

# OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (EPSOM & EWELL)

# MEMBERS ALLOCATIONS ANNUAL REPORT 2008-2009

# 13 July 2009

### **KEY ISSUE**

To inform the Local Committee in Epsom & Ewell how Members Allocations were spent in 2008/09.

## SUMMARY

Surrey County Council's Local Committees receive delegated authority to allocate funding for locally determined purposes that meet local social, economic or environmental well-being needs.

# **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### The Local Committee (Epsom & Ewell) is asked to:

(i) Note the distribution of funding allocated by the Local Committee in 2008/09 and consider any priority areas for 2009/10.

#### **1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Surrey County Council's Local Committees have been delegated power to take decisions in response to local needs within the County Council's power of well-being, up to a maximum sum per County Council member of the Committee. In addition the County Council have also delegated a capital sum to Local Committees. This funding is determined annually as part of the Council's budget process.
- 1.2 In 2008/09 the County Council allocated the sum of £11,000 revenue per County Councillor, and a total sum of £35,000 per Local Committee for capital projects. The Local Committee [Epsom & Ewell] therefore had a total budget of £55,000 revenue and £35,000 to allocate throughout the year.

#### 2 FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK FOR LOCAL COMMITTEES

2.1 To give Local Committees maximum flexibility, the key underlying principle is that Local Committees are at liberty to spend on locally determined purposes that meet local social, economic or environmental well-being

#### 3 ANALYSIS

3.1 Surrey County Council's Corporate Plan 2009-2013 sets out the contribution that the council and its services make towards improving the quality of life for people living and working in Surrey. It includes five key service priorities, where we have put a particular focus:

Protecting vulnerable children and young people Helping adults to live independently and safely Minimising and recycling waste Improving Surrey's roads Working to keep Surrey's economy successful.

3.2 In line with the Corporate Plan all Member Allocations [whether revenue or capital] are coded to reflect broadly how it aligns with the corporate priorities. The codes are:

Adults & Community Care: Independence for vulnerable adults, older people, adults with disabilities and health conditions, carers and health promotion. Children & Schools: Children, vulnerable children, play, parenting, schools, children with disabilities and health conditions and children's carers. Community Safety: Street lighting, abandoned cars, graffiti, fire and rescue, road safety, consumer protection, drug and alcohol misuse, domestic violence,

a sense of safety, fear of crime and reassurance.

**Environmental projects**: projecting countryside, waste and recycling **Transport:** ways of travel, roads, pavements, traffic problems and highways **Lifelong Learning**: learning in the community, libraries, adult and community learning and schools as community centres

**Self Reliance**: Local businesses, the Surrey economy, quality of life in disadvantages areas, support for rural communities, ethnic minorities, community cohesion, refugees and management development for community organisations.

**Everybody Matters**: Consultation, community engagement, democracy, local committees, partnership develop and publicity.

**Young People**: facilities and activities for young people outside school including shelters, leisure equipment, courses, skateboards parks etc.

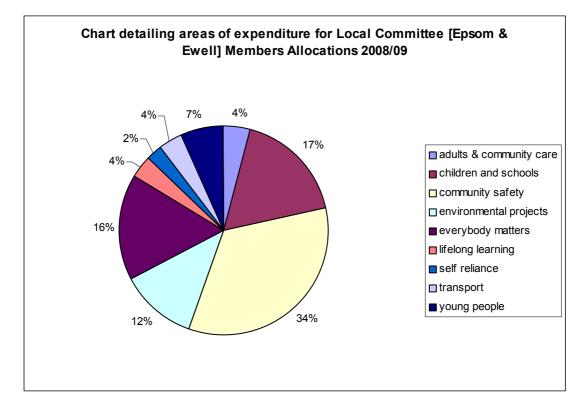
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# 3.3 Summary Of Epsom & Ewell's Local Committee Delegated Budgets 2008/09

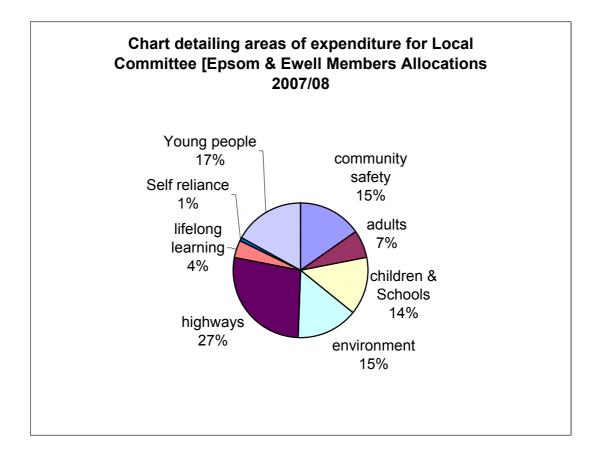
The Local Committee allocated all of the funding delegated to it in 2008/09 to a total of 44 projects across the Borough from its revenue budget, and 10 projects from the Capital grant. This included a total of £4913.00 revenue funding, returned by organisations unable to proceed with their projects. Allocations ranged in size from £500 for an information board in Horton Country Park up to £3000 towards CCTV in the grounds of Bourne Hall and £5000 towards the Safe Drive Stay Alive project towards the improvement of this initiative.

Category	£ Amount	Percentage
Adults & Community Care	2525	4%
Children & Schools	10,409	17%
Community Safety	20250	34%
Environmental projects	7065	12%
Everybody Matters	9810	16%
Lifelong Learning	2270	4%
Self Reliance	1350	2%
Transport	2217	4%
Young People	4009	7%
Total	59,905	100%

#### Members Allocations Revenue 2008/09



Detailed below is the chart for 2007/08 for information www.surreycc.gov.uk/epsomandewell



#### 4 LOCAL COMMITTEE DELEGATED BUDGETS 2008/09

4.1 At the annual budget meeting on 5 February 2008 the County Council approved delegated funding to Local Committees of £11,000 revenue funding per County Council member and £35,000 capital per committee.

#### 5 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The Local Committee delegated revenue funding for 2008/09 was £55,000 and a capital grant of £35,000. These monies were spent as per the attached annexe A.

#### 6 EQUALITIES 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 has been allocated is set out in Annexe A.

#### 7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The Local Committee funding can be allocated to projects that benefit a diverse range of community safety needs. A summary of how the funding has been allocated is set out in Annexe A.

#### 8 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 Surrey County Council Local Committees receive delegated funding to allocate on locally determined purposes that meet local social, economic or environmental well being.
- 8.2 The revenue and capital budgets have provided a wide variety of funding to assist local community issues, strengthening the partnership between the Borough, the County Council, and other organisations including voluntary. The funds provided particularly encourage youth development and activity, and address local transportation problems, as the above pie chart demonstrates, responding to local need.

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