



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)

LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING

7 DECEMBER 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 **£7,320**.
- (ii) Consider the item submitted for funding from 2009/10 Local Committee capital budget totalling **£20,000**.
- (iii) Note the items submitted for funding from 2009/10 Local Committee delegated revenue budget totalling **£1,100** agreed under delegated powers in accordance with the Local Financial Protocol.

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1 INTRODUCTION

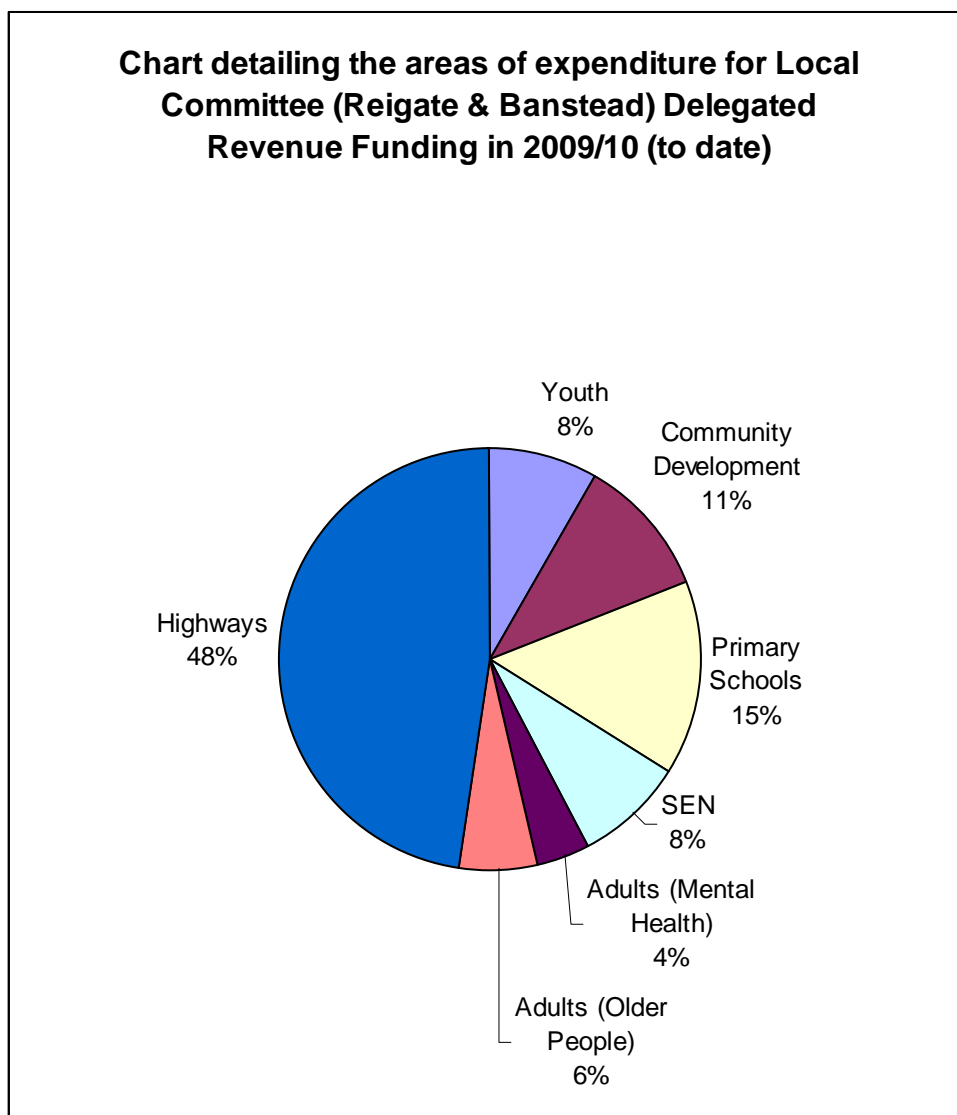
- 1.1 Surrey County Council's Local Committees have been delegated power to take decisions in response to local needs within the County Council's power of well-being, up to a maximum sum per County Council member of the Committee. In addition the County Council have also delegated a capital sum to Local 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 **£12,119.46** revenue funding, as detailed below:



3.4 The following are new proposals for Local Committee **revenue** funding:

1. LANGSHOTT INFANT SCHOOL – PLAYGROUND PROJECT

Member Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin

Amount Proposed £4,130

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to purchase and install a Peaches Adventure Tower as part of the Langshott Infant School Playground Project. The project is aimed at the partial restoration of the play equipment, as the previous equipment was condemned by Health and Safety. The project will benefit children in Horley East.

2. BRAMBLETYE JUNIOR SCHOOL – PROVIDING MATHS OPPORTUNITIES AND ENRICHING THE NUMERACY CURRICULUM

Member Mrs Frances King
Amount Proposed £1,000

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to purchase new equipment and improve resources and other maths-related opportunities to develop numeracy at Brambletye Junior School. The aim of the project is to make maths more accessible for more children by developing basic number skills and problem solving. The school aims to change the children's perception of maths to a more fun one, and improve confidence. Children throughout the school, which serves Earlswood and surrounding areas, will benefit.

3. NEW BENCH – ELMORE POND, CHIPSTEAD

Member Mrs Angela Fraser
Amount Proposed £690

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought for a replacement oak bench to replace the dilapidated old bench at Elmore Pond, Chipstead. It will match a new bench already provided by Surrey Wildlife Trust and provide a safe and comfortable seat for local residents using the area around the pond.

4. BANSTEAD WEST MUSIC IN THE PARK 2010

Member Mr Nick Harrison
Amount Proposed £1,500

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to contribute to the cost of a free community event of live music and entertainment for residents of Nork, Tattenhams and neighbouring areas. The event has been staged for the last seven years, attracting audiences of around 3,000 between 1pm and 7pm. The 2009 event drew the largest audience ever, and there has been widespread praise and requests for it to be repeated. The event has been described as a successful contribution to community spirit. The remaining funding will be provided by the Surrey Community Foundation, and local sponsorship and advertising in the programme will also be sought.

3.5 The following is a new proposal for Local Committee **capital** funding:

1. STRAWSON HALL, HORLEY - REFURBISHMENT

Proposed by Mrs Kay Hammond
Amount Proposed £20,000

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to contribute towards the cost of refurbishing and re-cladding of Strawson Hall, a wooden building owned by Surrey County Council and leased to Strawson Hall Management Committee. The hall

is used by a number of Horley-based community groups, including Horley Community Preschool, which has submitted a separate bid to Early Years for accessible toilets and an extension to the building for their sole use. The proposed refurbishments funded by the Local Committee would include replacement of external doors and frames, replacement of internal walls and insulation and replacement of roofing material. The hall aims to provide accommodation to small community groups at affordable rents, and is currently used by groups including Horley Allsorts Social Group for elderly people, and Horley History Society. It is also used for police liaison meetings and rentals for fundraising events.

3.6 The following allocations were agreed under delegated powers:

1. FACILITIES FOR WHITEBUSHES COMMON

Member Mrs Frances King
Amount Proposed £320
Summary of Proposal

Funding was provided as a contribution towards the cost of a new bench and bin on Whitebushes Common. This was in response to requests from local residents for more places to sit, and bins to make the area more appealing.

2. US IN A BUS – LINKING LIVES CONFERENCE

Member Peter Lambell
Amount Proposed £500
Summary of Proposal

Funding was provided for ten bursaries to enable family members, carers and volunteers to attend the 20th anniversary conference of Us In A Bus, a charity helping people with profound and multiple learning disabilities. The conference was aimed at showing commissioners, managers and frontline workers how to improve the quality of life for people with such disabilities by using intensive interaction techniques. The bursaries enable a wide range of participants to attend who would not otherwise have been able to.

3. EXCITING SCIENCE IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Member Dr Lynne Hack
Amount Proposed £300
Summary of Proposal

Funding was provided for two interactive workshops at Wray Common Primary School, one for Year 3 pupils to investigate Light and Dark, and one for Year 4 pupils to investigate Electric Circuits. SATRO Surrey provides workshops supporting specific areas of the curriculum where teachers feel less confident in delivering or lack the knowledge to use technical equipment.

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 £7,320. If these are all agreed the remaining balance will be £54,810.54.
- 6.2 The Local Committee capital funding for 2009/10 is £35,000. The proposed allocation totals £20,000. If this is agreed, the remaining balance will be £15,000.

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 **12 February 2010**.

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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