



## OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)

### LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING

20 SEPTEMBER 2010

#### KEY ISSUE

To consider the proposals contained within the report for Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) 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 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).

In addition, £32,445.54 uncommitted revenue funding was carried forward from 2009/10, and is available to spend in 2010/11. £6,205 unspent revenue funding was returned by organisations which received funding in previous years and is also available to spend.

#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

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

- (i) Consider the items submitted for funding from 2010/11 Local Committee delegated revenue budget totalling **£26,598.07**.
- (ii) Consider the item submitted for funding from 2010/11 Local Committee capital budget totalling **£10,000**.

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- (iii) Note the item submitted for funding from 2010/11 Local Committee delegated revenue budget totalling **£1,000** 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**

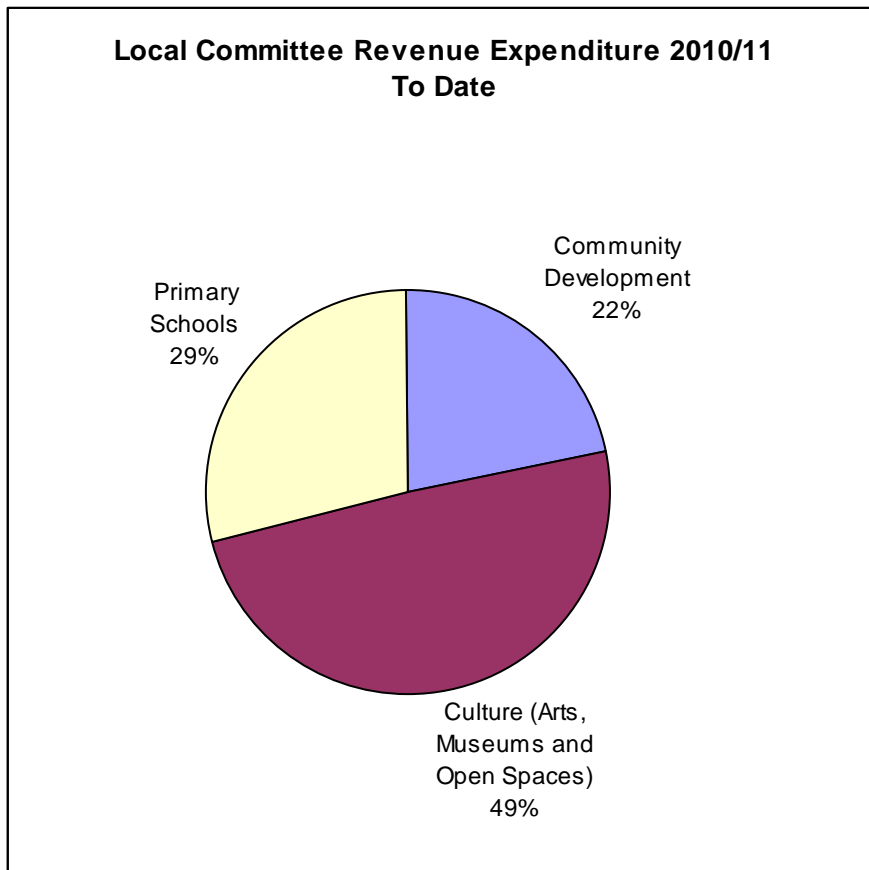
- 2.1 To give Local Committees maximum flexibility, the key underlying principle is that Local Committees are at liberty to spend on locally determined purposes that meet local social, economic or environmental well-being.
- 2.2 The Local Committee has previously resolved that priorities for spending 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 21 June 2010, 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. An addition to the protocol was agreed enabling delegated capital allocations to be granted. Any allocations approved through this process are detailed in Paragraph 3.6.

## **3 LOCAL COMMITTEE DELEGATED BUDGETS 2010/11**

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 The Local Committee has a total revenue budget of £74,250 to allocate in 2010/11, plus £32,445.54 uncommitted revenue funding carried forward from 2009/10, and £6,205 unspent revenue funding returned by

organisations which received funding in previous years and were either unable to make use of the full amount granted, or the project did not go ahead. This gives a total budget of £112,900.54.

3.3 At present, the Local Committee has allocated a total of **£2,047.45** revenue funding, as detailed below:



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

**1. BREECH LANE, WALTON ON THE HILL - CHANGING ROOMS**

**Member** Mr Michael Gosling  
**Amount Proposed** £5,000  
**Summary of Proposal**

Funding is sought to contribute towards the cost of building a 12 x 5.58 metre wooden building containing changing rooms, toilet facilities and a small kitchen on the playing fields of Breech Lane, Walton on the Hill. Walton Warriors Football Club has raised funds for the project, which will be built on Surrey County Council land at Walton on the Hill Primary School. Currently there are no facilities on the site, and both the school and club will benefit from the shared building. The majority of pupils at Walton on the Hill Primary School and members of the club live in the village of surrounding areas.

## 2. HORLEY HEALTH WALKS

**Member** Kay Hammond

**Amount Proposed** £2,404

### **Summary of Proposal**

Funding is sought towards the cost of promoting and developing a Health Walks scheme in Horley, similar to those run in Redhill and Crawley. Funding will pay for pedometers and promotional materials. The Health Walks will provide a form of gentle, regular exercise suitable for all, in the open air. The events are free and no special equipment is needed apart from a sensible pair of shoes. Walking is beneficial to all, but is particularly suited to those who have ongoing medical conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes, osteoporosis, weight problems, or those recovering from surgery or illness. Because of the social and non-competitive nature of Health Walks, they are also great for relieving stress, isolation and depression. The funding will cover all costs excluding staff time and half the cost of leaflet production. Gatwick Greenspace Partnership will provide staffing, and additional support for leaflets is being sought from Horley Town Council and Reigate and Banstead Borough Council.

## 3. ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SCIENCE WORKSHOPS FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS – SURREY SATRO

**Member** Dr Lynne Hack

**Amount Proposed** £2,000

### **Summary of Proposal**

Funding is sought for the provision of two exciting science workshops at the Warwick School and St Matthew's C of E Primary School. 200 Year 9 pupils at the Warwick School will be offered the chance to participate in a "Discovering Renewable Energies" in March 2011 during National Science Week. This will include working to construct a large scale, working energy conversion device, investigating renewable energy topics and producing newsletters. The second day would be smaller scale but with a similar format, involving around 60 Year 5 pupils at St Matthew's School. The teams will be given the opportunity to exhibit their work to a VIP audience at the Surrey Science Festival in June 2011.

## 4. PRIMARY SCIENCE WORKSHOPS – SURREY SATRO

**Member** Dr Lynne Hack

**Amount Proposed** £3,000

### **Summary of Proposal**

Funding is sought for the provision by Surrey SATRO of six science workshops for Year 5 and 6 (9 to 11 year olds) pupils in 4 primary schools in Reigate and Banstead – St John's Primary School, St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, St Matthew's C of E Primary School, and Wray Common Primary School. Surrey SATRO aim to deliver a suite of tested and evaluated tailored modules to pupils with a focus on

'hard to reach' or challenged primary schools. Workshops are designed to engage pupils with each session involving volunteer scientists, engineers or technologists from all aspects of the field. Surrey SATRO has over 500 of these volunteer Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) Ambassadors. The workshops will also empower teachers to deliver similar activities in the future by giving them specific training and continuing professional development (CPD), and providing them with ongoing free access to all STEM Ambassadors.

#### **5. SURREY WILDLIFE TRUST – DRIVE FOR VOLUNTEERING ACROSS SURREY**

**Member** Dr Lynne Hack  
**Amount Proposed** £2,500

##### **Summary of Proposal**

Funding is sought to contribute to the cost of a new vehicle, based at Norbury Park, to enable Surrey Wildlife Trust to widen their geographic range, increase the number of donated volunteer days, broaden their relationship with all the communities of Surrey, and engage with more economically or socially challenged volunteers. The new minibus will cover Reigate and Banstead, Mole Valley and Tandridge, and meets the need to provide transport which is currently unfulfilled and places constraints on the amount of volunteering which can take place. Volunteering plays a vital role in the work of Surrey Wildlife Trust, and gives people from a wide range of backgrounds, including the long term unemployed and those lacking self-confidence or with mental health issues, the chance to learn practical outdoor skills.

#### **6. HORLEY COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT WEEK – HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

**Member** Kay Hammond  
**Amount Proposed** £100

##### **Summary of Proposal**

Funding is sought to contribute to the cost of providing bulbs for planting and prizes for the Eco Art competition for four local schools, being held by Horley Town Council as part of Horley Community Environment Week (20 – 25 September 2010). Examples of the initiatives taking place during the week include reducing/eliminating plastic shopping bags, improving residents' recycling participation, organising a 'Friends of Horley' group of residents that will periodically participate in environmental campaigns, organising litter picking forays of 'grot spots' during the week using volunteers from youth/community groups and residents, and improving business and household conservation of energy, water and other vital resources. The remainder of the funding for the bulbs and competition prizes will come from local businesses.

## **7. A242 GATTON PARK ROAD/CROYDON ROAD, REIGATE - SIGNING**

**Member** **Dr Zully Grant-Duff**  
**Amount Proposed** **£2,520.60**

### **Summary of Proposal**

Funding is sought for the provision of advance warning signs in Gatton Park Road and Croydon Road, showing the mini-roundabout and width restriction/speed humps in Wray Lane and weight restriction in Batts Hill. The sign in Croydon Road replaces the existing sign which shows the junction as a crossroads. A “zebra crossing ahead” warning sign and distance plate will be provided on the approach to the crossing by Doods Road, and will be fixed to an existing post with lighting unit. The signs will warn drivers of the mini-roundabout and weight/width restrictions on the side roads, which have caused problems particularly for large vehicles using Wray Lane. There was a personal injury accident at the zebra crossing in February 2010 and the advance warning sign will raise awareness by drivers of the pedestrian crossing ahead, improving pedestrian safety.

## **8. A217 BRIGHTON ROAD, LOWER KINGSWOOD – LOCAL DIRECTION SIGN**

**Member** **Mr Michael Gosling**  
**Amount Proposed** **£728.11**

### **Summary of Proposal**

Funding is sought for the provision of a direction sign to local shops in Buckland Road. The sign will be located on the A217 Brighton Road, on the central reservation facing southbound traffic. It will be fixed to an existing lamp column, subject to agreement from Skanska. The new sign will complement the existing sign for northbound traffic and raise awareness of local facilities, benefiting drivers on the A217 southbound and local businesses. The total cost includes the pro-rata share of one day’s traffic management.

## **9. A2022 FIR TREE ROAD – WARNING SIGN**

**Member** **Mr Nick Harrison**  
**Amount Proposed** **£345.36**

### **Summary of Proposal**

Funding is sought for the provision of an advance warning sign for a side road turning. This has been requested by local residents to raise awareness of drivers approaching from the east of a side road ahead. This will benefit residents of the side road who currently experience difficulties exiting their road as main road drivers approaching from the east are not aware of the side road ahead.

**10. PARK LANE EAST, REIGATE – VERGE HARDENING****Member** Mrs Frances King**Amount Proposed** £8,000**Summary of Proposal**

Funding is sought for the cost of hardening part of the grass verge outside 68-88 Park Lane East using 'grasscrete', a cellular reinforced system with voids which allow grass to grow through so the area retains its original appearance, and provision of new kerbing which will allow vehicles to drive up onto the hardened area. The slip road outside 68-88 Park Lane East is not sufficiently wide to allow vehicles to pass parked cars without mounting the footway. The properties fronting the slip road are owned by Raven Housing Trust and it is their residents and visitors who are parking in the slip road. Many of the residents are elderly and rely on either their own car or that of carers to access local facilities. Allowing parking with two wheels up on the hardened verge will leave sufficient room for other cars to pass without mounting the footway. It will also remove the risk of damage to the footway caused by vehicles driving on it.

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

**1. MERSTHAM CRICKET CLUB – ADDITIONAL CHANGING ROOMS AND REFURBISHMENT OF EXISTING CLUBHOUSE TO INCLUDE DISABLED TOILETS**

**Proposed by** Dr Zully Grant-Duff**Amount Proposed** £10,000**Summary of Proposal**

Merstham Cricket Club is undertaking a project to add three new changing rooms to its existing clubhouse. The existing clubhouse will be refurbished to include disabled toilets and officials' changing area. The club has expanded its junior section over the past six years, and now has over 200 junior members including girls and disabled people ranging from under eight to under 17. The existing changing and toilet arrangements do not allow for a safe environment with the male toilets and showers being co-located. New guidelines state that under 18s should not change in the same area as adults, and with several under 18s playing in the club's senior sides, the existing provision does not allow for this guideline to be met. The existing clubhouse has no provision for disabled toilets. The club is seeking £10,000 from the Local Committee to cover the cost of the toilets, including facilities for the disabled in the existing clubhouse building, plus the cost of rewiring.

3.6 The following allocations were agreed under delegated powers:

**1. DOWNLANDS COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT PROJECT –  
PURCHASE OF NEW CATTLE FOR CONSERVATION GRAZING**

**Member** Mrs Angela Fraser

**Amount Proposed** £1,000

**Summary of Proposal**

Funding was sought to purchase three new cattle to help with the project's conservation grazing programme. This will enable the Downlands Project to extensively graze more sites with cattle than at present by expanding their stock levels, and by replacing the three cattle which have reached the age at which they are sold on. The project grazes sites across North East Surrey and South London, including key Sites of Special Scientific Interest in the Reigate and Banstead area.

**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 total budget available to spend in 2010/11 is £112,900.54 (consisting of £74,250 delegated revenue budget for 2010/11, £32,445.54 uncommitted funds carried forward from 2009/10 and £6,205 returned funding). The proposed allocations plus delegated decision item total £27,598.07. If these are all agreed the remaining balance will be £85,302.47.

**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 **19 November 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