



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

**MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS
7 March 2011**

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

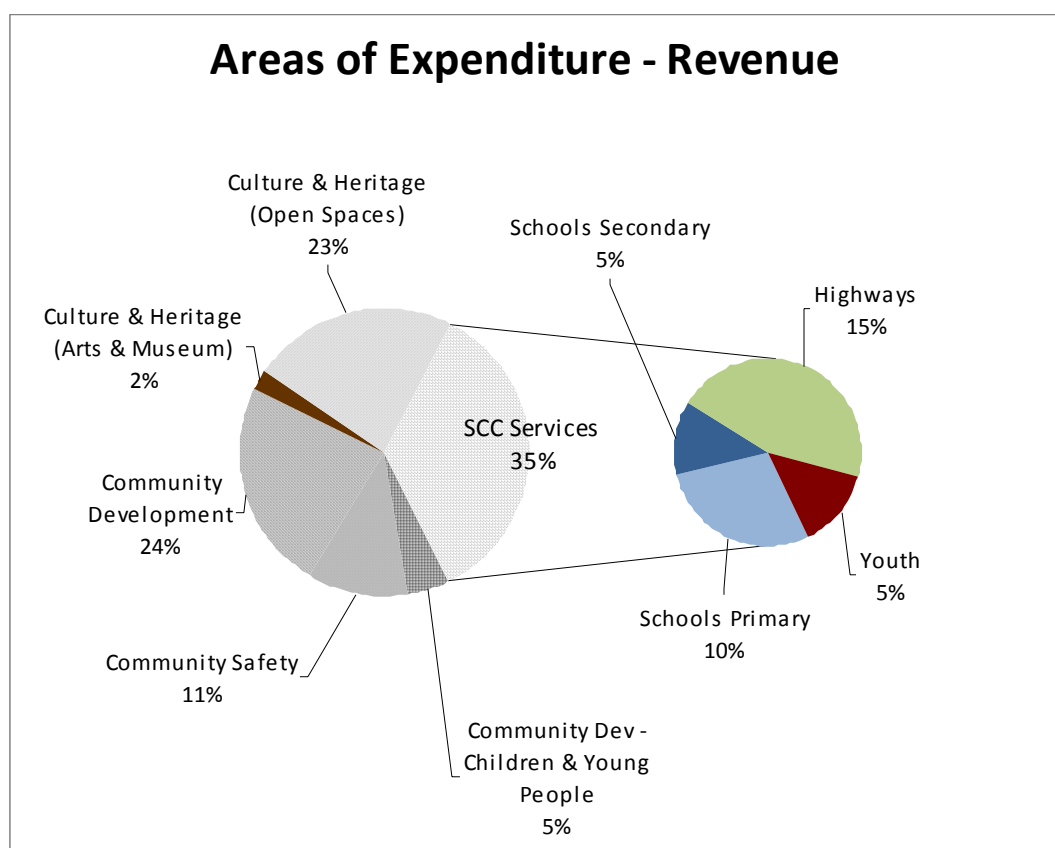
The Committee is asked:

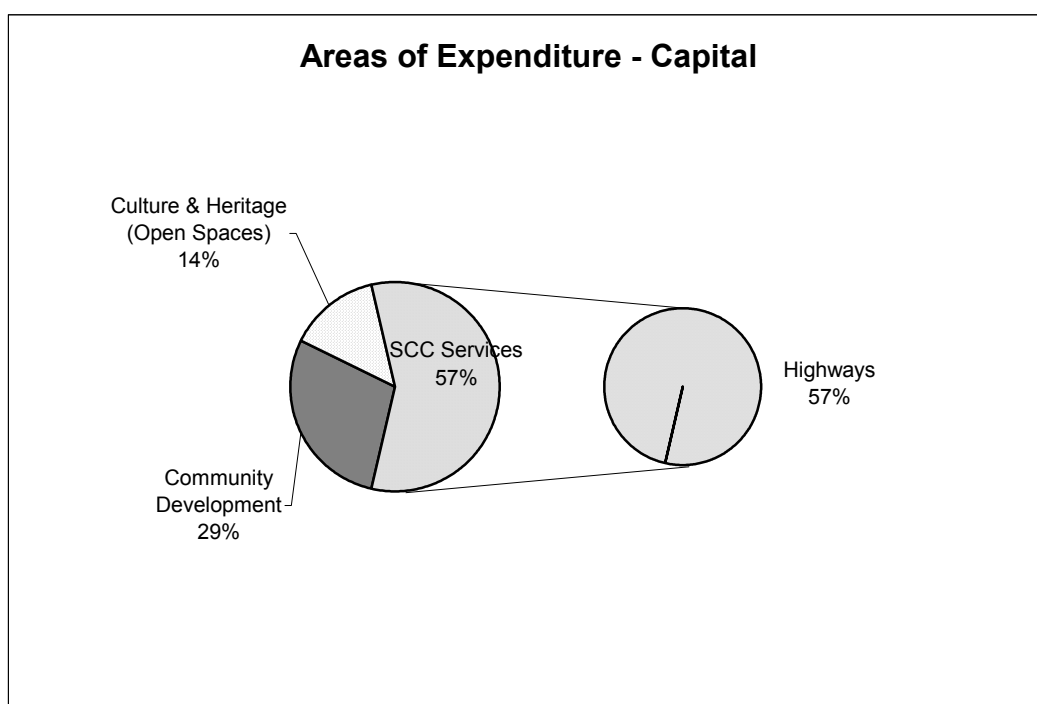
- (i) To approve the proposed expenditure from the Members' Allocations and Capital Grant budgets,
- (ii) To note the funds approved under delegated agreement,
- (iii) To note the returned funding
- (iv) To note the change of use of funding

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 BLENHEIM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SUPPORT CENTRE (SSC)

The SSC would like to extend its current facilities by adding a meeting room, which will provide a new welcoming and comfortable space for 121 and group work for students, parents and carers, many of who are vulnerable and disadvantaged. The Members' allocation funding will pay for the furnishing of the room.

Members proposing Cllrs Jan Mason, Chris Frost, David Wood, Eber Kington and Colin Taylor
Project cost £18,000
Amount requested £2,029

2.2 EWELL COURT LIBRARY – BOOK DROP

This project, which will install a new book drop, will make it easier to return books and other library items when the library is closed.

Members proposing Cllrs Jan Mason and Eber Kington
Project cost £1,585
Amount requested £1,585

2.3 INTERGEN EPSOM - LAPTOPS

This project is to offer computer courses to community groups, particularly the elderly at the Longmead Centre, Kings Church, Age Concern (town Hall) and the Wells Centre.

Member proposing Cllr Colin Taylor
Project cost £10,000

Amount requested £1894 for additional laptops and software

2.4 EPSOM CONTEMPORARY ARTISTS NETWORK – OUTDOOR COMMUNITY ART PROJECT

Five contemporary artists will create new work specific to the grounds of Bourne Hall engaging with local communities, including several local primary schools. The work will be showcased at the Bourne Hall Contemporary Arts festival from 8-10th July 2011.

Members proposing Cllrs Eber Kington, Jan Mason & David Wood
Project cost £18,896
Amount requested £1,200

2.5 SURREY HIGHWAYS - NONSUCH WALK FOOTWAY

This project will involve the resurfacing of footways in Nonsuch Walk to improve access and reduce ponding.

Member proposing Cllr David Wood
Project cost £17,000
Amount requested £2,367 plus capital funding

2.6 SURREY HIGHWAYS – ROSEBERY RD VERGES

This project involves the installation of posts in some verges to prevent vehicles parking, and verge strengthening in others to allow parking without damaging the verge.

Member proposing Cllr Chris Frost
Project cost £2267
Amount requested £1,617 plus capital funding

2.7 SURREY HIGHWAYS – VERGE HARDENING IN EPSOM WEST

This project involves the hardening of verges and associated footway works in Epsom West.

Member proposing Cllr Jan Mason
Project cost £3,650
Amount requested £1,467 plus capital funding

3 MEMBERS' REVENUE ALLOCATION & CAPITAL GRANT – APPROVALS UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

The following applications were approved by the Area Director under delegated authority in consultation with the Chairman.

3.1 GRIT BIN – CHADACRE ROAD

£2,500 (£1,900 revenue/£600 capital) from Cllr Wood for a grit bin, its maintenance and refill for ten years to improve safety in the area during icy weather.

- 3.2 **TENOR HORN – EPSOM & EWELL SILVER BAND**
A one off sum of £1,000 (capital) from Cllr Wood towards the purchase of a tenor horn for the community brass band.
- 3.3 **EPSOM PRIMARY SCHOOL – COMMUNITY COHESION PROJECT**
£1,000 (capital) from Cllr Taylor to purchase video cameras for this project which promotes community cohesion and being a good neighbour.
- 3.4 **CUDDINGTON CROFT PRIMARY SCHOOL – ENVIRONMENTAL AREA IMPROVEMENTS**
£989 (revenue) from Cllr Wood for a lockable storage unit/shrubs/safety signs and tabards for work in the environmental area.
- 3.5 **EPSOM & EWELL NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL – LIBRARY COMPUTER**
£500 (revenue) from Cllr Wood for a computer in the library for the use of vulnerable children at break times and also for parents/carers with no computer access at home.
- 3.6 **HOLISTIC HARMONY – SESSIONS TO ENGAGE WITH YOUNG PEOPLE**
£1,000 (revenue) from Cllrs Mason and Taylor for therapy sessions to engage with young people.
- 3.7 **GRIT BIN – BUCKLAND RD/BRAMLEY RD**
£2,500 (£1,900 revenue/£600 capital) from Cllr Wood for a grit bin, its maintenance and refill for ten years to improve safety in the area during icy weather.
- 3.8 **PLAYGROUND BENCHES FOR GLYN TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL**
£500 (capital) from Cllr Wood towards two benches and the installation kit to provide additional seating in the playground.
- 3.9 **NOTICEBOARDS FOR NONSUCH PARK**
£500 (capital) from Cllr Wood towards notice boards for the entrances to the park to disseminate information.
- 3.10 **SURREY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICE MUSIC PROJECT AT THE EDGE** £200 (£100 (revenue) from both Cllrs Mason & Kington) to purchase record decks, CDs and records for a music project to be run from the Edge Youth Centre.
- 3.11 **SURREY HIGHWAYS - BURGH HEATH RD SIGN**
£500 (revenue) from Cllr Frost for a 'Unsuitable for HGVs' sign.
- 3.12 **EPSOM PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYING FIELD**
£1,000 (revenue) from Cllr Taylor towards releveling and returfing the school field.
- 3.13 **DANETREE JUNIOR SCHOOL – OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT**
£950 (£667 capital/£283 revenue) from Cllr Mason for new nets and post for

the tennis courts at the school.

- 3.14 **EPSOM & EWELL HIGH SCHOOL – MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS**
£500 (revenue) from Cllr Mason for new musical instruments to enable vulnerable young people to access music lessons.
- 3.15 **THE FREEWHEELERS THEATRE COMPANY CIC – A CHANCE TO DANCE**
£500 (revenue) (£300 from Cllr Mason and £200 from Cllr Kington) for venue hire and technical equipment for this performance by disabled students.
- 3.16 **GRIT BIN – ENTRANCE TO WALLACE FIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL**
£2,500 (£1,900 revenue/£600 capital) from Cllr Frost for a grit bin, its maintenance and refill for ten years to improve safety in the area during icy weather.

4. PROPOSALS AGAINST CAPITAL GRANT

- 4.1 **EPSOM HOSPITAL – MONITORING EQUIPMENT**
The project is to purchase two Dynamap Carescapes - monitoring equipment for babies and young children in Paediatric Outpatients at Epsom General Hospital.

Members proposing	Cllrs Eber Kington, Jan Mason & Colin Taylor
Project cost	£3,000
Amount requested	£2,450

- 4.2 **EPSOM & EWELL CAB – REPLACEMENT PCS**
The project is to replace 8 computers which are over 8 years old to speed up processes and operate up to date software.

Members Proposing	Cllrs Eber Kington, Jan Mason and David Wood
Project cost	£2,400
Amount requested	£1,500

- 4.3 **SURREY HIGHWAYS - NONSUCH WALK FOOTWAY**
see 2.5 above.
Amount requested **£1,300**

- 4.4 **SURREY HIGHWAYS – ROSEBERY RD VERGES**
see 2.6 above.
Amount requested **£650**

- 4.5 **SURREY HIGHWAYS – VERGE HARDENING IN EPSOM WEST**
see 2.7 above
Amount requested **£2,183**

5 RETURNED FUNDING

- 5.1 Shield for lighting column in Langley Vale. £100 was agreed, but this funding is no longer required and has been returned by SCC Highways to Cllr Frost's revenue budget.

6. CHANGE OF USE OF FUNDING

- 6.1 A change of use for £7,000 of funding allocated to highway projects in 2005/6 and 2007/8, is requested to resurface Hogsmill Way from Watersedge to Millais Way.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The table attached as Annexe 1 shows commitment and balance remaining for Members' individual allocations and the capital grant up to 22 February 2011.

8. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

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

9 CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 9.1 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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