

OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)

CLIMATE CHANGE FUND

1 MARCH 2010

KEY ISSUE

To consider proposals for submission to the judging panel for the Climate Change Fund for Local Committees.

SUMMARY

The Leader of the Council has announced that sustainability and taking action to prevent climate change must play a key part in the Council's agenda, cutting across all our strategies and services. To that end, the Leader has announced a Climate Change Fund available for Local Committees to bid into.

The fund for 2010/11 is £50,000, and Local Committees have been invited to submit bids with a total of up to £10,000.

The Fund will support projects that can demonstrate:

- Support for the aims of the Climate Change Strategy
- Local community leadership and engagement
- Innovation and replicability
- Demonstrable impacts in terms of cutting carbon emissions, raising local awareness and/or improving local resilience i.e. adapting to climate change

SUMMARY

Three proposals have been received in Reigate and Banstead:

- 1. **Raven Housing Trust** three environmental projects around the borough (seeking £6,825)
- 2. Sustainable Redhill Transition Towns Initiative (seeking £2,000)
- 3. **St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Redhill** installation of six raised gardening beds and large composting bed as part of School Grounds Project (seeking £3,100)

The completed application forms and supporting information are attached as **Annex A**.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

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

- (i) Consider the three funding proposals received.
- (ii) Decide on the proposal(s) to be submitted to the judging panel, to a total of up to £10,000.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:	Guidance Note on Climate Change Fund; Application Forms