



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)

LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING

2ND JUNE 2008

KEY ISSUE

To review the allocation of Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) delegated funding in 2007/08 and to consider the proposals contained within the report for funding from the 2008/09 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.

For the financial year 2007/08 the County Council delegated £99,000 revenue funding (£11,000 per County Councillor) and £35,000 capital funding for voluntary organisations to the Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead). The same levels of funding have been agreed for 2008/09.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

The Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) is asked to:

- (i) Note the distribution of funding allocated by the Local Committee in 2007/08 and consider any priority areas for 2008/09.
- (ii) Agree the local financial protocol attached as Annex B to the report.
- (iii) Consider the items submitted for funding from 2008/09 Local Committee delegated revenue budget totalling £6,450.

1 INTRODUCTION

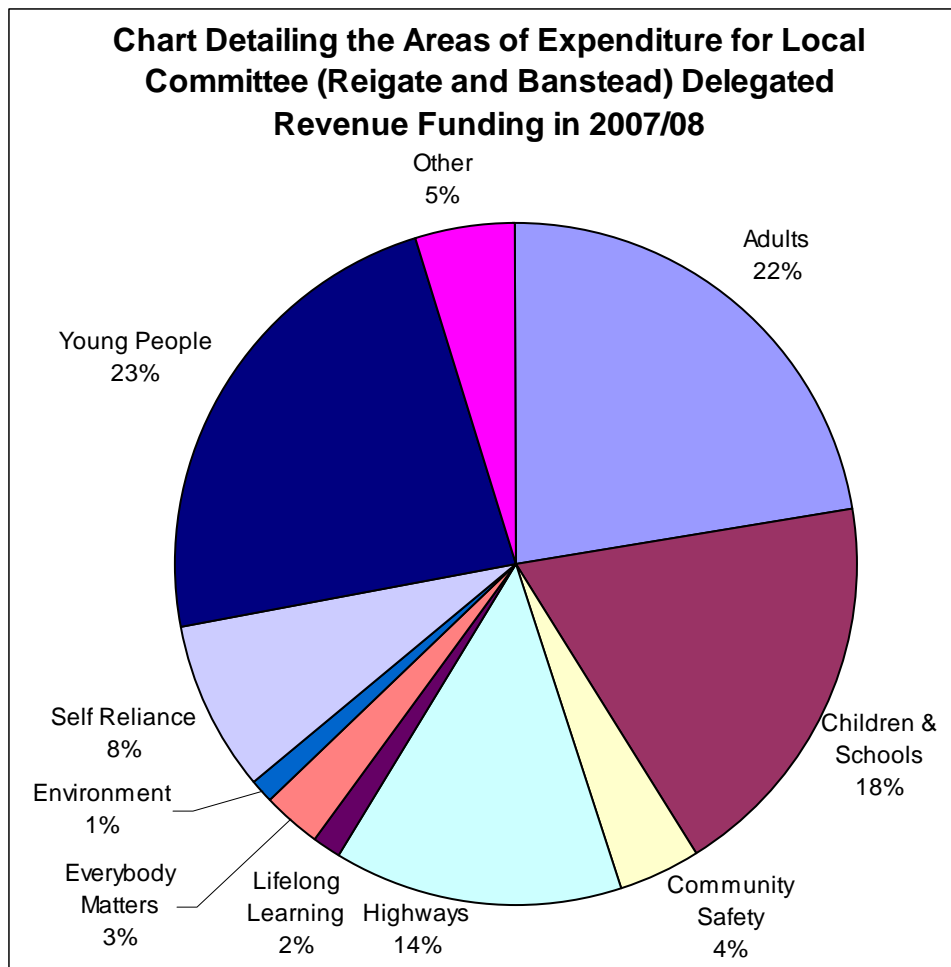
- 1.1 Surrey County Council's Local Committees have been delegated power to take decisions in response to local needs within the County Council's power of well-being, up to a maximum sum per County Council member of the Committee. In addition the County Council have also delegated a capital sum to Local 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 Highways 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 The Local Committee has previously resolved that priorities for spending the delegated funding should come from the County Council's corporate plan, or the Reigate and Banstead Community Strategy, or other sources, or any combination of these. A summary of these priorities is attached as Annex A.
- 2.3 At its meeting on 3rd December 2007, 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. This is attached as Annex B and the Local Committee are asked to approve the protocol again for 2008/09.

3 SUMMARY OF LOCAL COMMITTEE DELEGATED BUDGETS 2007/08

- 3.1 The Local Committee allocated all of the funding delegated to it in 2007/08 to a total of 57 projects across the Borough. This included a total of £4,137 revenue funding and £53,205 capital funding returned by organisations unable to proceed with their projects. Allocations ranged in size from £86.62 for a safety banner outside Yattendon school in Horley up to £20,000 to support the new Young Peoples Centre in Horley.
- 3.2 The projects that received funding gave a wide range of economic, social and environmental benefits to the Reigate and Banstead area. The chart below summarises the revenue funding allocated by the Local Committee in 2007/08.



4 LOCAL COMMITTEE DELEGATED BUDGETS 2007/08

4.1 At the annual budget meeting on 5th February 2008, 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 The following are new funding proposals from Local Committee **revenue** funding:

1. CELEBRATING YOUTH EVENT – SURREY COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY YOUTH SERVICES

Member Mrs Angela Fraser DL (£1,000)
Dr Lynne Hack (£875)
Mr Simon Harding (£875)

Amount Proposed £2,750

Summary of Proposal

The Celebration of Youth event is an annual event hosted by Surrey Council for Voluntary Youth Services (SCVYS), to celebrate the achievements of young people. The celebration has become a major event in the county, with many local dignitaries and nearly 400 young people and parents attending the event last year.

This year the event is being held at the Harlequin Theatre in Redhill. Reigate and Banstead Borough Council are providing the facilities at cost price.

The allocation will support SCVYS to hire the theatre and provide catering and publicity for the event. Any publicity and programmes will acknowledge the support of the Local Committee.

2. LANDSCAPING SCHEME – ARNE GROVE, HORLEY

Member Mrs Kay Hammond

Amount Proposed £750

Summary of Proposal

There is currently an area of open green space between Arne Grove and Landen Park in Horley. The area has suffered from anti-social behaviour, and the open space seems to be a focus point for this problem.

This funding will support Reigate & Banstead Borough Council to implement landscaping on the open space, planting new trees and shrub beds. It is hoped that this will make the area more appealing to all residents, but less attractive for those seeking to cause anti-social behaviour. The result will be an improved green space for residents and make the area more attractive.

Match funding of £750 is being provided by a local Borough Councillor through their community awards scheme.

3. FOLDING DOOR REPLACEMENT – ST. WILFRIDS CHURCH

Member Mrs Kay Hammond

Amount Proposed £2,000

Summary of Proposal

The hall is used by two youth clubs, a play group, a mother and toddler group, two older peoples' clubs, and two dance clubs as well as ad hoc users. Currently, because of torn fabric, the doors are potentially dangerous to young children. If the doors have to be removed and not

replaced it would severely restrict activities. The building will remain in constant use for the foreseeable future.

4. CHIPSTEAD VILLAGE FLOWER SHOW

Member Mrs Angela Fraser

Amount Proposed £1,000

Summary of Proposal

The centenary show will be held on Saturday 18th July 2009, and it is hoped to stage some special attractions such as hot air balloon rides, and will involve many of the villages activity groups. It is non profit making and depends for its success on volunteer support and sponsorship. This funding will go towards the publication costs of the centenary show schedule.

4.3 There are currently no capital funding proposals to consider.

5 OPTIONS

5.1 The Local Committee has delegated power to approve the proposals for funding or not.

6 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 Consultation may have been carried out by the organisation receiving funding, the local Member or by the Local Partnerships Team, depending on the project. Further details are available on request.

7 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The Local Committee delegated revenue funding for 2007/08 is £99,000. The proposed allocations total £6,450. If these are all agreed the remaining balance will be £92,550.

8 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

8.1 The Local Committee funding can be allocated to projects that benefit a diverse range of community needs. A summary of how the funding has been allocated to date is set out in section 3 of this report.

9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The Local Committee funding can be allocated to projects that benefit a diverse range of community safety needs. A summary of how the funding has been allocated to date is set out in section 3 of this report.

10 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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11 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 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.

12 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

12.1 If approved by the Local Committee, organisations will be approached to sign funding agreements for their projects, based on the bids submitted.

12.2 The Local Partnerships will process all payments as soon as possible once the agreement has been received.

12.3 Any proposals for consideration at the next formal Local Committee should reach the Local Committee & Partnership Officer no later than **5th September 2008**.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:	Local Committee funding bids

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL CORPORATE PRIORITIES

The County Council's Corporate plan 2007/08, *One: Outstanding Council Making Surrey a better place*, sets out the following four priorities:

- Improving highways and maintaining roads;
- Ensuring that looked after children grow up better equipped for life, in particular through education;
- Increasing the number of vulnerable adults able to live independently;
- Increasing waste minimisation and recycling.

REIGATE AND BANSTEAD COMMUNITY PLAN PRIORITIES

The Community Plan, *Reigate and Banstead 2020*, contains the following priorities:

- **Your Environment** – maintaining a sustainable environment for future generations;
- **Neighbourhoods for the Future** – well designed places that meet the needs of local people and stand the test of time;
- **Vibrant Communities** – people who enjoy opportunities to live life to the full;
- **Right Services in the Right Places** – providing high quality, joined up and accessible services;

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

LOCAL FINANCIAL PROTOCOL

Authority is delegated to the Area Director to approve allocations (subject to the conditions below, and within the county council's constitution), in consultation with the Chairman and local members.

Requests to approve funding under these delegated powers will be circulated to County Councillors via e-mail for comment.

If no concerns are raised within 14 days the allocation will be approved, and noted at the next formal committee meeting. If any concerns are raised the decision will be taken to a formal committee meeting for discussion.

All funding must meet the requirements of the county council's financial framework. The following criteria for approving grants from Members' revenue allocations under delegated powers have been set by the County Council:

- a. The application must have been endorsed by the appropriate local Member.
- b. The application should be for a maximum of £1000.
- c. Applications from private clubs or other membership organisations must clearly demonstrate the wider community benefit of the project.
- d. Projects must not contravene any of the Council's agreed policies or priorities.
- e. The application should be for a future project, not a retrospective request.
- f. The application should not be to cover ongoing revenue costs.

The Local Committee can, if it chooses, expand the criteria for allocating funding under delegated powers. At present it has not set any further criteria.

Delegated approval is only permitted between the first and last committee meetings of the council year. This will ensure that all allocations are processed in good time, and that allocations can be referred to a formal committee meeting if required.

Proposal forms will need to be completed for all allocations, regardless of the approval process.

The Local Committee will review the Local Financial Protocol annually.