this busy road.

<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>£ 2,500</b>
<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>£ 2,500</b>

### 3.5 VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN FOR CHESSINGTON ROAD (Nr. Bonesgate)

There have been several complaints about the speed of traffic along Chessington Road, near Bonesgate. A new vehicle activated sign at this location to slow down traffic entering Epsom would improve pedestrian safety on this busy stretch of road.

<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>£ 2,500</b>
<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>£ 2,500</b>

### 3.1 SURFACING FOR FOOTPATH – THE GRANGE, WORCESTER PARK

To contribute towards to cost of resurfacing of the footpaths in The Grange, which are in poor condition.

<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>£ 15,000</b>
<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>£ 10,000</b>
<b>Amount Recommended</b>	<b>£ 2,400</b>

## 4 RETURNED FUNDING

- 4.1 A sum of £5,713 was allocated in March 2005 for Repairs to Epsom Salt Well. There were several delays while other problems at the site have been resolved but the way is now clear for the scheme to proceed. The work required, and therefore the cost, is now significantly less than originally forecast and £2,713 has been returned to Colin Taylor's allocation.

- 4.2 The defensive works to Goose Green/Edge of the Common came in at a lower figure than anticipated. Consequently, £608 has been returned to Colin Taylor's allocation.

## **5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The attached table shows present commitment and balance remaining for Members' individual allocations and the capital grant.

## **6 EQUALITY and DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The Local Committee funding can be allocated to projects that benefit a diverse range of community needs. A summary of how the funding for 2007/08 has been allocated is set out on page 2 of this report.

## **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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