



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)

LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING

6 DECEMBER 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).

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 **£25,466.87**.
- (ii) Consider the items submitted for funding from 2010/11 Local Committee capital budget totalling **£14,800.22**.

1 INTRODUCTION

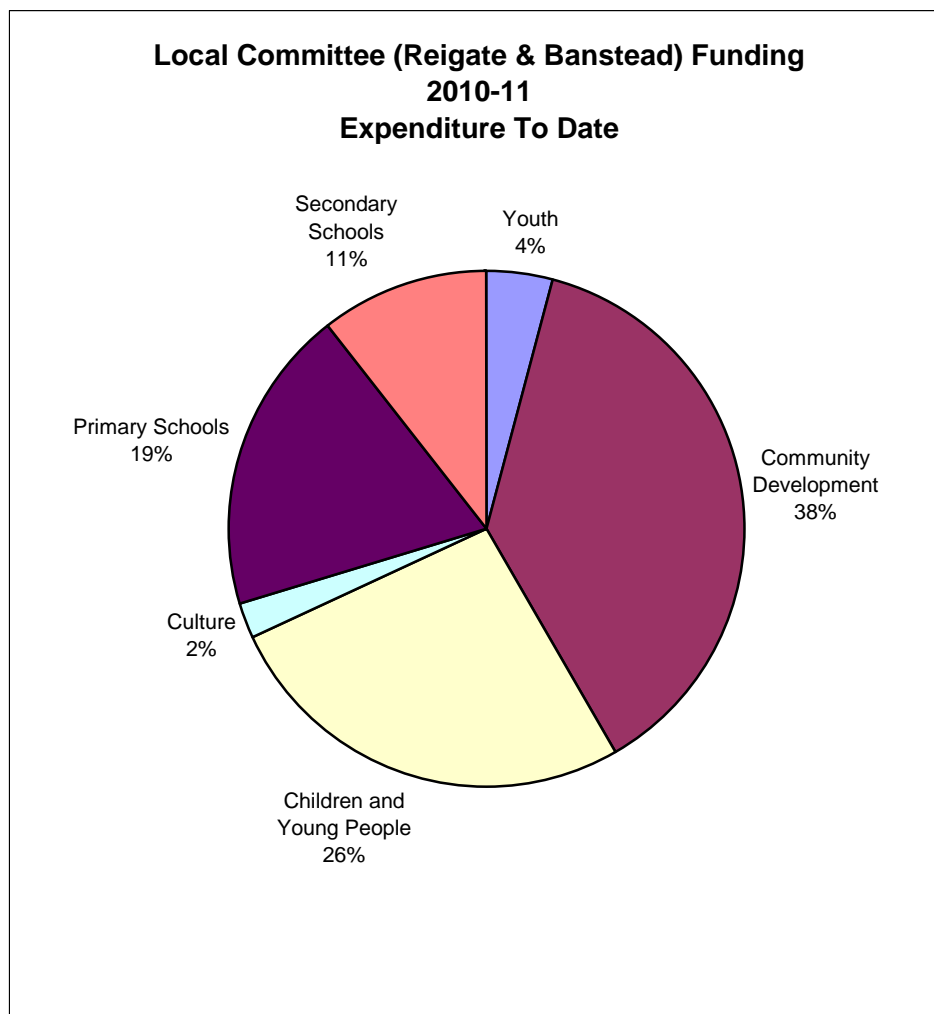
- 1.1 Surrey County Council's Local Committees have been delegated power to take decisions in response to local needs within the County Council's power of well-being, up to a maximum sum per County Council member of the Committee. In addition the County Council have also delegated a capital sum to Local 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. The Committee also has £8,955 in returned funding from organisations who received funding in previous years to spend.
- 3.3 At present, the Local Committee has allocated a total of **£22,898.04** revenue funding, as detailed below:



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

1. WALKING FOR HEALTH IN REIGATE AND BANSTEAD

Member Mr Michael Gosling
Amount Proposed £900

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to contribute to the cost of encouraging people to join a free walking programme offering health walks of between 1.5 and 4.5 miles and to promote the current recommendation of 5x30 minutes of physical activity per week. The aims are: to increase participation in existing pram walks through increased advertising and publicity and by working in partnership with Sure Start Centres and Surrey Wildlife Trust; to specifically target people with mental health problems and post-natal depression, and to specifically target the above group of people who reside in "hard to reach" areas of deprivation, e.g. Merstham and Preston Estate. The total cost of the project is £3,000, with the remainder of the funding coming from a Surrey Community Foundation Grant and previous Local Committee funding.

2. WALTON STREET, WALTON ON THE HILL – FOOTWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Member **Mr Michael Gosling**
Amount Proposed **£5,400**

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to contribute to the cost of footway works outside Walton on the Hill Primary School. As part of improvements to the frontage of Walton on the Hill Primary School, the boundary wall to the school was set back which resulted in a wider footway area being provided. The new and existing areas of footway were resurfaced and bollards were provided to deter vehicles from mounting the footway and ensure that pedestrians are able to keep a safe distance back from the kerb edge. This work was completed in October 2010. The total cost of the scheme is £122,000 with the rest of the cost met from sources identified by Walton on the Hill Primary School.

3. WATERHOUSE LANE, KINGSWOOD – VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS

Member **Mr Michael Gosling**
Amount Proposed **£971.89**

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought towards the cost of providing two Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) in Waterhouse Lane, Kingswood, displaying the 30mph speed roundel and the message "Slow Down". Some vehicles are currently approaching the shopping parade to the west and the series of bends at the start of the residential area to the east at speeds in excess of the 30mph speed limit. The VAS will help to ensure drivers are aware of the speed limit, reduce their speeds and stay within the speed limit. This will benefit pedestrians walking to and using the shopping parade and Kingswood Station; residents living in Waterhouse Lane, in particular those who have problems safely accessing their properties. The total cost of the scheme is approximately £7,000 plus the cost of electrical connections. The remainder of the funding will come from Kingswood Residents Association and Section 106 contribution from Reigate and Banstead Borough Council as a result of the development of the former BBC site at Kingswood Warren.

4. REPLACEMENT OF THE SCOUT AND GUIDE HALL, WALTON ON THE HILL

Member **Mr Michael Gosling**
Amount Proposed **£2,500**

Summary of Proposal

The Walton-on-the-Hill Scouts and Guides Supporters Association wish to upgrade the facilities of the Scout and Guide Hall to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for the youth of the village. The project is the replacement of the Scout and Guide Hall in Walton-on-the-Hill. The Scouts and Girl Guides have raised £63,000 towards the £150,000

rebuilding costs and are therefore looking to raise a further £87,000. The new hall will be compliant with the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act 2005, enabling young people with disabilities to use the facility, and meet a continuing need for youth facilities in the village.

5. MANORFIELD SCHOOL – COMMUNITY COPSE

Member **Mrs Kay Hammond**
Amount Proposed **£2,000**

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to contribute to the cost of planting around a dozen relatively mature trees of a variety of types, with seating and bark around the base of some of them. This will enhance the school's status as an eco-school and support its connecting classrooms project with schools in Africa. It will also provide shade for the children in the summer months and create an additional environmental area in which the children could compare the leaf shape, bark, seeds/berries and methods of dispersal etc of the trees as well as observing the animal life that the trees support. The total cost of the project is £2,750, with the remainder of the funding secured by the school and donations from Homebase and Gatwick Greenspace.

6. HORLEY CRUSADERS – REFURBISHMENT OF PORTACABIN AT LEE STREET, HORLEY

Member **Mrs Kay Hammond**
Amount Proposed **£3,000**

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to contribute to the cost of refurbishing the existing portacabin located in church grounds which requires extensive structural repairs and redecoration to reinstate it for use by Crusaders. The works include reconstruction of the timber floor, replacement of windows, and fitting a new entrance door and frame. On completion of the structural works, interior re-decoration will be carried out by members of the Crusaders Group, which draws from young people aged 9-16 from all areas of Horley. The total cost of the project is £3,605, with the remainder coming from Horley Crusaders funds, Lee Street Church and Borough Councillor funds.

7. ST LUKE'S CHURCH COMMUNITY PROJECT - REVENUE

Member **Mrs Frances King**
Amount Proposed **£2,413**

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to pay for the purchase and installation of a hearing loop, improved PA console, and foldable tables and chairs for older and younger children as part of the church's project to refurbish and upgrade the building to make it suitable for wider community use. The total cost of the project is £30,000, with the remainder of the funding coming from church funds and internal fundraising. A separate application has been

made to this Committee for capital items (please see paragraph 3.5 below).

8. SURREY COALITION OF DISABLED PEOPLE IN ASSOCIATION WITH REIGATE AND BANSTEAD DISABILITY ACTION - THE HUB, REDHILL

Member **Mr Peter Lambell**

Amount Proposed **£2,500**

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought towards the cost of purchasing accessible and adjustable office furniture for use by volunteers and towards IT equipment for The Hub, Redhill. This will be opening in the High Street as an equipment shop selling aids and equipment to assist with independent living for disabled people, and will also provide an information, advice and support service for disabled people and carers in Redhill, Reigate, Horley and Merstham. The Hub will offer volunteering opportunities to disabled people to work as information officers and will act as a focal point for disabled people locally. As a User Led Organisation (ULO), the project has received funding from the Department for Work and Pensions via the Right to Control Project which is supported by Surrey County Council.

9. COMMUNITY PLAY IN A DAY AND GALA PERFORMANCE AT THE HARLEQUIN THEATRE – ORBIT SHED

Member **Mr Peter Lambell**

Amount Proposed **£3,000**

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to contribute to the cost of Orbit Shed putting together a gala performance to showcase local talent and community performing arts work. Orbit Shed will prepare a short performance in their weekly workshops to present at the gala, and will invite other local performing arts groups to do the same. They will bring together children from across the local area to devise a “play in a day” to present during the gala performance. Orbit Shed is a local performing arts group offering opportunities for children aged 7 to 17 of all abilities and backgrounds, including those with physical and learning disabilities and with financial challenges, to take part in the performing arts through inclusive workshops and performances. They aim to engage young people from across the local area in performing arts activities to increase inclusion and face to face social interaction, and to have fun while achieving something positive and constructive together. The total cost of the project is £7,560, with the remainder of the funding being met through member subscriptions and funding opportunities/grants from other organisations.

10. TRAINING EQUIPMENT FOR HORLEY ARMY CADETS**Member** Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin**Amount Proposed** £901.98**Summary of Proposal**

Funding is sought for the provision of training equipment which requires updating. The funding will cover the costs of the equipment and delivery, and addresses the need for training to be carried out locally following national training budget cuts.

11. INSTALLATION OF MARKER POSTS, BALCOMBE GARDENS, HORLEY – HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL**Member** Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin**Amount Proposed** £1,880**Summary of Proposal**

Funding is sought for the provision of 35 verge marker posts for the verges on both sides of Balcombe Gardens from the junction with Balcombe Road to 8 Balcombe Gardens. This will benefit those requiring safe access in and out of Balcombe Gardens at a difficult junction onto Balcombe Road, and ensure that the verges do not require constant attention due to damage. Discussion has taken place with residents and Horley Town Council, and the funding will cover the total cost of the project, which includes purchasing and installing the markers, reinstating the verge where required, waste removal and VAT.

3.5 The following are new funding proposals from Local Committee **capital** funding:

1. THE MERSTHAM CENTRE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – AGE CONCERN MERSTHAM, REDHILL AND REIGATE**Proposed by** Mrs Angela Fraser**Amount Proposed** £9,800.22**Summary of Proposal**

Funding is sought to fund the Merstham Centre's improvement project. This consists of three parts: building a partition in the hall to provide a separate room for those learning IT, allowing greater privacy and confidentiality to those requiring information and advice; building a porch over the front entrance to allow members using the minibus to be kept dry in inclement weather and affixing handrails to assist those with mobility problems, and placing a strong secure storage shed for the equipment used by volunteer gardeners and centre gardener, relieving space in the centre storage area. The total cost of the works is requested.

2. ST LUKE'S CHURCH COMMUNITY PROJECT - CAPITAL

Proposed by Mrs Frances King

Amount Proposed £5,000

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to contribute towards the capital works forming part of the church's community project. This consists of external lighting on the path to the main entrance, a ramp to the main entrance to provide level access, accessible toilet facilities and a baby-changing unit. The total cost of these capital works is £9,220, with the remainder coming from church funds and internal fundraising.

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 revenue budget for 2010/11 consists of £74,250 delegated revenue budget, £32,445.54 uncommitted funds carried forward from 2009/10 and £8,955 returned funding, giving a total budget of £115,650.54. The Committee has already allocated £22,898.04. The proposed allocations total £25,466.87. If these are all agreed the remaining balance will be £67,285.63.
- 6.2 The Local Committee capital budget for 2010/11 is £30,000. The Committee has already allocated £10,000. The proposed allocations total £14,800.22. If these are agreed, the remaining balance will be £5,199.78.

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 **11 February 2011**.

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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