



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)

LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING

22 SEPTEMBER 2008

KEY ISSUE

To consider the proposals contained within the report for Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) delegated 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) Consider the items submitted for funding from 2008/09 Local Committee delegated revenue budget totalling £24,054
- (ii) Consider the items submitted for funding from 2008/09 Local Committee capital budgets totalling a maximum of £18,100.
- (iii) Note the items submitted for funding from 2008/09 Local Committee delegated revenue budget totalling £1,749.99 agreed under delegated powers in accordance with the Local Financial Protocol

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.

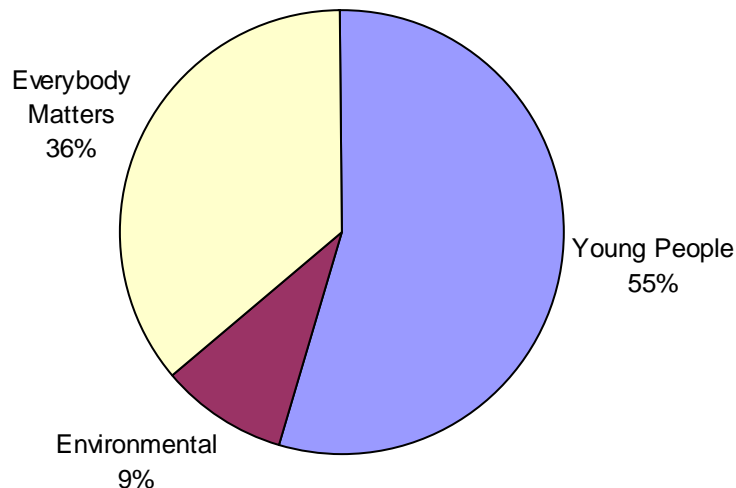
2 FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK FOR LOCAL COMMITTEES

- 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 2 June 2008, the Committee agreed for 2008/09 a process for agreeing small funding allocations (**up to and including £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 3.6.

3 LOCAL COMMITTEE DELEGATED BUDGETS 2008/09

- 3.1 At the annual budget meeting on 5 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.
- 3.2 The Local Committee has a total revenue budget of £99,000 to allocate in 2008/09.
- 3.3 At present, the Local Committee has allocated a total of £8,249.99 revenue funding, as detailed below:

Chart detailing the Areas of Expenditure for Local Committee (Reigate & Banstead) Delegated Revenue Funding in 2008/09 (to date)



3.4 The following are new funding proposals from Local Committee revenue funding:

1. EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF SAFE DRIVE STAY ALIVE (SURREY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE)

Member(s) Mr Simon Harding

Amount Proposed £2,500

Summary of Proposal

Funding has been sought from each Local Committee to cover the one-off cost of re-recording and updating the DVD material used at Safe Drive Stay Alive (SDSA) performances, including full production and video recording. SFRS will increase the number of SDSA performances in 2008/09, aiming to reach 100% of Surrey's students next year. In 2009 SFRS aim to expand the number of shows further as a result of the more flexible format that the new DVD material will support – with delivery in each borough to reach elements of the target audience not currently reached. The new material will also be formatted to be of greater use to offender rehabilitation initiatives.

2. EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF YOUTH ENGAGEMENT SCHEME (SURREY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE)

Member(s) Mr Nicholas Harrison
Amount Proposed £1,000

Summary of Proposal

The Youth Engagement Scheme (YES) is a one week, five day (Monday to Friday) practical programme, based on a fire station, for young people aged 14-17. The scheme aims to aid personal development of the young people and address anti-social behaviour in the community, including fire and vehicle related crime. YES is part of an intervention package, which, in partnership with the Youth Justice Service and Educational Welfare Service, can last up to three months.

One-off funding is sought to purchase equipment in order to expand the scheme to all Surrey's boroughs and districts; in addition to the three courses at Walton Fire Station, two more courses will be delivered, one in East and one in West Surrey.

3. CHEVRON DRIVING SCHOOL - SCHOOLS ROAD SAFETY PROJECT (OAKWOOD AND REIGATE SCHOOLS)

Member(s) Mrs Dorothy Ross Tomlin; Mr Simon Harding
Amount Proposed £750 each

Summary of Proposal

The proposal is to provide presentations to all Year 11 classes at Oakwood and Reigate Schools, with the aim of changing the attitudes of 16 year olds before they learn to drive, teaching them to become safe and responsible drivers, how speed affects road users, reactions to peer pressure, how drink affects driving, and how mistakes can affect their future careers. A pilot scheme has already taken place at Oakwood School and the feedback received from students was extremely favourable. £750 will provide 10 presentations including presenter fees, printing, administration costs, and a contribution towards the cost of buying extra impairment goggles.

4. MAPLE ROAD, EARLSWOOD – VERGE HARD STANDING

Member Mrs Frances King
Amount Proposed £5,000

Summary of Proposal

Funding is required to construct a "grasscrete" verge, which together with other measures will help vehicles exiting the Maple Road / Three Arch Road junction to pass along Maple Road without conflict with parked cars belonging to residents. This will benefit residents and local drivers.

5. VIDEO CAMERA TRAINING AID – SURREY ARMY CADET FORCE

Member Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin

Amount Proposed £679

Summary of Proposal

Funding is required to purchase video camera and memory disk as a training aid for the cadet group in order to replay the actions of a section or a cadet for correctional and teaching purposes. It will illustrate mistakes and allow the cadets to understand and improve their actions. This is a one-off cost and future funding for this project is not envisaged.

6. REIGATE YOUTH CAFÉ PROJECT

Member Mr Simon Harding

Amount Proposed £2,225

Summary of Proposal

Funding is required to establish a drop-in Youth Café facility at the existing Starbucks coffee shop premises in central Reigate. The Youth Café will be for the exclusive use of young people on alternate Friday evenings between the hours of 18.00 – 20.30. The Youth Café will provide a safe environment for young people from the area to interact and socialize. Surrey Youth Development Service and V Involved youth leaders will be present to provide ongoing support and to signpost additional/alternative development opportunities, including the promotion of volunteering. Local Committee funding will be used to promote the project, pay for the costs of the door supervision, and contribute towards drinks subsidisation.

7. PROMOTION OF REIGATE'S HERITAGE FEATURES

Member Mr Simon Harding

Amount Proposed £4,650

Summary of Proposal

This project aims to restore the three windows positioned on the wall alongside Boots in Reigate (beside the Castle Steps) that are unused and in a state of disrepair. The restored window space will be used to promote Reigate's heritage features by displaying information and illustrations concerned with the Castle and grounds, the Caves and the High Street. The steps up to the Castle Grounds are in a central position and well used, making it a good place from which to promote the town's features. In line with findings from the recent Local Community Action Plan (LCAP) consultation, it will provide people with the information to understand more about Reigate's heritage and bring about a sense of pride in the area. It will also provide a background for visitors to the town. Funding is required to cover the costs associated with drawing up a letter licence and restoration and installation of the windows.

8. MUSIC IN NORK PARK 2009**Member** Mr Nicholas Harrison**Amount Proposed** £1,500**Summary of Proposal**

Funding is required to provide a free community event of live music and entertainment for residents of Nork, Tattenhams and neighbouring areas. Similar events have been organised for the last 5 years drawing steadily increasing audiences of some 3000 people between 1.00pm and 7.00pm. There has been widespread praise for the events and a large number of requests for it to be repeated. An article in a Property Supplement of the Daily Telegraph of 7 September 2006 advertising the benefit of living in Banstead actually mentioned the event as a successful contribution to community spirit. The 2007 event was particularly successful bearing in mind the rain forecast and the actual rain deluge, thunder and lightning that occurred in the middle of the afternoon. The local community stayed on and even more residents attended afterwards. The largest audience to date attended in 2008.

9. KINGSWOOD VILLAGE HALL**Member** Mr Michael Gosling**Amount Proposed** £2,000**Summary of Proposal**

Funding is sought for a replacement floor as part of the overall proposal for updating the facilities of the hall. The village hall is used by a variety of users, including exercise classes for adults and children, dance classes, bridge club, wedding and birthday parties, amateur dramatic performances, meetings of the Kingswood Residents' Association and village public meetings. The replacement floor will bring about the continuous use of the only community facility in Kingswood, and consultation has taken place with users and residents. The project has received £10,000 from the Kingswood Village Community Association.

10. WALTON ON THE HILL SCOUT AND GUIDE HALL**Member** Mr Michael Gosling**Amount Proposed** £3,000**Summary of Proposal**

The current hall was built in 1962 and requires updating. A new facility is needed with disabled facilities to include children from the Children's Trust, Tadworth, as well as Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. The project will enable the continuation of scouting in Walton on the Hill. Parents, residents of the village, and the supporters' association have been consulted, and the project has now raised the majority of the £150,000 required, leaving a shortfall of £20,000.

- 3.5 The following are funding proposals from Local Committee **capital** funding. All are re-submissions of unsuccessful applications made in March 2008 that the Local Committee invited to reapply for funding in the 2008/09 financial year:

1. WOODMANSTERNE CRICKET CLUB

Amount Proposed £5,000

Summary of Proposal

Funding is required towards the cost of the removal on an old dilapidated net and its replacement with a new frame, nets and playing surface. The organisation have received a £5,000 grant from the Lords Taverners towards the cost of the project, and will also be using £5,600 raised through cricket club membership and fundraising. They have also applied to Sport Relief for funding. (This bid was previously considered by the Local Committee in March 2008).

2. BANSTEAD DOWNS LAWN TENNIS CLUB – REPLACEMENT OF CLUBHOUSE

Amount Proposed £5,000 - £6,000

Summary of Proposal

Funding is required towards the provision of disabled facilities as part of a scheme to demolish the old clubhouse and its replacement with a new log chalet. (This bid was previously considered by the Local Committee in March 2008).

3. WHITEBUSHES VILLAGE HALL RENOVATION

Amount Proposed £7,100

Summary of Proposal

Funding is required to carry out the following capital improvements to Whitebushes Village Hall:

- Refitting of meeting and store room into youth “chill out” room
- Disabled access ramp
- External storage unit (for use by groups using the hall on a regular basis)
- External painting of Village Hall
- External lights for Village Hall (for security)
- New front door to Village Hall
- Levelling/resurfacing of footpath at rear of hall (asphalt)
- New sign to Village Hall

(This bid was previously considered by the Local Committee in March 2008).

3.6 The following allocations were agreed under delegated powers:

1. SURREY ARMY CADET FORCE – DETACHMENT IDENTITY BANNER

Member Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin
Amount Proposed £999.99

Summary of Proposal

Funding is required to produce a banner for the Horley detachment to parade their own identity. This will address the need to borrow the County Standard and give the Cadets their own identity.

2. REDHILL DREAMSCHEME

Member Dr Lynne Hack
Amount Proposed £750

Summary of Proposal

The organisation seeks £750 towards the cost of a youth worker. The DreamScheme is a youth-activity model where young people do work to benefit the neighbourhood where they live, earn points and then trade their points for trips. The Redhill DreamScheme is being organised by HydeMartlet Housing Association and Raven Housing Trust. Work will be planned and overseen by a qualified youth worker and be carried out with the help of Registered Social Landlord (RSL) staff and adult volunteers.

4 OPTIONS

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

5 CONSULTATIONS

5.1 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.

6 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The Local Committee delegated revenue funding for 2008/09 is £99,000. The proposed allocations total £24,054. If these are all agreed the remaining balance will be £66,795.26.

7 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 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.

8 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 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.

9 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 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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10 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 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.

11 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 11.1 If approved by the Local Committee, organisations will be approached to sign funding agreements for their projects, based on the bids submitted.
- 11.2 The Local Partnerships will process all payments as soon as possible once the agreement has been received.
- 11.3 Any proposals for consideration at the next formal Local Committee should reach the Local Committee & Partnership Officer no later than **19 November 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.