



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

**MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS
8 December 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, note the funds approved under delegated agreement, and note returned funds.

RECOMMENDATIONS

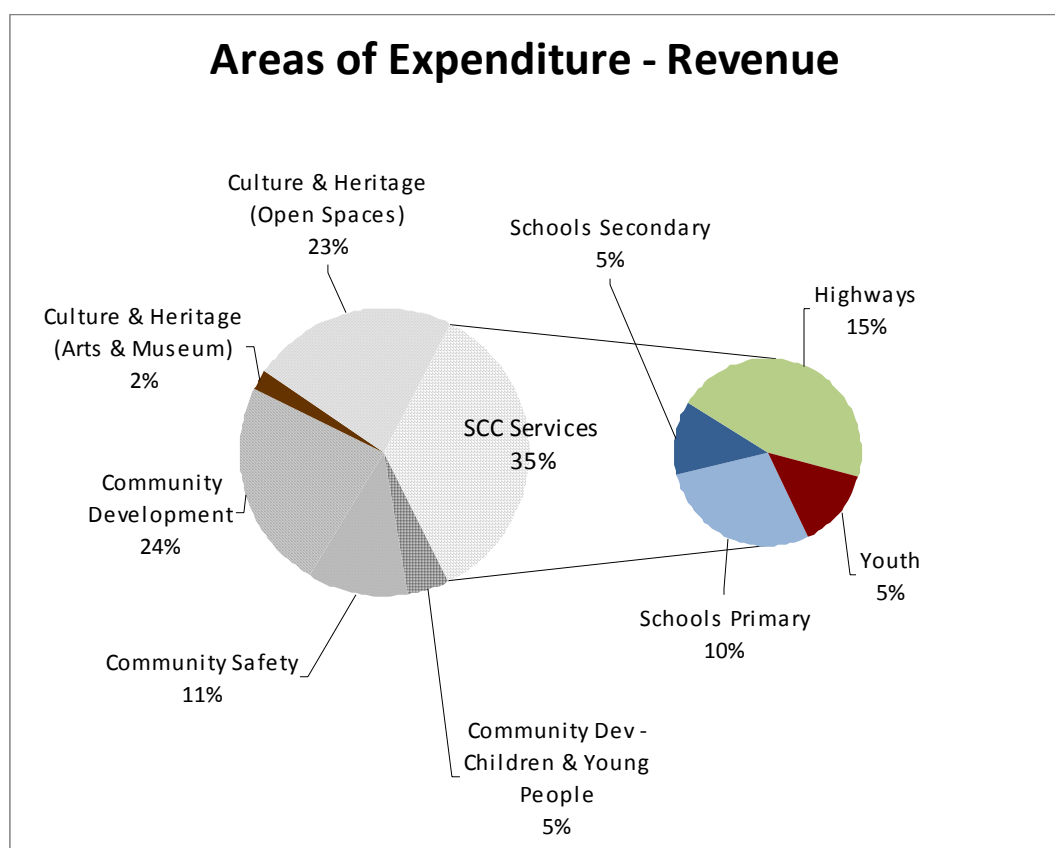
The Committee is asked:

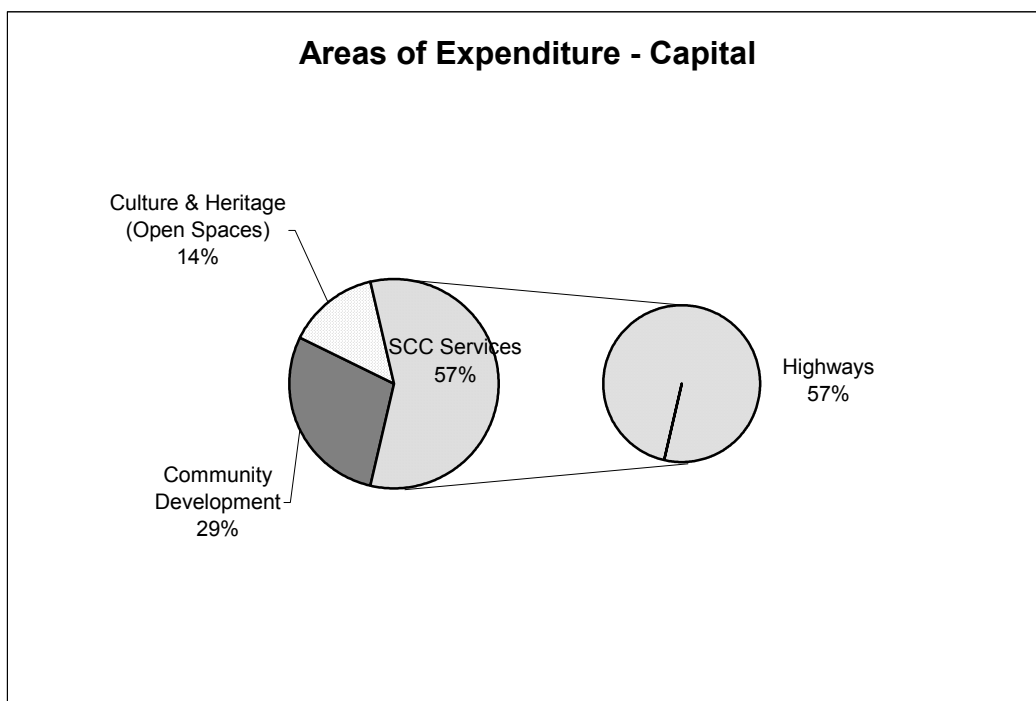
- (i) To approve the proposed expenditure from the Members' Allocations and Capital Grant budgets;
- (ii) To note the funds approved under delegated agreement
- (iii) To note the returned funding.

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.
- 1.3 Summary of Local Committee delegated budgets 2009/10

The charts below summarise the revenue and capital funding allocated by the Local Committee in 2009/10, for information:





2. MEMBERS' REVENUE ALLOCATION – NEW FUNDING BIDS

2.1 HOME-START VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Home-Start wish to recruit up to 8 new volunteers to offer friendship and support to families under stress who have at least one child under 5, to give the families who face particular difficulties the best possible start in life and to minimise the negative impact of their adverse circumstances on their future development. The volunteers will receive 40 hours of training on topics such as child protection, health and safety in the home, managing behavioural problems and ideas for play.

Members Proposing	Cllrs Eber Kington and Colin Taylor
Project Cost	£1251
Amount Requested	£1000

2.2 VICTIM SUPPORT – Young Witness Service

This project will provide funding towards an enhanced service provided by specially trained volunteers to child victims of crime and witnesses in Surrey who have to give evidence in court. This service will benefit children less than 17 years of age. The total cost of the project is £40,000 per annum. Costing £102 for one volunteer to give full support to one child and £350 per training session for new volunteers. £2,000 would give support to 20 children who receive the enhanced service. The rest of the funding is being sought from statutory bodies and charitable foundations. Victim Support does not fund the scheme.

Members proposing	Cllrs Chris Frost and Colin Taylor
Project Cost	£40,000

Amount Requested £2,000

2.3 4-7-11 GANG SHOW

The 4-7-11 Gang Shows have been running, since the mid 1970s. It involves approximately 50 members of the Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Scouts aged 7-18 years old. Generally, a role is found for all those who want to take part. Its purpose is to introduce children to the stage, building their self-confidence and teaching them to work as a team, and to develop leadership skills. It provides an opportunity for them to be part of a professionally produced stage show, using microphones, stage lighting and specialist technical effects. The overall cost of the production is in the region of £13,670 and this is expected to be met largely from box office sales, children's deposits and donations/sponsorship. Additional expenditure on specific items is anticipated for the 2011 production, for which funding is now requested.

Member proposing Cllr Chris Frost

Project Cost £950 – 1000

For building new staging units and refurbishing previously built staging for use by the Gang Show cast at rehearsals and at the Epsom Playhouse for the finished performances.

Amount Requested £1000

Members proposing Cllr Colin Taylor [£500] and

Cllr Eber Kington [£250]

Project Cost £800

Towards the programme printing, and leaflets for the show.

Amount requested £750

2.4 WALLACE FIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL.

The school is seeking funding for lighting and heating for an outside storeroom/changing area to enable children to change for 'outside' clubs to be in this room leaving the dining hall free, the area currently used for this purpose. The dining area will be used in the next year to run before and after school activities.

Members Proposing Cllr Chris Frost

Project Cost £1,647.00

Amount Requested £1,647.00

2.5 ROSEBERY SCHOOL – ALCOHOL PROJECT

The Alcohol project is designed to empower year 9+ students, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to make informed choices and reach out for support if they need it. The play provides schools with a tool with which to explore this complex issue with their students. Peer Productions wish to provide a one off performance of this project for year 10 students at Rosebery School.

Member proposing	Cllr Chris Frost
Project Cost	£535 per performance
Total project cost	£33,141 for touring this play in 2011.
Amount Requested	£575.00

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.

3.1 STEPHEN WOODS CENTRE

A one-off sum of £1,000 in total from Cllrs Kington, Mason, Taylor and Wood towards the redecoration of the Centre to cover repairing, and painting all interior walls, and applying stencils. The Epsom Rotary Club is undertaking the work.

3.2 LOWER MOLE COUNTRYSIDE PROJECT

A one off sum of £250 from Cllr Mason as the Lower Mole Countryside Management proposes to adopt an area ['Abbotts Copse' or 'Moles Copse'] for roadside planting, and manage it so that it becomes of showpiece of traditional coppice management, by planting more hazel, plus some common woodland wildflowers.

4. PROPOSALS AGAINST CAPITAL GRANT

4.1 TREES FOR LANGLEY VALE

A request for the planting of six trees in the grass verges in Langley Vale.

Member proposing	Cllr Chris Frost
Project Cost	£1987.00
Amount Requested	£1987.00

4.2 HOOK ROAD ARENA – BMX PROJECT

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council's Leisure Developments team are proposing to build a grassroots level BMX play facility at the Hook Road arena aimed at young people aged 8-16 years. Young people who live in the borough have been consulted and BMX was identified, as the sport young people would most like to try. The BMX project will bring benefits to children, families and young people of Epsom and Ewell, specifically residents of the Court, Ruxley and West Ewell wards. The Borough is also seeking funding from other sources to enable this project to proceed. .

Member proposing	Cllrs Eber Kington, Jan Mason, Chris Frost, & Colin Taylor
Project cost	£50,000
Amount requested	£5,000

5 RETURNED FUNDING

- 5.1 Fencing between - Ewell East Station and Nescot. The total amount agreed for this fencing was £8,000 from Cllr Petrie and £3000 from Cllr Wood, making a total of £11,000. This fence has now been erected at a cost of £10,233. Therefore £777 is to be returned to Cllr David Wood's revenue budget

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The table attached as Annexe 1 shows commitment and balance remaining for Members' individual allocations and the capital grant up to 19 November 2010.

7 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

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

8 CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 8.1 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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