



Local Committee Budgets 2010/11

Surrey County Council Local Committee (Guildford)

8 December 2010

Key issue

To receive a report on the uses to be made of the Members' capital and revenue budgets for 2010-2011, noting actions carried out under delegated authority.

Summary

The report summarises the framework and principles that govern the various delegated budgets available to the Committee in 2010/11, along with options for managing these. It also gives information on funding applications approved under delegated authority after the last meeting of the Committee.

Recommendations

The Committee is asked to:

- a. note the actions carried out under delegated authority.
- b. agree the proposed expenditure from the Members' Capital and the Members' Revenue allocation budgets.

Background

- 1 The County Council's Constitution sets out the overall Financial Framework for managing the Local Committee's delegated budgets. The underlying principle is that Local Committees are at liberty to spend on locally determined purposes that promote social, economic or environmental wellbeing, as required by the Local Government Act 2000.

- 2 Grants should:
- Be directed to activities for which the County Council has legal powers
 - Meet demonstrable local needs
 - Deliver value for money so that there is evidence of the outcomes achieved
 - Be consistent with County Council policies
 - Not duplicate or replace funding for core SCC services
 - Be for one-off projects, not requiring on-going funding (e.g. staffing costs)
 - Be approved through a process that is open and transparent, consultative, accountable and auditable
 - Where appropriate, allow opportunities to be taken to pool funds with partner organisations.
- 3 County Members have been recently been consulted as part of a countywide review of Members Revenue Allocations. Officers are currently developing some recommendations, which will be presented to Cabinet and full Council in due course. It is anticipated that any agreed changes will be implemented from 20011/12.

Funding from Revenue and Capital budgets approved under delegated authority
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- 3 The following projects have been agreed by the Area Director under delegated authority since the Local Committee meeting held on 28 October 2010:
- a. £200 for Downsview Residents Association (Pauline Searle)
- 4 The Committee is asked to note the actions of the Area Director, under delegated authority.

Funding from Revenue and Capital budgets for approval
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- 5 Each member of the Surrey County Council has been allocated a budget of £8,250 in 2010/11 to be spent on schemes and projects.
- 6 In addition, the Local Committee has a capital budget of £30,000 to support voluntary and community groups, which is a reduction of £5,000 from 2009/10. Capital means that it must be used for building or equipment that has an asset value of at least 12 months duration. Capital funds cannot be used for revenue purposes.

It has previously been the practice of the Committee that members allocate this budget as a committee, rather than individually. In the past the Committee has identified specific themes and invited voluntary groups to put in bids. At the Committee held on 22nd September 2010 the committee agreed to divide the funding equally amongst the County Council Members.

The following proposals are for consideration and decision at this committee and listed in Annex A:

- a. £3,500 (£3,120 capital & £380 revenue) to erect four lighting columns to illuminate this dark footpath between Stoughton Rd. and John Russell Close (Pauline Searle)
- b. £1,588 (£1,260 capital & £328 revenue) for 2 hardwood benches for Jubilee Gardens (David Goodwin)
- c. £4,000 (revenue) for running costs for the Barn Youth Project (Fiona White)
- d. £5,000 (revenue) for development of new premises for the Barn Youth Project (Fiona White)
- e. £3,242 (£2520 capital & £722 revenue) for the Westborough Playbuilder Project.

Consultations

- 7 The appropriate SCC services and partner agencies are consulted when bids are submitted.

Implications (Financial, Equalities, Community Safety, Environmental)

- 8 The allocation of the Committee's budgets are intended to enhance the wellbeing of Guildford residents and make best possible use of the funds. The Committee has in previous years allocated a significant proportion of its budgets to projects that promote social inclusion, self-reliance and stronger communities. Members have in the past also allocated grants from their revenue and capital budgets to projects that contribute to community safety and prevent criminal and anti-social behaviour.

Conclusion and reasons for recommendation

- 9 The Committee is invited to make decisions that will allow the timely and effective deployment of its various budgets throughout the year. The Committee is required to agree arrangements for the allocation of its budgets.

What happens next

- 10 The Local Partnerships Team will administer the Committee's budgets in line with the decisions taken.

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Name of Member:	Pauline Searle
Name of project:	Lighting project. Footpath between John Russell Close and Stoughton Rd.
Organisation responsible for carrying out the project?	Guildford Borough Council
Description of Project: What outcomes are expected? What needs will it address? What geographical area will it cover? Who will benefit? How many people?	To erect four lighting columns to illuminate this dark footpath. It will provide a much safer route for residents, that historically has quite a lot of anti social behaviour.
Who has been consulted?	Residents/ local scouts/councillor/GBC officers
When will the project be started and completed? When will outcomes be seen?	Start: February 2011 Completion planned April 2011. Benefits should be immediately evident.
What is the total cost of the project? Estimate/breakdown of costings.	£7,000
Amount and purpose of proposed Local Committee funding?	£3,500
What alternative funds have been sought or secured?	£2,500 GBC lighting strategy fund £1,000 Safer Guildford Joint Action group
Has any other part of Surrey County Council been approached for this funding?	No
Has the Local Committee given funding for this purpose in the past?	Not for this project.
If this project will need funding in future, how will that be met?	Guildford Borough council will maintain the lighting
Area Director's / SCC Service Manager's comments	The Area Director recommends approval.
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	Name of Member:	David Goodwin
	Name of project:	Jubilee Gardens Seat Restoration
	Organisation responsible for carrying out the project?	Guildford Borough Council
	Description of Project: What outcomes are expected? What needs will it address? What geographical area will it cover? Who will benefit? How many people?	To remove existing broken seats and supply and fit new concrete pads and fixings to secure new seats. To supply and fit two traditional 1800mm heavyweight hardwood seats. Reinstate all disturbed areas leave site clean & tidy. This will benefit residents of the Onslow Village area and visitors to the gardens, especially the elderly.
	Who has been consulted?	Onslow Village Residents' Association and Guildford BC.
	When will the project be started and completed? When will outcomes be seen?	December 2010/January 2011
	What is the total cost of the project? Estimate/breakdown of costings.	£1588
	Amount and purpose of proposed Local Committee funding?	£1588
	What alternative funds have been sought or secured?	none
	Has any other part of Surrey County Council been approached for this funding?	No
	Has the Local Committee given funding for this purpose in the past?	Not for this project.
	If this project will need funding in future, how will that be met?	N/a
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	Name of Member:	Fiona White
	Name of project:	Barn Youth Project
	Organisation responsible for carrying out the project?	Barn Youth Project
	Description of Project: What outcomes are expected? What needs will it address? What geographical area will it cover? Who will benefit? How many people?	The funding will contribute to the activities put on by the Youth Café. Due to a reduction in the Voluntary Grants Panel, the Barn Youth Project needs to raise additional funding. Westborough has been identified by the Surrey Strategic Partnership as one of four priority places because of the significant levels of deprivation. The Barn Youth Project provides positive activities that allow young people to develop new skills. 200 young people from Westborough are members of the café.
	Who has been consulted?	A Management Committee runs the youth café and they determine which activities will be put on. There is recognition locally from residents and practitioners of the value of the Barn Youth Project.
	When will the project be started and completed? When will outcomes be seen?	The funding is needed by the end of December 2010. The outcomes will be seen immediately
	What is the total cost of the project? Estimate/breakdown of costings.	A reduction in the Voluntary Grants Panel means that they have to identify new funding in order to allow young people to develop new skills.
	Amount and purpose of proposed Local Committee funding?	£4,000 towards the running costs of the Youth Café.
	What alternative funds have been sought or secured?	A range of funding applications has been submitted. Some of these are still to be determined, however they have recently been awarded £2,000 from the Wisley Foundation and £500 from Guildford Borough Council.
	Has any other part of Surrey County Council been approached for this funding?	No
	Has the Local Committee given funding for this purpose in the past?	Yes, £3,350 for the Youth Café in 2003/04. £1,500 for the Youth Café Coordinator in 2005/06. £1,800 for equipment and notice boards for the Youth Café in 2007/08.
	If this project will need funding in future, how will that be met?	Through future fundraising activity.
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	Name of project:	Barn Youth Project
	Organisation responsible for carrying out the project?	Barn Youth Project
	Description of Project: What outcomes are expected? What needs will it address? What geographical area will it cover? Who will benefit? How many people?	The funding will contribute to the development of new premises for the Barn Youth Project and the Youth Development Service to share. This will enable them to provide more and better coordinated youth provision in Westborough. Westborough has been identified by the Surrey Strategic Partnership as one of four priority places because of the significant levels of deprivation. The Barn Youth Project provides positive activities that allow young people to develop new skills. However, the Youth Development Service does not have premises in the ward. Overall, there is a need for more youth provision in Westborough. This can be achieved through the voluntary and statutory sector sharing accommodation. 200 young people from Westborough are members of the café.
	Who has been consulted?	There is recognition locally from residents and practitioners of the value of the Barn Youth Project and the need for increased youth provision in the ward.
	When will the project be started and completed? When will outcomes be seen?	Discussions between the Youth Development Service, the Barn Youth Project and Guildford Borough Council are ongoing. Once the final details have been agreed, work to convert the new premises should start early in the new year.
	What is the total cost of the project? Estimate/breakdown of costings.	The total cost of the renovation is still to be confirmed.
	Amount and purpose of proposed Local Committee funding?	£5,000 towards the development of the new premises.
	What alternative funds have been sought or secured?	The Youth Development Service and other funding

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		opportunities.
	Has any other part of Surrey County Council been approached for this funding?	Surrey YDS
	Has the Local Committee given funding for this purpose in the past?	Yes, £3,350 for the Youth Café in 2003/04. £1,500 for the Youth Café Coordinator in 2005/06. £1,800 for equipment and notice boards for the Youth Café in 2007/08.
	If this project will need funding in future, how will that be met?	Through future fundraising activity.
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	Name of Member:	Fiona White
	Name of project:	Westborough Playbuilder Project
	Organisation responsible for carrying out the project?	Guildford Borough Council, Parks and Leisure Services.
	Description of Project: What outcomes are expected? What needs will it address? What geographical area will it cover? Who will benefit? How many people?	<p>The Westborough Playbuilder Project is part of a larger long term project to create a community open space and innovative natural play area for children, families and residents in Park Barn and Westborough.</p> <p>The first part of the project requiring funding support is for the development and preparation of the site and installation of the play equipment for the site prior to March 2011. The play area and wider project will create a much needed, valuable and safe open space where children, families and residents can enjoy the natural environment in the heart of their community. The site will address the play needs of children in the community through providing a safe and inviting natural play space. The site will be located on the rifle ranges of Westborough Woods, Woodside Road, Westborough., benefiting children, families and other residents.</p>
	Who has been consulted?	<p>Consultation was undertaken with the local community through a fun day and open day in the woods in June 2010. The event was delivered by all partners involved including GBC Parks, Leisure and Community Safety, Surrey Wildlife Trust and supporting agencies within the local area.</p>
	When will the project be started and completed? When will outcomes be seen?	<p>Start: January 2011 Completed: Phase one, play site and land development:</p>

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	What is the total cost of the project? Estimate/breakdown of costings.	£120,000 £50,000 play equipment £70,000 site access, fencing, pathway creation, tree clearance
	Amount and purpose of proposed Local Committee funding?	£3,242 Contribution towards development, tree clearance, fencing and pathways
	What alternative funds have been sought or secured?	£50,000 Department for Education Playbuilder Fund £70,000 to be sourced from other funders as the project develops
	Has any other part of Surrey County Council been approached for this funding?	No
	Has the Local Committee given funding for this purpose in the past?	No
	If this project will need funding in future, how will that be met?	Once the funding is secured to complete the site, the only costs incurred will be for maintenance which will be covered by GBC Parks maintenance
	Area Director's / SCC Service Manager's comments	The Area Director recommends approval.
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