



LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)

5TH JUNE 2006

KEY ISSUE

This report details the Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) delegated funding levels for 2006/07, and provides an annual report of the 2005/06 funding. The report also contains new proposals for funding to be considered by the Committee.

SUMMARY

Surrey County Council Local Committees receive delegated funding to allocate on locally determined purposes that meet local social, economic or environmental well-being.

For 2006/07 the County Council have delegated £99,000 revenue funding (£11,000 per County Councillor) and £35,000 capital funding for voluntary organisations.

The report also provides a summary of how the Local Committee funding was allocated in 2005/06. The Local Committee allocated £103,500 revenue funding (£11,500 per County Councillor) and £35,000 capital funding for voluntary organisations.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is asked to:

- (i) Consider the items submitted for funding from 2006/07 Local Committee delegated budgets;
- (ii) Note the annual report of 2005/06 Local Committee delegated budgets.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. Surrey County Council's Local Committees have been delegated power to take decisions in response to local needs within the County Council's power of well-being, up to a maximum sum per County Council member of the Committee. In addition the County Council have also delegated a capital sum to Local Committees. This funding is determined annually as part of the Council's budget process.
- 1.2. In 2005/06, the County Council also delegated £100,000 capital funding to each Local Committee. This funding was used to support local transportation projects. The Local Transportation manager provides separate reports on this funding.

2. FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK FOR LOCAL COMMITTEES

- 2.1. To give Local Committees maximum flexibility, the key underlying principle is that Local Committees are at liberty to spend on locally determined purposes that meet local social, economic or environmental well-being.
- 2.2. When the Local Committee was established in April 2002, it was resolved that priorities for spending the delegated funding should come from the County Council's corporate plan, or the Reigate & Banstead community plan, or other sources, or any combination of these. A summary of these priorities is attached as Annex A.

3. LOCAL COMMITTEE DELEGATED BUDGETS 2005/06

- 3.1. In 2005/06 the County Council delegated funding to Local Committees of £11,500 revenue funding per County Councillor and £35,000 capital for voluntary organisations per Committee.
- 3.2. The Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) therefore had a total budget of £103,500 revenue and £35,000 capital to allocate throughout the year.

3.3. Capital Funding

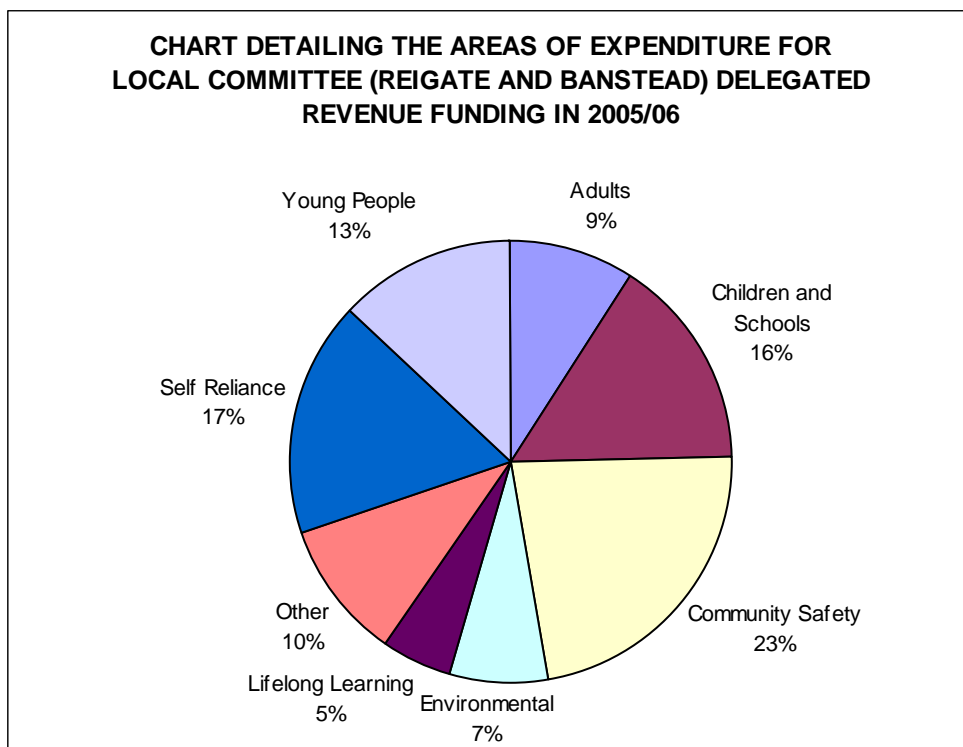
The Committee agreed to allocate all of its capital allocation to the Colebrook Project Hydro. This a charity organisation that has been established to raise over £100,000 for a hydrotherapy pool in the County Council's proposed redevelopment of the Colebrook Day Centre site in Redhill. In May 2005 the County Council outlined its priority to extend social care for Surrey's vulnerable adults, and the new facility will provide an excellent resource for service users during the day, and be available to the community at evenings and weekends.

3.4. Revenue Funding

The Committee allocated funding to 38 different organisations, to support 46 different projects during 2005/06.

The funding was allocated to a wide variety of projects across the Borough.

Area of Expenditure	Percentage of 2005/06 Budget
Adults	9.06%
Children and Schools	15.73%
Community Safety	22.54%
Environmental	7.11%
Lifelong Learning	4.98%
Self reliance	17.20%
Young People	13.02%
Other	10.36%



4. LOCAL COMMITTEE DELEGATED BUDGETS 2006/07

- 4.1. At the annual budget meeting on 7th February 2006, the County Council approved delegated funding to Local Committees of £11,000 revenue funding per County Council member and £35,000 capital for voluntary organisations per Committee.
- 4.2. Therefore, the Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) has a total budget of £99,000 revenue and £35,000 capital to allocate in 2006/07.
- 4.3. The following are new funding proposals from Local Committee revenue funding:

DELTA CLUB – SUPPORT FOR TRAVEL

Member Mrs K Hammond

Amount Proposed £2,000

Summary of Proposal

The Delta Club is a voluntary social group for adults with physical disabilities, which meets fortnightly in the Regent Hall, Horley. The group is a popular opportunity for people to meet socially.

Many group members need transport support to attend the club, which has been withdrawn by the current provider due to financial constraints. This funding will support the transportation costs for the club in the short term, whilst alternative transport sources can be obtained. Discussions have been held with the County Transport Section, and it is hoped that the new central transport contact centre will be able to assist in sourcing transport locally.

The Delta Club have also applied for funding from the Gatwick Airport Community Trust.

AGE CONCERN – EXERCISE CLASSES AND SOCIAL OUTINGS FOR THE ELDERLY

Member Mrs A Fraser DL

Amount Proposed £2,000

Summary of Proposal

Age Concern (Merstham, Redhill and Reigate) is a local charity, which is currently celebrating it's fiftieth anniversary. The charity aims to promote the well-being of all local older people and help them to live independently at their homes.

The funding will support the charity to provide exercise classes and social outings for the elderly. These services have been popular among users and assist healthy living and reduce social exclusion.

The Local Committee has allocated funding for this project in previous years.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1. The Local Committee delegated revenue funding for 2006/07 is £99,000 (£11,000 per County Councillor). The proposed allocations total £4,000. If these are all agreed the remaining balance will be £95,000. The remaining delegated capital funding for voluntary organisations is £35,000.
- 5.2. 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.
- 5.3. Any proposals for consideration at the next formal Local Committee should reach the Local Committee & Partnership Officer no later than 10th July 2006.

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SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL CORPORATE PRIORITIES

In May 2005, the County Council agreed to focus its work on the following core areas of improvement:

- Extending social care for Surrey's vulnerable adults;
- Improving services for children, families and young people;
- Improving the roads & traffic management;
- Reducing waste, improving recycling rates and finding the best solution to getting rid of Surrey's growing waste mountain;
- Improving community safety & reducing anti-social behaviour;
- Improving our customer services and engagement with residents;
- Keeping the council tax down and providing value for money.

REIGATE AND BANSTEAD COMMUNITY PLAN PRIORITIES

The current Community Plan in Reigate and Banstead was adopted in 2003 and contains the following priorities:

- **Caring for the environment** - providing a clean, safe and well designed environment for all to enjoy both now and in the future;
- **Creating a safe place to live, work and visit** - making Reigate and Banstead a safer and more pleasant place;
- **Tackling traffic Problems** - providing an efficient, affordable and practical transport network;
- **Helping older people to stay independent** - allowing older people to stay independent and healthy through community-based services;
- **Providing facilities / opportunities for young people** - improving life-chances for young people in the Borough;
- **Providing low-cost housing** - helping people to live in affordable, good quality local accommodation;
- **Making it easier to find out about services and how to get help** - ensuring everyone can easily get information and help when they need it;
- **Raising levels of learning and skills** - providing opportunities to continue learning and gaining new skills;
- **Helping families with children** - co-ordinating and improving provision for families.