



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)

LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING

8 DECEMBER 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 **£11,000**.
- (ii) Note the items submitted for funding from 2008/09 Local Committee delegated revenue budget totalling **£1,350** agreed under delegated powers in accordance with the Local Financial Protocol.

INTRODUCTION

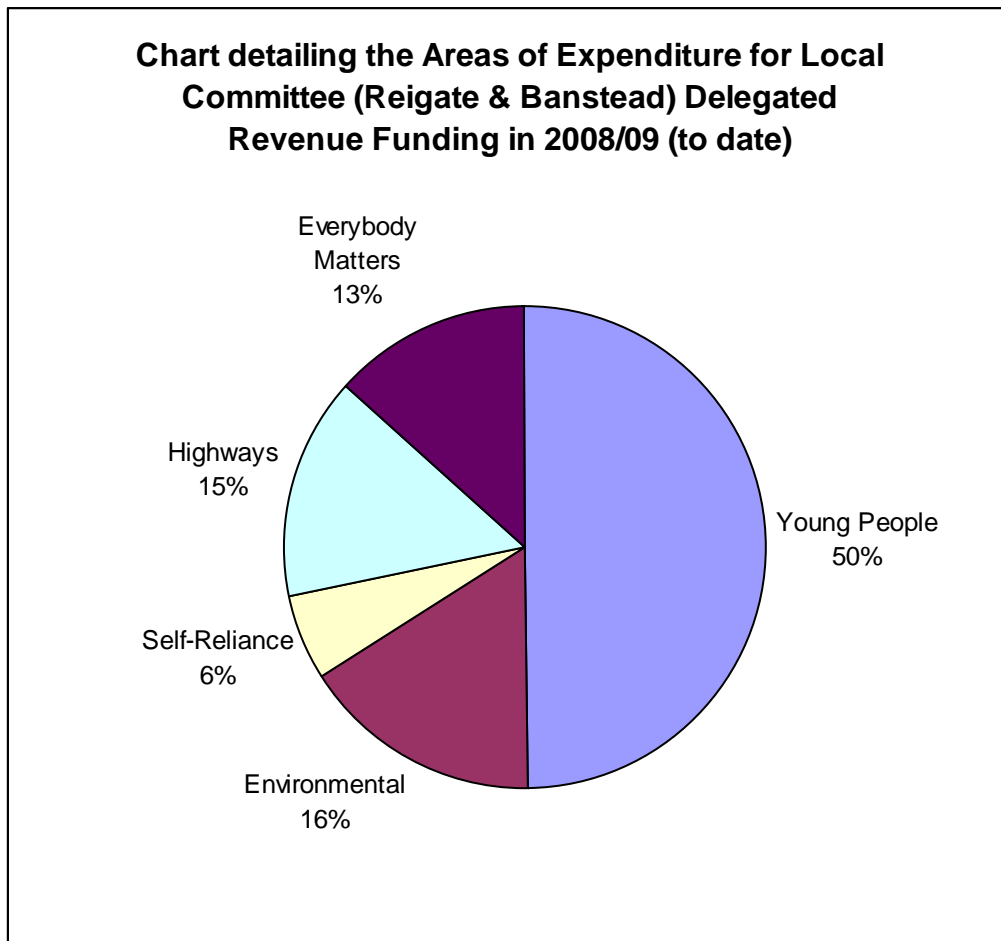
- 1.1 Surrey County Council's Local Committees have been delegated power to take decisions in response to local needs within the County Council's power of well-being, up to a maximum sum per County Council member of the Committee. In addition the County Council have also delegated a capital sum to Local 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.

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 £33,653.99 revenue funding, as detailed below:



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 Dr Lynne Hack
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. ROUTE 4 – WARWICK SCHOOL

Member Dr Lynne Hack

Amount Proposed £1,000

Summary of Proposal

Funding has been sought to support the delivery of a Healthy Lifestyles plan for students attending the Route 4 project (Years 10 and 11) at Warwick School, as well as Fresh Trax and Connexions. The project will include sport and fitness training, lectures and exercise planning, cookery and recipe planning, sex and personal hygiene education and visits offsite to training facilities. The project will address needs including group work participation, behaviour management and raising self-awareness and self-esteem, as well as addressing health needs such as diet, obesity and personal hygiene. The funding will be used for residential trips and equipment.

3. HOME-START REDHILL, REIGATE AND HORLEY COMPUTER UPGRADE

Member Mrs Frances King

Amount Proposed £1,500

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to purchase a photocopier, laptop and ensure full networking with existing PC and printer; the installation of software and broadband; additional telephone line and headset, and relevant IT support. At present there is only one computer between three staff and one telephone line, therefore there is an urgent need to provide additional computing and telephone facilities to ensure the effective running of the Home-Start scheme in Redhill, Reigate and Horley.

4. HARTSWOOD AVENUE PLAY AREA, WOODHATCH

Member Mrs Frances King

Amount Proposed £2,000

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to contribute to the cost of providing two goals with built-in metal nets for a ball play area at the heart of the Hartswood Avenue community in Woodhatch. The project will be part funded by Reigate & Banstead Borough Council (£2,000) and partly through funds from the Hartswood Residents Association (£2,000). The desire for this equipment has come from the residents, who feel that the area would benefit from something for the older children, since the play area opposite is intended for the under 12s (this area is also being refurbished by the borough council at the same time since the equipment is dated and in need of restoration/replacement). Currently, young people play football in the children's play area where they are not supposed to, and in the surrounding roads, so providing them with somewhere safe and more agreeable to play is another objective of this project.

5. BANSTEAD LOCAL HISTORY CENTRE – PURCHASE OF POSTCARD COLLECTION

Member Mrs Angela Fraser
Amount Proposed £1,000

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought for the purchase of an old postcard collection of 840 cards covering the 12 villages in the local history area north of the M25 up to Banstead. This is a very rare collection of cards, maybe unique in its range of coverage. It will enhance the Surrey Library Service offering of Local History reference and will aid the exhibits and displays in the library, and will benefit all users of Banstead Library, various research projects underway, and authors of books on the area.

5. MERSTHAM COMMUNITY FACILITY TRUST

Member Mr Daniel Kee
Amount Proposed £3,000

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought as a contribution towards Phase 1 of the refurbishment of 44 Portland Drive, to provide a centrally located, community owned facility in the heart of Merstham. The Merstham Community Facility Trust (MCFT) have obtained the lease for the shop, providing space for: health services to engage with local people, such as smoking cessation and healthy living training; training programmes designed to support people to improve their working opportunities; services such as the Citizens Advice Bureau to extend their services in Merstham; an IT suite which is capable of being used both for teaching activities and to provide an internet café within the community; space in which other local services can be based when Merstham is their primary focus. The shop unit will be adapted from its current state to meet the needs of these groups, including meeting all Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) and Health and Safety requirements. MCFT will not provide services itself but will hold the lease and maintain the facility. It expects to be self-financing when established through appropriate letting charges to service providers. The facility will become a centre for the community of people in and around Merstham, bringing together the people and local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare, health improvement, recreation and leisure time pursuits and for learning and life skills training. The aim is to make Merstham a safer, healthier, more prosperous place to live, and people particularly likely to benefit include lone parents, disabled people and carers, unemployed or underemployed people, people who use health services (including mental health), and children and their parents in general.

3.5 There are no funding proposals for Local Committee **capital** funding for consideration at this meeting.

3.6 The following allocations were agreed under delegated powers:

1. CHEVRON DRIVING SCHOOL - SCHOOLS ROAD SAFETY PROJECT (ST BEDE'S SCHOOL)

Member(s) Dr Lynne Hack

Amount Proposed £750

Summary of Proposal

Funding was sought to provide presentations to all Year 11 classes at St Bede's School, 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 local schools. The feedback from students in other schools was extremely favourable and the presentation was seen to be valuable. The Head of PSHE at St Bede's would like Chevron to carry out the presentations for Year 11. £750 will provide 10 presentations including presenter fees, printing, administration costs, and a contribution towards the cost of buying extra impairment goggles.

2. BIKEABILITY TRAINING – MANORFIELD PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Member Mrs Kay Hammond

Amount Proposed £600

Summary of Proposal

Funding was sought to provide bicycle skills and training for all Year 5 and 6 pupils at Manorfield Primary and Nursery School. Manorfield is a "Bike It" school, and is aware that many of its pupils come from poor backgrounds and their families will not be able to afford this vital training. The training will raise awareness of road safety and how to ride bicycles in a safe manner. Courses for Year 6 will take place in January 2009, and for Year 5 in March 2009.

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 £11,000. If these are all agreed the remaining balance will be £54,146.21.

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

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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 **11 February 2008**.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: Local Committee funding bids

ANNEX A

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.