



LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING

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

4TH JUNE 2007

KEY ISSUE

To review the allocation of Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) delegated funding in 2006/07 and to consider the proposals contained within the report for funding from the 2007/08 budget.

SUMMARY

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

In 2007/07 the County Council delegated £99,000 revenue funding (£11,000 per County Councillor) and £35,000 capital funding for voluntary organisations. The County Council have agreed these delegated funding levels for 2007/08 as well.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is asked to:

- (i) Note the distribution of funding allocated by the Local Committee in 2006/07 and consider any priority areas for 2007/08.
- (ii) Consider the items submitted for funding from 2007/08 Local Committee delegated revenue budgets totalling £1,500.

1 INTRODUCTION

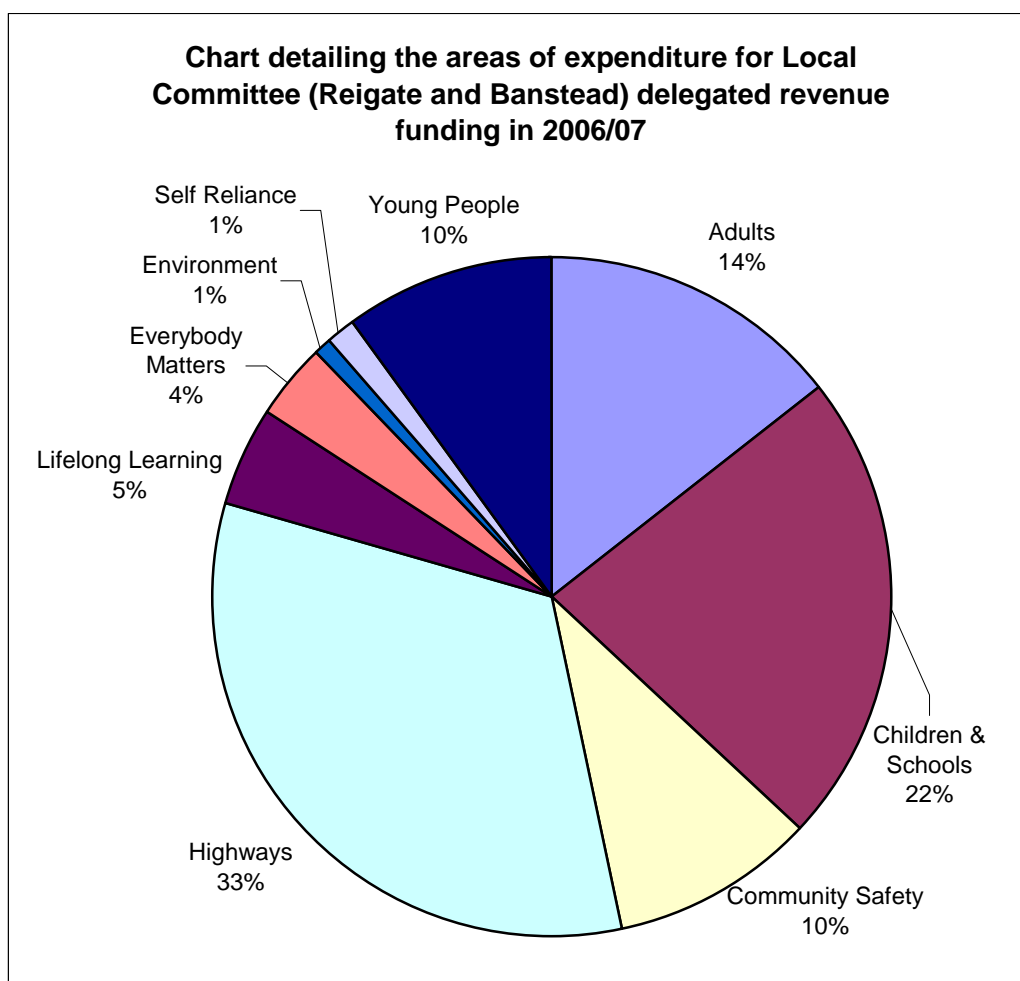
- 1.1 Surrey County Council's Local Committees have been delegated power to take decisions in response to local needs within the County Council's power of well-being, up to a maximum sum per County Council member of the Committee. In addition the County Council have also delegated a capital sum to Local Committees. This funding is determined annually as part of the Council's budget process.
- 1.2 The County Council also delegated £100,000 capital funding to each Local Committee. This funding is considered in the separate report on Transportation funding for Committee approval.

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. The Local Committee should consider what priorities it has for 2007/08.
- 2.3 At its meeting on 20th November 2006, the Committee agreed a process for agreeing small funding allocations (up to £1,000) outside of formal committee meetings, with approval delegated to the Area Director in consultation with members. Any allocations approved through this process are detailed in Paragraph 4.4.

3 SUMMARY OF LOCAL COMMITTEE DELEGATED BUDGETS 2006/07

- 3.1 The Local Committee allocated all of the funding delegated to it in 2006/07 to a total of 52 projects across the Borough. Allocations ranged in size from £200 for storage equipment up to £20,000 to support the construction of a drop in youth centre
- 3.2 The projects that received funding gave a wide range of economic, social and environmental benefits to the Reigate and Banstead area. The Local Committee allocated all of its capital funding (£35,000) to projects for young people. The chart below summarises the revenue funding allocated by the Local Committee in 2006/07.



4 LOCAL COMMITTEE DELEGATED BUDGETS 2007/08

- 4.1 At the annual budget meeting on 6th February 2007, 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 revenue budget of £99,000 to allocate in 2007/08.

- 4.3 The following are new funding proposals from Local Committee revenue funding:

1. SURREY YOUNG CARERS TEN YEAR CELEBRATION EVENT

Member Mr Simon Harding

Amount Proposed £500

Summary of Proposal

A young carer is a person (up to the age of 18 years) whose life is affected by caring, where the person cared for has a disability, long-term illness, is frail or is affected by substance misuse.

Surrey Young Carers is managed by Action for Carers and aims to promote the needs of young carers in all settings. It receives funding from Surrey County Council Adult Services, the Carers Grant, the Children's Fund and the Learning and Skills Council.

Surrey Young Carers is planning an event to celebrate 10 years of supporting young carers. There will be activities, information and a bbq to encourage people to attend, meet other young carers, and take time out from their caring responsibilities.

The event is aimed at young carers across east Surrey, and the Local Committees in Tandridge and Mole Valley are also being asked to contribute. Surrey Young Carers have raised approximately £700 to date for the event, which is expected to cost £1,600.

2. WHITEBOARD DVD RESOURCES, SANDCROSS SCHOOL

Member Mrs Frances King

Amount Proposed £1,000

Summary of Proposal

Interactive whiteboards are becoming an increasingly useful tool for cross curricular activities in classrooms, particularly promoting ICT across the curriculum.

This allocation will enable Sandcross School to purchase 5 interactive DVD programs for use with their whiteboards. This will support learning across a range of subjects within the classroom, providing a more varied learning environment.

The school is hoping to raise an additional £1,000 for this project (to purchase 5 further DVD programs). Sandcross School have previously received funding from the Local Committee for bookcases in 2006.

- 4.4 Any allocations approved by the Area Director under delegated powers will be included in this report for information. There are no allocations to note.

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 £1,500. If these are all agreed the remaining balance will be £97,500. This funding can be considered as part of the separate capital funding report.
- 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 **2nd July 2007**.

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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.