



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)

LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING

2 MARCH 2009

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 **£28,851.01**.
- (ii) Consider the bids for funding from 2008/09 Local Committee capital budget.
- (iii) Note the items submitted for funding from 2008/09 Local Committee delegated revenue budget totalling **£2,750** 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.

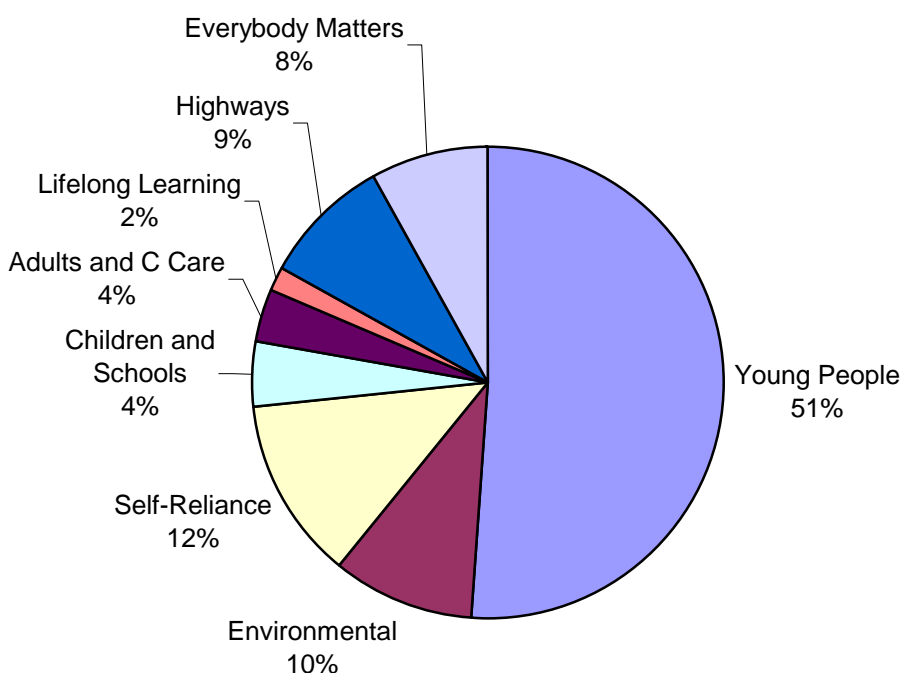
2 FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK FOR LOCAL COMMITTEES

- 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 **£56,163.99** 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. A217 REIGATE ROAD, SIDLOW – PROPOSED VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS (VAS)

Member Mrs Kay Hammond
Amount Proposed £6,500

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought for the supply and installation of two vehicle activated signs on the A217 Reigate Road, Sidlow. This will assist the reduction of the average speed of vehicles on the highway. Consultation has been carried out with Surrey Police and the Council’s Accident Working Group. The funding will cover the cost of the signs, installation, electrical supply and traffic management.

2. PRODUCTIVE GARDEN PROJECT – SIDLOW BRIDGE CENTRE

Members	Mrs Kay Hammond; Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin
Amount Proposed	£1,650 (£1,150 – Mrs Hammond; £500 – Mrs Ross-Tomlin)

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to start a productive garden project at the Sidlow Bridge Centre. The project will enable the centre to grow its own fruit and vegetables, with the students involved in the construction and maintenance of the beds. The project will provide the students with the knowledge required to grow their own food, and the produce will be used to promote a healthy lifestyle, for meal planning in cookery lessons and for use in cross curricular activities such as maths and science projects. The students will be involved in the project from the very start, setting up the beds, planting the seeds and young plants, through to harvesting the project. The aim is to stimulate a lasting interest in horticulture, which may lead to a future profession for some of the students.

3. OPEN FOR FAMILIES - GATTON PARK EDUCATION TRUST

Member	Mr Daniel Kee
Amount Proposed	£2,000

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought towards the cost of running the Gatton Park Education Trust's "Open for Families" events in 2009. Gatton Park is open to the public on 11 days during the year (February to October), and the Trust provides fun, educational activities specifically designed for children and their families to participate and learn from, such as finding out more about spring flowers and nesting birds, learning about the history of Gatton Park, and artistic activities. The events encourage the appreciation of the natural environment and local heritage, and provide low-cost days out for less well off local families, as well as promoting healthy lifestyles through outdoor activities.

4. PLAYWRIGHT IN RESIDENCE – ST NICHOLAS SCHOOL

Member	Mr Daniel Kee
Amount Proposed	£1,000

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to contribute to the cost of providing a resident playwright at St Nicholas School, Merstham, for Year 7 and 8 students with emotional and behavioural difficulties (EBD). This will include the provision of a series of fun and active workshops for the boys to explore drama, two performance events for the boys to perform sketches to an invited audience, and co-ordination of the lower school to see the Pilot Theatre production of "Lord of the Flies" at the Unicorn Theatre. The project will address the needs of building confidence amongst the students, finding new ways to channel natural energy and vitality, exposure to the arts, and new opportunities for cross-curricular activities.

The resident playwright is a theatre professional with experience of working with EBD students, and the project will create a legacy and skills base for drama provision within the school by equipping existing staff with drama skills and strategies.

5. SHAWLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL, TATTENHAM CORNER – RAILINGS AND FOOTWAY IMPROVEMENT

Member **Mr Nick Harrison**

Amount Proposed **£1,500**

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought towards the installation of pedestrian guardrail and footway paving in order to assist the safety of children outside Shawley Community Primary School, Tattenham Corner. Consultation has taken place with the school and the Safer Smarter Travel Team, and the remainder of the funding will come from Local Transport Plan small safety scheme funding.

5. NORK WAY CCTV

Member **Mr Nick Harrison**

Amount Proposed **£3,000**

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought towards a two-camera CCTV scheme at Nork Way, in the Nork Ward, to help prevent crime. This will particularly tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB) and vandalism issues, which have been affecting the lives of local residents in the area and businesses in Nork Way. The ASB issues are a neighbourhood priority for Surrey Police and were identified as a key issue in the Nork Local Community Action Plan (LCAP), approved by the Borough Council in September 2008. The area was subject to a 6 month Section 30 Dispersal Area in 2007, giving uniformed Police Constables the power to disperse groups of two or more people who are likely to behave in an intimidating or distressing way towards other people. This was reinstated for a second 6 month period in August 2008, due to the severity of the problems, with the current Section 30 coming to an end on 16 February 2009. The Section 30 Dispersal Area has helped provide a temporary solution to the problem, but the issues are ongoing and the CCTV is required to help resolve the problems in the longer term. Other funding partners include the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership, Raven Housing Trust and Borough Councillors have contributed from their community awards, as well as contributions from Nork Way businesses.

6. BANSTEAD LEISURE PROJECT FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

Member **Mrs Angela Fraser**

Amount Proposed **£500**

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought towards the provision of the Banstead Leisure Project. This is a monthly club for adults with learning disabilities, with the aim of giving members a happy social time and the opportunity to try out new activities such as music, arts and crafts, sports and dancing. This will address the social isolation of people with learning disabilities; those in community homes may not go out for activities at the weekend, and those living alone in supported housing may not see people at the weekend. The project has approximately 30 regular attendees in Banstead and the surrounding areas of Chipstead and Tattenham Corner.

7. NOTICEBOARD FOR BANSTEAD HIGH STREET

Proposed by Mrs Angela Fraser

Amount Proposed £2,500

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought towards the cost of a new wooden noticeboard with a 5 x 3 foot display area to be installed in the pavement on Banstead High Street. The board will be commissioned from Norbury Park Wood Products in Dorking, and will have two lockable doors, one on each side. An application for planning permission will be made for this item by the Banstead Village Residents' Association. The noticeboard will be used to display information for residents on forthcoming events, and the activities of local organisations of a non-commercial nature, such as: arts and cultural societies or events, sports bodies, Banstead Community Centre events, Police activities, e.g. beat panels, open meetings on local issues, local authority open events, and the Borough of Reigate and Banstead Arts Council (BRBAC) programme. Control of access to the noticeboard will lie with BVRA.

8. STEPPING STONES – MENTAL HEALTH THERAPY AND COUNSELLING

Member Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin

Amount Proposed £2,000

Summary of Proposal

Funding is required to enable Stepping Stones to offer an additional therapy and counselling session per week for people with depressive illnesses and mental health problems. The organisation covers the centre and south of the borough, and has escalating membership numbers. Consultation has taken place with current members and the secretary of the organisation.

9. BRAMBLES MS RESPITE CARE CENTRE – PURCHASE OF CANOPY

Member Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin

Amount Proposed £3,701.01

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to contribute towards the construction of a canopy over the entrance to the centre. The centre recently collected for a minibus for their patients; the canopy will enable patients to be helped onto the transport under a protective cover when the weather is harsh or wet.

10. NOKE DRIVE, REDHILL – VEGETATION/LITTER CLEARANCE AND PLANTING

Member Dr Lynne Hack

Amount Proposed £1,000

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to contribute towards the carrying out of two phases of work on Noke Drive, Redhill, by Reigate and Banstead Borough Council together with pupils from the Warwick School. Phase 1 will involve the clearance of vegetation and litter, followed by the preparation of the ground for autumn planting. Phase 2 will take place in the autumn and involve the planting of native shrubs, which will provide richer value for the surrounding wildlife. The funding will be used to purchase the necessary equipment and shrubbery to carry out this project.

11. EXCITING SCIENCE – SETPOINT SURREY

Member Mr Nick Harrison

Amount Proposed £900

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to provide Exciting Science days for Years 5 and 6 at Epsom Downs Community Primary School, Shawley Community Primary School and Warren Mead Junior School. Most primary school teachers are not familiar with the scientific concepts which support modern engineering and technology, and may lack the knowledge, confidence and equipment to run a Key Stage 2 Science and Technology Day. Setpoint Surrey has over ten years' experience of providing exciting science in primary classrooms by organising one- or two-day events.

12. 1st TATTENHAM (ST MARK'S) SCOUT HEADQUARTERS – NEW FLOORING

Member Mr Nick Harrison

Amount Proposed £2,600

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to contribute towards the cost of full internal flooring for the Scout HQ facility area. The flooring currently consists of tongued and grooved compressed shavings boards, which are beginning to dust and crumble despite regular applications of sealing oil. This is usually used for underflooring and was laid for this purpose, and funds are now being raised to finish with a proper floor covering. The Scout Group consists of 45 people ranging from 6 to 14 years old, and is located in Tattenhams, but adjacent to and servicing the Preston ward. The HQ

provides a base for three nights per week for meeting, training and development of both boys and girls within the controlled Scouting framework. The number of young people involved is growing, and there is a waiting list. The HQ is available for use by local residents for coffee mornings and as a meeting place for small groups.

- 3.5 The following bids are to be considered from the remaining Local Committee **capital** funding of **£18,700**.

1. NORK PARK/TATTENHAM WAY RECREATION GROUND – YOUTH FACILITY PROJECT

Proposed by Mr Nick Harrison
Amount Proposed £18,000

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to help provide a new youth facility in Nork Park/Tattenham Way Recreation Ground, two adjoining open spaces owned and managed by Reigate and Banstead Borough Council. The funding applied for will provide partner funding for a Youth Capital Fund bid that has been developed by a group of local young people (members of the Reigate and Banstead Youth Council), who have been supported by the Reigate and Banstead Borough Council Community Liaison Team. The group have developed a survey for distribution among local young people to help inform what type of facility would get the most support. Through the surveys completed so far, and through talking to young people, youth shelters, zip wires, climbing areas and BMX jump areas all appear to be popular. The project will give young people a new, free and openly accessible youth facility, which will target the 14-17 age group, incorporating a choice of equipment which has been informed by local young people. There is currently a perceived lack of youth facilities in the area, identified through local consultation in the Local Community Action Plans (LCAPs) for Nork and Tattenhams and engagement with local young people.

2. SECURITY/WORK ALONE IMPROVEMENTS – AGE CONCERN MERSTHAM, REDHILL AND REIGATE

Proposed by Mrs Angela Fraser
Amount Proposed £9,500

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to contribute to the cost of security improvements at the Merstham Centre. The proposal is to install Security Vanguard anti-climb guard rails around the vulnerable areas of the roof edge; palisade fences with Vanguard anti-climb guard rail at the rear of the building to protect the storage area of the 'Playlinks' group who hire the hall; installation of Yale alarms in the offices, corridor and main hall; two work alone panic buttons for office staff working in conjunction with alarms; two wheelie bin chains and security padlocks; four CCTV cameras to be fitted with anti-climb rails at the front, side, rear and in the building, covering the entry point at the rear. This will help to prevent persons

gaining access to the roof and causing damage, and improve the security of volunteers and users of the centre.

3.6 The following allocations were agreed under delegated powers:

1. STAR FOR A NIGHT 2009

Member(s) Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin
Amount Proposed £1,000

Summary of Proposal

Funding was sought to support the costs of providing professional dance, drama and singing coaches for Star for a Night 2009. This event enables young people in Reigate and Banstead to get together to show their talent in front of a live audience. Over 100 children from all parts of the borough will be involved in the show. Children aged 11 to 18 will audition at the Harlequin Theatre in January 2009. The benefits of this show are helping young people to show their talents through performing arts, commitment to rehearsals, developing greater confidence and self-esteem, enhancing self-belief, working in a disciplined environment, enjoyment and personal development. The performers will receive professional coaching during 10 weeks of rehearsals. In addition, two stage school scholarships will be awarded to those who demonstrated the greatest dedication and commitment throughout the process. The show will take place at the Harlequin Theatre on 7 and 8 April 2009.

2. MERSTHAM NEIGHBOURS

Member Mr Daniel Kee
Amount Proposed £1,000

Summary of Proposal

Funding was sought as a contribution towards the cost of developing a network of volunteers who will give their time and (depending on the service) transport to carry out useful and neighbourly activities that will benefit others in the Merstham community. The exact scope of the services that the scheme will offer will depend on the number, skills and views of the volunteers, but the scheme will draw heavily on the experience of other successful models and will be highly likely to include: local transport, shopping, prescription collection, form filling and home visiting. This will help to address the needs of older, less mobile or isolated people in Merstham and foster a greater sense of community.

13. MERSTHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL MINIBUS PROJECT

Member Mr Daniel Kee
Amount Proposed £250

Summary of Proposal

Funding was sought to pay for the cost of signwriting the school's name onto their new minibus. The governors have agreed a three year lease for the bus, which will be used to provide safer and reliable transport for teams, choirs and swimming, and will reduce the use of parents' cars for

transporting children. It will mostly be used for local visits, and as the school is part of a local confederation, there is the potential for wider use.

14. PRESTON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2008

Member Mr Michael Gosling; Mr Nick Harrison
Amount Proposed £500 (£250 each)

Summary of Proposal

Funding was sought towards the provision of a Christmas tree, lights and a community event (school and church service/carols) at the Marbles Way shopping parade at the centre of the Preston estate. The project was jointly funded by Raven Housing Trust, with the aim of addressing community cohesion needs in this deprived area.

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 **£28,851.01**. If these are all agreed the remaining balance will be **£13,985**. This money cannot be carried forward to the next financial year and will be returned to central budgets.

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. Any allocations not paid to the organisation before the end of the financial year will be included in the carry forward requests, which require Executive approval.

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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.