



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)

LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING

21 JUNE 2010

KEY ISSUE

To review the allocation of Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) delegated funding in 2009/10 and to consider the proposals contained within the report for funding from the 2010/11 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 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).

For the financial year 2010/11 the County Council has delegated £74,250 revenue funding (£8,250 per County Councillor) and £30,000 capital funding for voluntary organisations to the Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead).

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

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

- (i) Note the distribution of funding allocated by the Local Committee in 2009/10 and consider any priority areas for 2010/11.
- (ii) Consider the items submitted for funding from 2010/11 Local Committee delegated revenue budget totalling £1,047.45.
- (iii) Consider the item submitted for funding from 2010/11 Local Committee capital budget totalling £22,876.32.

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 considered in the separate report on Highways funding for Committee approval.

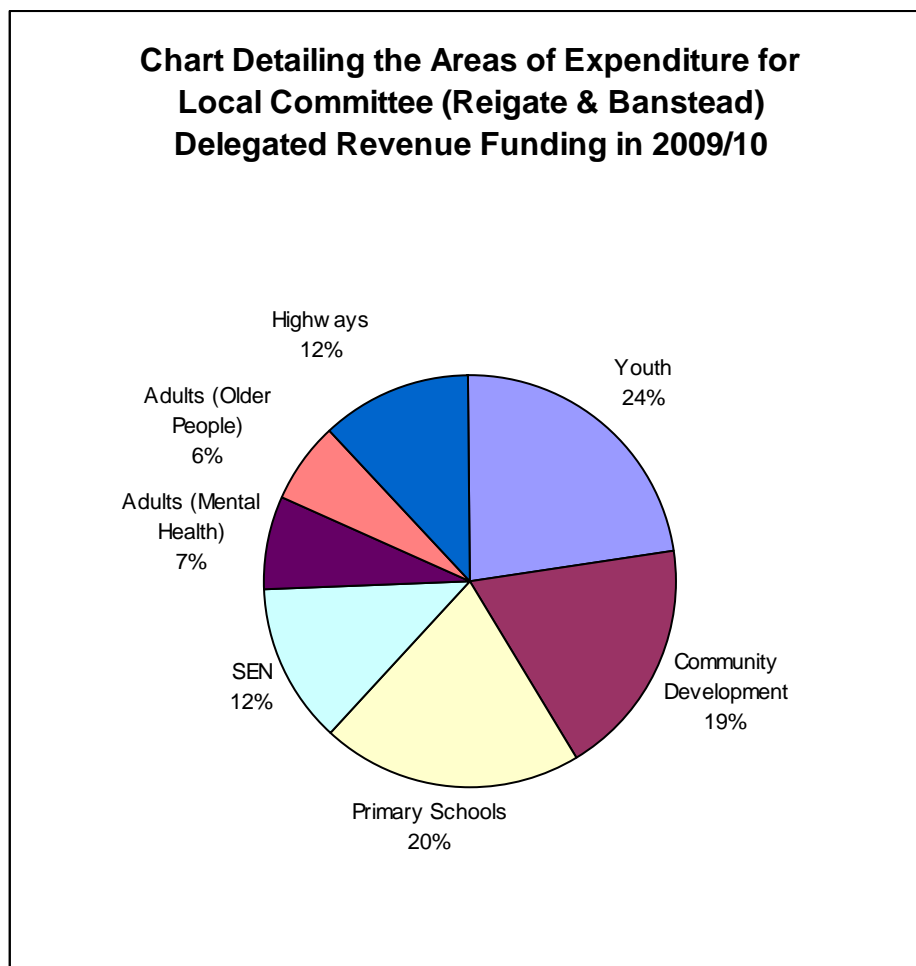
2 FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK FOR LOCAL COMMITTEES

- 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 3 December 2007, the Committee agreed a process for agreeing small funding allocations (up to £1,000) outside of formal committee meetings, with approval delegated to the Area Director in consultation with members. Members are asked to review and approve this local financial protocol at Item 4 on this agenda.

3 SUMMARY OF LOCAL COMMITTEE DELEGATED BUDGETS 2009/10

- 3.1 The Local Committee allocated £48,009.46 of the revenue funding delegated to it in 2009/10 to a total of 31 individual projects across the Borough. Allocations ranged in size from £199.46 for new patio furniture at the Regent Hall Day Centre in Horley, to £5,000 for playground equipment for children with disabilities in the Borough Council's play areas.
- 3.2 In addition, the Local Committee allocated all of the capital funding delegated to it in 2009/10 to two individual projects: £20,000 towards the refurbishment of Strawson Hall, Horley, and £15,000 towards a new community centre at Reigate Methodist Church.

- 3.3 The projects that received funding gave a wide range of economic, social and environmental benefits to the Reigate and Banstead area. The chart below summarises the revenue funding allocated by the Local Committee in 2009/10:



4 LOCAL COMMITTEE DELEGATED BUDGETS 2011/11

- 4.1 The County Council has approved delegated funding to Local Committees of £8,250 revenue funding per County Council member, and £30,000 capital for voluntary organisations per Committee.
- 4.2 The following are new funding proposals for Local Committee **revenue** funding:

1. FENCING OF SENSORY GARDEN – SALFORDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Member Mrs Frances King
Amount Proposed £600

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to provide fencing of the sensory garden at Salfords Primary School. This will prevent vandalism, restrict fouling by wild animals, stop bikes being ridden through the garden and stop the non-school community accessing equipment. This will benefit all classes in the school and the gardening club. The total cost of the project is £1,200, with the remainder of funding coming from the school's budget.

2. NEW DISPLAY BOARDS FOR BANSTEAD HISTORY CENTRE

Member Mrs Angela Fraser
Amount Proposed £447.45

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to purchase replacement display boards for Banstead History Centre in Banstead Library. These are used to exhibit photographs and other material of interest relating to the local villages covered (Banstead, Burgh Heath, Tadworth, Chipstead, Walton on the Hill, Woodmansterne, Kingswood etc). The current display boards have lost the ability to hold items attached with Velcro.

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

1. BANSTEAD HIGH STREET – HERITAGE LIGHTING

Proposed by Mrs Angela Fraser/Dr Lynne Hack
Amount Proposed £22,876.32

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to provide Heritage style lighting in Banstead High Street when the streetlights are upgraded this year under the County Council's PFI project. The new columns should provide greater synergy with other street furniture (CCTV cameras), enhancing the look and feel of the High Street. Twenty 10m high Heritage style columns will be provided. The funding would cover the additional cost of installing these columns over that provided under the PFI contract.

5 OPTIONS

5.1 The Local Committee has delegated power to approve the proposals for funding or not.

6 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 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.

7 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The Local Committee delegated revenue funding for 2010/11 is £74,250. The proposed allocations total £1,047.45. If these are all agreed the remaining balance will be £73,202.55.
- 7.2 The Local Committee capital funding for 2010/11 is £30,000. The proposed allocation totals £22,876.32. If this is agreed, the remaining balance will be £7,123.68.

8 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 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.

9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 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.

10 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 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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11 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 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.

12 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

12.1 If approved by the Local Committee, organisations will be approached to sign funding agreements for their projects, based on the bids submitted.

12.2 The Local Partnerships Team will process all payments as soon as possible once the agreement has been received.

12.3 Any proposals for consideration at the next formal Local Committee should reach the Local Committee and Partnership Officer no later than **Friday 3 September 2010**.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: Local Committee funding bids

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL CORPORATE PRIORITIES

The County Council's Corporate Strategy 2010/14 *Making A Difference* sets out the following five themes:

- **Our Core Responsibility** – Surrey County Council will agree with residents what they can expect from their council. We will be absolutely clear about the services being offered, what people are entitled to, the thresholds for different levels of service and where there are charges for services.
- **Personal Responsibility** – We aim to support self-reliance and independence for individuals, families and neighbourhoods. We will focus on enabling residents to take more control and responsibility for improving quality of life where they live. This will include supporting people to change their behaviour in terms of public services by providing better information and promoting self help to meet their desire for independence.
- **Deciding and Delivering Locally** – This theme focuses on increasing the ability of residents to influence and choose how services are delivered for them and their neighbourhood. It develops local commissioning and greater personalisation of our services as a way of increasing satisfaction and reducing costs of delivery.
- **Prevention** – We will aim to take action early to deal with issues. By tackling problems early we aim to reduce their impact on residents and reduce the costs of putting things right.
- **Working Together** – We will explore how working with other organisations can increase benefits to residents of Surrey.

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