



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

**LOCAL COMMITTEE IN
EPSOM & EWELL
MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS
14 SEPTEMBER 2009**

KEY ISSUE

To consider new proposals for expenditure from the Members' Allocations budget 2009/10.

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 **£8,250** in 2009/10 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 Committee has also been allocated a capital grant of **£35,000**. This funding may only be used for capital projects and schemes. It will be allocated equally on a Division basis of £7,000 each, subject to agreement by the whole of the Local Committee.

2. MEMBERS' REVENUE ALLOCATION – NEW FUNDING BIDS

- 2.1 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FOR EPSOM TOWN CENTRE
Funding is requested to purchase and erect additional Christmas lights for the town centre to improve and extend the seasonal display.

Members	Chris Frost, Colin Taylor
Project Cost	£ 3,000
Amount Requested	£ 3,000

- 2.2 VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN FOR LONGDOWN LANE SOUTH
A number of accidents have occurred near the bend in Longdown Lane South. The installation of a new vehicle activated sign showing 'Bend' would slow down traffic approaching the bend thereby improving safety.

Member	Chris Frost
Project Cost	£ 2,500
Amount Requested	£ 2,500

- 2.3 INTERGEN
Banstead, Epsom and Ewell Community Learning Partnership seeks to purchase a bank of 12 laptops for use at the Longmead Centre to facilitate access to adult learning in the community and narrow the 'digital divide' that exists. Initially, the equipment would benefit the newly-established 'Intergen' 50+ group of 'silver surfers' currently taking computer courses at the Longmead Centre. (ICT equipment used for this training has been on short-term loan from Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership and is soon due to be returned.) Access to the new equipment could also be extended to a group of single mothers interested in developing their employability and communications skills, and possibly to a group of children with no computer at home for whom a "homework club" could be established. An application for funding for an additional set of 5 computers has been submitted to the Comic Relief fund.

Members	Jan Mason, Colin Taylor
Project Cost	£ 4,658
Amount Requested	£ 4,658

2.4 WHITE DIRECTIONAL SIGNS FOR EWELL COURT HOUSE

At the request of local residents and supporters of Ewell Court House, funding is requested to contribute to the cost of installing local direction signs directing users to Ewell Court House. Two white traffic signs would be placed on the A240 (Kingston Road) at specified locations. The application requests 50% of the costs, with the remainder coming from Epsom & Ewell Borough Council.

Members	Eber Kington
Project Cost	£ 673
Amount Requested	£ 336

3 MEMBERS' REVENUE ALLOCATION – APPROVALS UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

The following application was approved by the Area Director under delegated authority in consultation with the Chairman or Vice Chairman.

- 3.1 A one-off sum of £500 from Chris Frost's allocation was agreed (28.07.2009) for the purchase of a greenhouse as part of the development of a community garden area at Wallace Fields Infant School.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The attached tables show commitment and balance remaining for Members' individual allocations and the capital grant.

5 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

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

6 CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 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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BACKGROUND PAPERS: