SURREY
COUNTY COUNCIL

OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)

SMALL DISADVANTAGED AREAS FUND 2010-2011
20 SEPTEMBER 2010

KEY ISSUE

For the Committee to decide which of the bids submitted should be recommended to the Small Disadvantaged Area Fund Panel for funding consideration.

SUMMARY

Local Committees have been asked to consider and prioritise bids submitted for funding within their borough, and recommend onto the Small Disadvantaged Areas Fund Panel those which it considers should be funded through the Small Disadvantaged Areas Fund.

Two separate bids have been submitted to the Local Committee for consideration. The criteria are set out in Annex A and the completed bid forms attached as Annex B.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

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

(i)   Consider all the bids that have been submitted to the Local Committee;

(ii)   Prioritise them in order of those which best fit the criteria set out in Annex A; and

(iii)   Identify which of the bids the Committee would like to recommend to the Small Disadvantaged Areas Funds Panel for funding.

1   INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1.1   In May 2010, Dr Andrew Povey, the Leader of Surrey County Council, announced a new fund from the Project Initiatives Fund called the Small Disadvantaged Areas Fund.

1.2   In launching this fund, the Leader said that:

"The extent of borrowing undertaken by the previous government is such that there will inevitably be a reduction in public expenditure over the next few years. In Surrey, I feel it is important that we try to help some of our more disadvantaged areas to help themselves to develop economically, socially and in a way that is sustainable.

Projects could well take on board the "Digital Inclusion" work, which is one way of strengthening communities, but ideas and innovation are welcome!"

1.3   The purpose of the Fund was to develop initiatives which reduce inequalities and empower small to medium-sized communities in Surrey which experience relative disadvantage to work with the County Council and other relevant partners to develop local solutions to the problems facing them.

1.4   He requested that Local Committees assess the bids that were submitted for projects within their area, and decide which of the bids should be submitted for consideration by the central Small Disadvantaged Bids Panel for funding. The Panel would then meet in December to consider the recommendations, and a formal announcement of those that had been successful would be made at the Council meeting on 14 December 2010.

2   ANALYSIS

2.1   All projects that are being submitted to the Panel for consideration will be expected to have demonstrated the following:

- **Innovation**: model new ways of listening to residents (such as digital inclusion) and involving them in developing services, which meet the needs of their neighbourhood in a sustainable way.
- **Involvement**: work with residents, statutory partners and the voluntary/faith sector to embed increased confidence and cohesion in communities, which make a difference & can lead to sustained improvements in quality of life, opportunities and achievement.
- **Integration**: demonstrate genuine partnership working which pursues a shared vision (ideally through the relevant Local Strategic Partnership), operates with a "Total Place" methodology in terms of sharing resources and involves services adjusting their delivery to reflect local conditions.

2.2 They will also be required to show how they relate and contribute to County Council's five strategic themes

- Core Offer
- Personal responsibility
- Deciding and delivering locally
- Prevention
- Working together

2.3 In addition, the Local Committee are asked to look to recommend projects where the Committee can demonstrate that the projects have:

- Made progress in taking forward the principles of Localism and "Total Place".
- Developed a clear understanding of the profile of disadvantage in their district/borough.
- Evidenced multi-agency activity that responds to needs and opportunities in the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods.
- Addressed improvements in education, skills, tacking anti-social behaviour/vandalism and other social matters of concern.
- A continuing record of investment in projects or have an emerging focus of priority which could strengthen these neighbourhoods and increase the range of opportunities available to their residents
- The potential to deliver sustained capacity-building in that community.

3 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

3.1 All successful bids will be funded out of the allocated money within the Project Initiatives Fund. The essence of the project is that it is to provide communities with the ability to support them sustainably. Therefore there are no further financial implications.

4 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The successful bids will support some of the more disadvantaged areas of Surrey to develop sustainable mechanisms to develop economically and socially.

5 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no identified crime and disorder implications at this time.

6   CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 The recommendation is that the Committee scrutinise and assess the bids submitted for consideration and recommend to the Small Disadvantaged Fund Panel those it would recommend for funding through this Fund.

7   WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

7.1 The Small Disadvantaged Fund Panel will consider all the recommended bids in December and formally announce the successful candidates at the Surrey County Council meeting on 14 December 2010.

7.2 The successful candidates will then have until March 2012 to utilise the funds as set out within their bid form and will have to report back the outcomes of their spend by June 2012.

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BACKGROUND	Small Area Disadvantaged Fund Guidance
PAPERS:	Small Area Disadvantaged Fund Application Form

SMALL DISADVANTAGED AREAS FUND CRITERIA

1. **Projects should demonstrate:**

a) Innovation – new ways of listening to residents (e.g. digital inclusion) and involving them in developing services
b) Involvement – working with residents, statutory partners and the voluntary/faith sector to embed increased confidence and cohesion
c) Integration – genuine partnership working which pursues a shared vision (ideally through the relevant Local Strategic Partnership), shares resources and delivers services to meet local needs

2. **Surrey County Council's Five Strategic Themes - projects relate and contribute to:**

a) Core offer
b) Personal responsibility
c) Deciding and delivering locally
d) Prevention
e) Working together

3. **Local Committee support – Local Committees should demonstrate through the projects that:**

a) The application involves services adjusting their delivery to reflect local conditions
b) There is a clear understanding of the disadvantaged area
c) They have evidenced multi-agency activity that responds to disadvantaged neighbourhoods' needs
d) Improvement against matters of social concern, e.g. education, skills, tackling anti-social behaviour/vandalism etc are being addressed
e) There is a record of investment and a capacity to deliver

4. **Applications should demonstrate:**

a) Projects are well-evidenced by relevant data (e.g. Index of Multiple Deprivation, Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, service data such as NEET levels, intelligence via Community Safety Partnership)
b) Projects have measurable targets and where possible, expected outcomes/results, along with realistic milestones
c) Existing projects will use the funding to become more sustainable (rather than 'back fill' for withdrawn funding)
d) What additional resources are available from partners to complement the Surrey County Council funding
e) How projects will be sustained beyond the initial Surrey County Council funding period, or, if bidding for initial consultation/engagement, what provision is there for realistic delivery