



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)

LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING

21 SEPTEMBER 2009

KEY ISSUE

To consider the proposals contained within the report for Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) funding from the 2009/10 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 2009/10 the County Council has delegated £74,250 revenue funding (£8,250 per County Councillor) and £35,000 capital funding for voluntary organisations to the Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead).

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

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

- (i) Consider the items submitted for funding from 2009/10 Local Committee delegated revenue budget totalling **£3,800**.
- (ii) Note the items submitted for funding from 2009/10 Local Committee delegated revenue budget totalling **£2000** agreed under delegated powers in accordance with the Local Financial Protocol.

1 INTRODUCTION

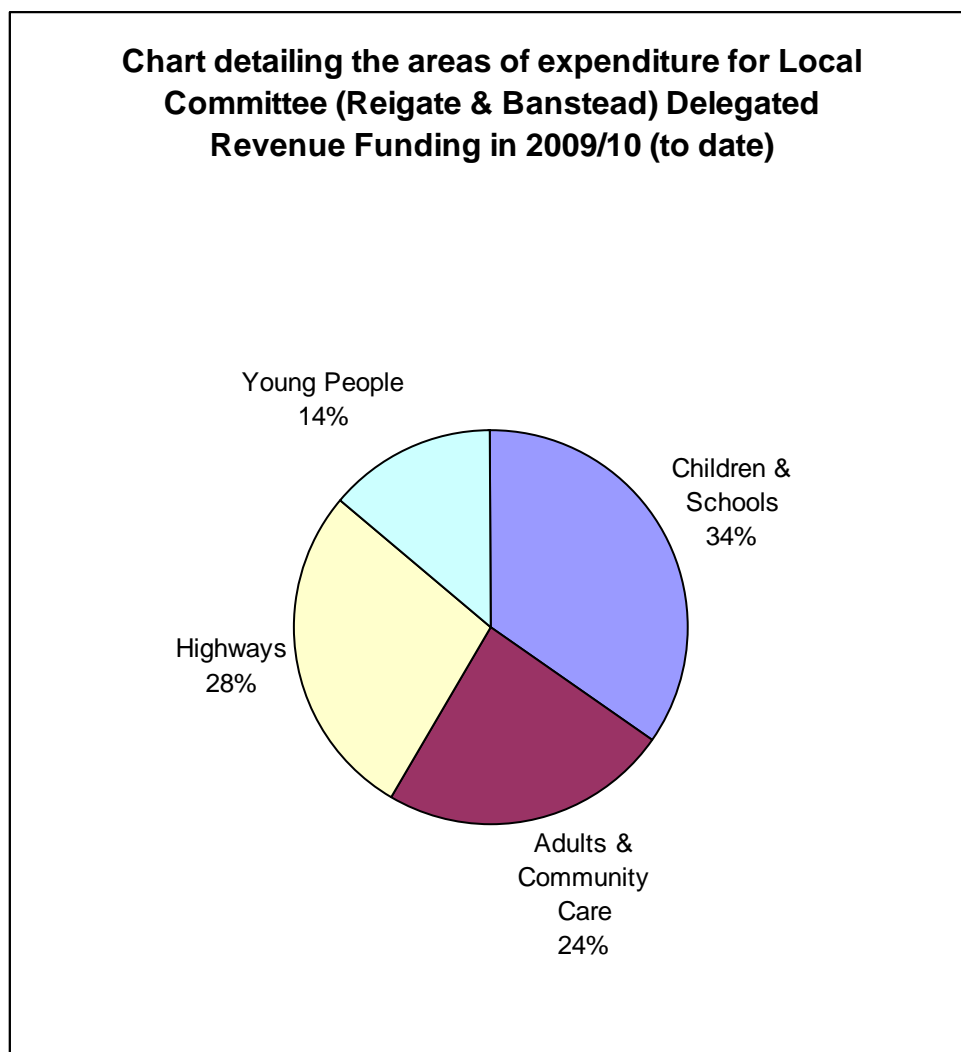
- 1.1 Surrey County Council's Local Committees have been delegated power to take decisions in response to local needs within the County Council's power of well-being, up to a maximum sum per County Council member of the Committee. In addition the County Council have also delegated a capital sum to Local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

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 20 July 2009, the Committee renewed its approval for the 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 2009/10

- 3.1 At the annual budget meeting on 10 February 2009, the County Council approved delegated funding to Local Committees of £8,250 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 £74,250 to allocate in 2009/10.
- 3.3 At present, the Local Committee has allocated a total of **£7,199.46** revenue funding, as detailed below:



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

1. STREET LIGHTING IN STAPLEHURST CLOSE, WOODHATCH

Member Mrs Frances King

Amount Proposed £3,800

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to improve the street lighting in Staplehurst Close, Woodhatch, a cul-de-sac that is currently lit by one lamp column at the end of the road. The residents in Staplehurst Close are mainly elderly and have expressed concerns regarding safety. The street lighting engineer has surveyed the road and has concluded that the existing street lighting levels fall below current recommendations. In order to bring the lighting levels up to standard it would require two new columns and the existing column would need to be upgraded. The cost of carrying out this work is estimated to be £3800.

- 3.5 There are currently no capital funding proposals to consider.
- 3.6 The following allocations were agreed under delegated powers:

1. FACE2FACE: PARENTS SUPPORTING PARENTS – SERIES OF DROP IN SESSIONS

Member **Peter Lambell**

Amount Proposed **£1,000**

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to provide a weekly drop-in coffee morning at Brooklands School for parents/carers of children with disabilities/special needs to complement the 1:1 befriending service run by the organisation. The sessions will benefit parents/carers in the East Surrey area, particularly in Reigate and Redhill, and will provide non-judgmental support and information signposting. Consultation has taken place with parents and professionals working with target families.

2. STAR FOR A NIGHT 2010

Member **Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin**

Amount Proposed **£1,000**

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to support the costs of Reigate and Banstead Borough Council's Star for a Night 2010. This event enables young people in Reigate and Banstead to get together to show their talent in front of a live audience. Children from all parts of the borough will be involved in the show. 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. The show will take place at the Harlequin Theatre in April 2010.

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 2009/10 is £74,250. The proposed allocations total £3,800. If these are all agreed the remaining balance will be £6,3250.54.

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 Team 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 and Partnership Officer no later than **20 November 2009**.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: Local Committee funding bids

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL CORPORATE PRIORITIES

The County Council's Corporate Plan 2009/13 *Making Surrey a Better Place*, sets out the following five priorities:

- Protecting vulnerable children and young people
- Helping adults to live independently and safely
- Minimising and recycling waste
- Improving Surrey's roads
- Working to keep Surrey's economy successful

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