



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

**MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS
5 December 2011**

KEY ISSUE

To consider new proposals for expenditure from the Members' Allocations budget 2011/2012.

SUMMARY

This report sets out new schemes suggested by Members for funding from the Members' Allocations budget and notes the funds approved under delegated agreement.

RECOMMENDATIONS

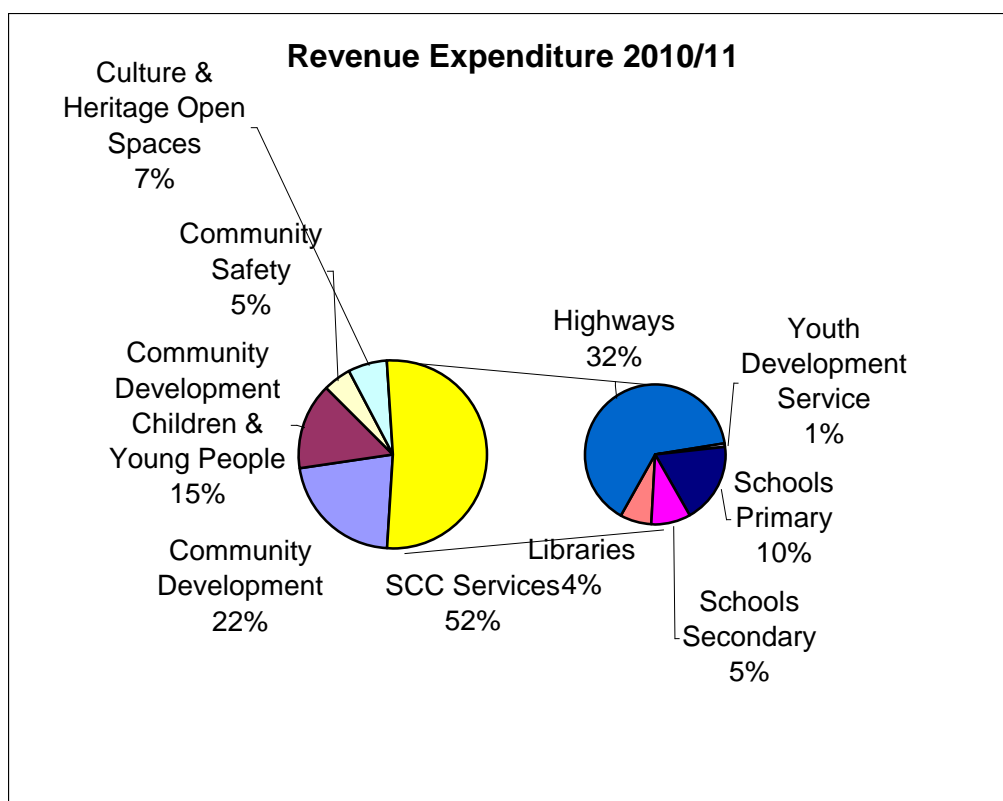
The Committee is asked:

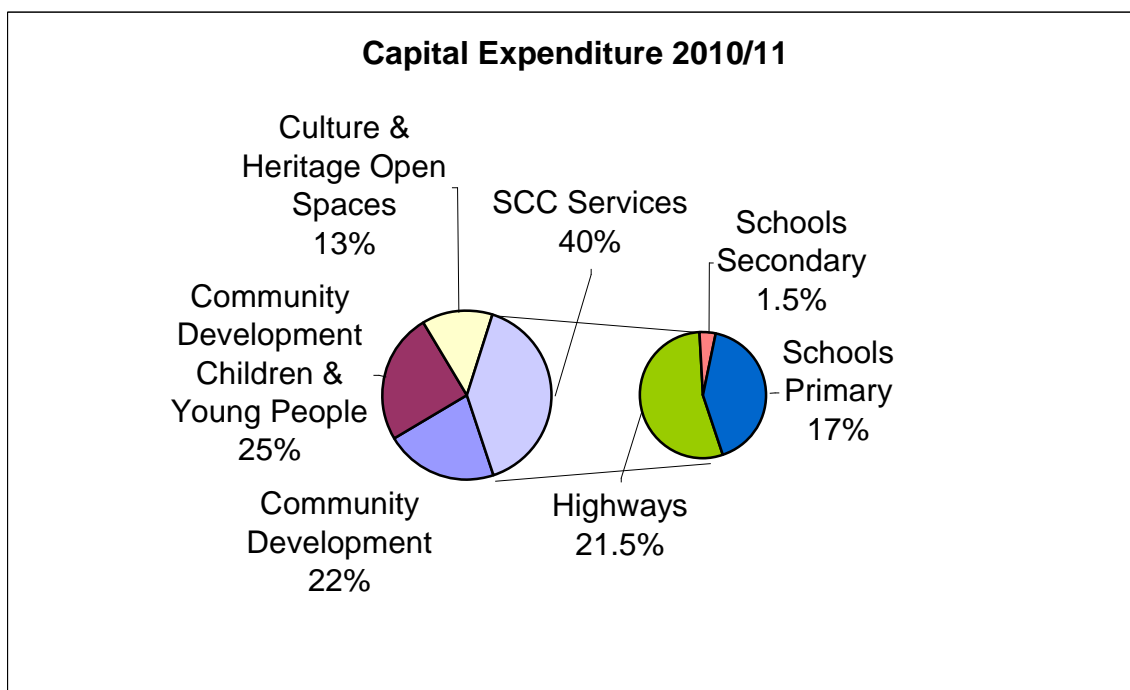
- i) To approve the proposed expenditure from the Members' Allocations revenue and capital grant budgets.
- ii) To note the Members' Allocations funds approved under delegated authority.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Each Member of the County Council has been allocated a budget of £8,410 in 2011/12 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 has been allocated equally on a division basis of £7,000 each, as agreed by the Local Committee on 27th June 2011.
- 1.3 Summary of Local Committee delegated budgets 2010/11

The charts below summarise the revenue and capital funding allocated by the Local Committee in 2010/11, for information.





2. MEMBERS' REVENUE ALLOCATION & CAPITAL GRANT 2011/12 – APPROVALS UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

Since the Local Committee's last meeting on 12th September 2011, the following applications have been approved by the Community Partnerships Team Leader under delegated authority, in consultation with the Chairman.

2.1 DANETREE JUNIOR SCHOOL GARDENING CLUB

£1,000 (capital) from Cllr Mason to set up a gardening club for the children at Danetree Junior School.

2.2 BIKEABILITY

£812.50 (revenue) from Cllr Frost to contribute towards teaching thirty Year 5 children the basic skills of cycling safety and road awareness. A further thirty Year 6 children will be able to build upon these skills at the higher level.

2.3 FIVE NEW SWAN NECK LIGHT COLUMNS FOR CASTLE ROAD, EPSOM

£750 (capital) from Cllr Frost to install five new swan neck light columns for Castle Road, Epsom.

2.4 NESBOT - Photography Display

£100 (revenue) from Cllr Mason to contribute towards NESBOT Photography Students Exhibition 24-26 May 2012

3. MEMBERS' CAPITAL ALLOCATION NEW FUNDING BIDS

3.1 ARM TRACTION DEVICE FOR COLLES' FRACTURES

£3,000 (capital) This funding is being sought by the Epsom Medical Equipment Fund on behalf of the Epsom General Hospital. An Orthopaedic Practitioner at Epsom General Hospital invented a new way to treat people who had broken their wrists. The patient-friendly arm traction device helps to manipulate broken wrists back into their correct positions. It avoids the need for an operation involving a general anaesthetic since the procedure can now be carried out cost-effectively with a local anaesthetic in twenty to thirty minutes. Improvements to the original design have been tried and tested and a new prototype to improve on the original is now ready for a specialist engineer to manufacture this item of equipment. This funding would enable the arm traction device to be made.

Members proposing	Cllrs Chris Frost, Eber Kington, Jan Mason, Colin Taylor
Project cost	£3,000
Amount requested	£3,000
Amount proposed	£3,000 (CF £750/ EK £750/ JM £750/ CT £750)

3.2 REPLACEMENT OF OBSOLETE COMPUTERS

£1,500 (capital) This funding will enable the Epsom and Ewell Citizens' Advice Bureau to replace three of its obsolete computers that are struggling to operate current software and run very slowly, causing frustration to both clients and advisers. New computers will speed up the process of looking up information and writing up cases and will prevent valuable adviser time being lost on these tasks. The inadequate computers currently prolong case interviews and ultimately prevent advisers seeing and assisting more clients with debt, welfare benefits, housing, employment or other problems who seek assistance from the Bureau.

Member proposing	Cllr Chris Frost
Project cost	£1,500 (3 x £500 each)
Amount requested	£1,500
Amount proposed	£1,500

MEMBERS' REVENUE ALLOCATION NEW FUNDING BIDS

4.1 Epsom Community Tennis

£2,300 (revenue) This funding will contribute towards providing free tennis for people of all ages. The project uses qualified coaches to enhance and promote local community cohesion and spirit whilst learning tennis at Court Recreation Ground Epsom. The project attracts many participants who would not usually have the opportunity to experience tennis. For two hours each Saturday it brings together all sections of the community and provides a fun activity for all to enjoy whilst learning the basic skills of tennis.

Members proposing	Cllrs Chris Frost, Eber Kington, Jan Mason, Colin Taylor
Project cost	£3,600
Amount requested	£3,600
Amount proposed	£2,300 (CF £500/ EK £600/ JM £600/ CT £600)

4.2 Anti-skid surface for Longdown Lane South

£2,000 (revenue) This funding is to enable Surrey County Council Highways team to lay an anti-skid surface on the approach to the major bend in the road. This should help to reduce the number of serious accidents that are occurring where vehicles veer off the road and have often ended up in residents' hedges.

Members proposing	Cllr Chris Frost
Project cost	£2,000
Amount requested	£2,000
Amount proposed	£2,000

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The table attached as Annexe 1 shows the commitments and balance remaining for Members' individual revenue allocations and the capital grant from this year's budget.

6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

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

7 CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 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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