



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

**LOCAL COMMITTEE IN
EPSOM & EWELL
MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS
7 JUNE 2010**

KEY ISSUE

To consider new proposals for expenditure from the Members' Allocations budget 2010/11.

SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked:

1. To agree to adopt the criteria for the use of Member's Funds as set out in Annexe 1.
2. 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 2010/11 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 **£30,000**. This funding may only be used for capital projects and schemes. It will be allocated equally on a Division basis of £6,000 each, subject to agreement by the whole of the Local Committee.

2. **MEMBERS' REVENUE ALLOCATION – NEW FUNDING BIDS**

- 2.1 **REJUVENATION OF STONELEIGH LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM**
The Community Room at Stoneleigh Library is a well-used local resource, currently providing a venue for about 15 local community and support groups, as well as a quiet area for library users and a venue for the weekly Rhymetime. When it was opened in 2001, it was furnished with secondhand furniture which has now become dilapidated and uncomfortable. If new stackable tables and chairs could be provided, the room would be more versatile, easier to clean and provide more space for the increasing numbers of children and adults now using the facility.

Member proposing	David Wood, Eber Kington
Project Cost	£ 1,050
Amount Requested	£ 1,050

- 2.2 **JUNIOR CITIZEN BOOKLETS**
The Children's Safety Education Foundation requests contributory funding to provide Junior Citizen booklets and associated personal safety advice to pupils at Riverview, Southfield Park and Epsom Primary Schools.

Member proposing	Jan Mason and Colin Taylor
Project Cost	£ 2,470
Amount Requested	£ 800

3. **MEMBERS' REVENUE ALLOCATION – APPROVAL 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 **RIVERVIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL – VISIT TO GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL**
A one-off sum of £250 from Eber Kington's allocation was agreed (5.5.2010) as a contribution towards the cost of this coach trip, without which it could not have taken place. The grant allowed 25 children to make their first visit to a cathedral.

Member proposing	Eber Kington
Project Cost	£ 312

Amount Requested £ 250

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 With the exception of the grant approved under delegated powers (see para 3.1), there is no commitment, as yet, against the 2010/11 budgets for Members' individual allocations of £8,250 each or the Capital Grant of £6,000 per Member.

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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SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S LOCAL COMMITTEE IN EPSOM AND EWELL

Members' Allocations – Details and Criteria

The Local Committee has funding to be used on projects which will benefit the people of Epsom & Ewell. The maximum amount which can be allocated for any one project is £10,000.

1. CRITERIA FOR MEMBER'S ALLOCATIONS

- a) Any proposal to be considered by Committee must be proposed by at least one Member who is willing to provide at least some financial support to the project. However, Members whose funds are totally committed may still put proposals forward for support by the Committee.
- b) The projects must be possible to implement within the time and budget, offer value for money, have a clear audit trail and demonstrate its impact within 12 months of receiving funding.
- c) The funds will not be used to cover on-going revenue costs – expenditure must be of a one-off nature or serve as “pump-priming”.
- d) Contributions will not normally be made to cover funding gaps arising from budget reduction decisions.
- e) Priority will be given to proposals attracting an element of match funding.
- f) Proposals will be considered from SCC services, other statutory bodies and voluntary organisations.
- g) The application should be for a future project, not a retrospective request.
- h) The funding will not be used to fund schools for the direct delivery of the National Curriculum.
- i) Approval will not be given for funding to be used as a “grant” to an individual.
- j) Funding will not be used to sponsor a political party, including contributing to the expenses of any conference, meeting or other event organised by or on behalf of the party.
NB Some Surrey residents' associations and local societies have to register as political parties because they have candidates standing in District, County or General Elections.

2. FUNDING PAID UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The decision to pay revenue funding of not more than £1,000 can be delegated to the Area Director, in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Committee. Funding paid under delegated authority is subject to the criteria laid down in paragraph 1 above, and the following additional criteria:

- a) the application must have been endorsed by the appropriate local Member
- b) the application should be for a maximum of £1,000
- c) applications from private clubs or other membership organisations must clearly demonstrate the wider community benefit of the project
- d) projects must not contravene any of the Council's agreed policies or priorities

3. LOCAL COMMITTEE CAPITAL ALLOCATION

Capital funding must meet the criteria set out in paragraph 1, but also:

- a) The £30,000 will be allocated equally on a Division basis of £6,000 each, subject to agreement by the whole of the Local Committee.
- b) Allocations against the capital allocation must be a minimum of £1,000.
- c) Must be applied to physical asset(s) with a life of more than one year (this would include land, buildings, property refurbishments, vehicles, plant, major items of equipment, etc.
- d) Cannot be applied to meet staffing costs or other routine running costs.
- e) Proposals should be of a local nature and be for the benefit of the people of Epsom and Ewell.