



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)

LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING

28 FEBRUARY 2011

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 **£30,682.92**.
- (ii) Consider the items submitted for funding from 2010/11 Local Committee capital budget totalling **£4,200**.
- (iii) Note the items submitted for funding from 2010/11 Local Committee delegated revenue budget totalling **£7,492.38** 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

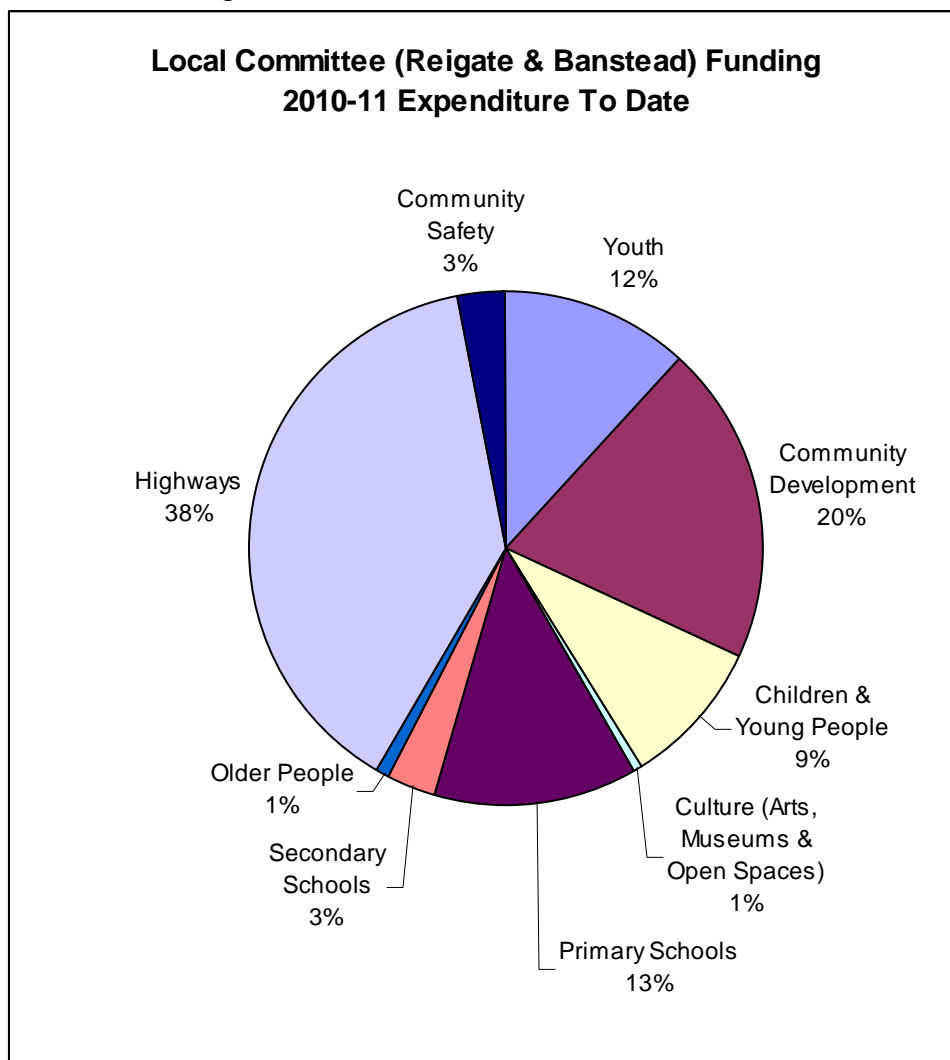
- 2.1 To give Local Committees maximum flexibility, the key underlying principle is that Local Committees are at liberty to spend on locally determined purposes that meet local social, economic or environmental well-being.
- 2.2 The Local Committee has previously resolved that priorities for spending 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.
- 2.4 On 23 December 2010, the Leader agreed an amendment to the Scheme of Delegation in respect of Executive functions to enable Area Directors to approve the purchase of grit bins from Members' Allocations, in accordance with a request from a Local Member.

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 had a total revenue budget of £74,250 to allocate in 2010/11, plus £34,066.08 uncommitted revenue funding carried forward from 2009/10. The Committee also had £2,750 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 **£64,312.29** revenue funding, as detailed below:



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

1. ROWAN CLOSE/STAR LANE FOOTPATH, HOOLEY – LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS

Member Mrs Angela Fraser

Amount Proposed £3,902.34

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought for the installation of two new lighting columns on the footpath between Rowan Close and Star Lane in Hooley. The cost includes all connection and reinstatement works. This will improve visibility and security for all users of the footpath and addresses concerns raised by local residents.

2. SECURE MINIBUS PARKING – AGE CONCERN MERSTHAM, REDHILL AND REIGATE

Member Dr Zully Grant-Duff
Amount Proposed £5,592.02

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to contribute to the cost providing secure minibus parking at Age Concern's Merstham Day Centre by installing wooden fencing and lockable gates. As well as providing a secure parking area, the works will also have the benefit of improving the environment around the small garden for centre users, providing a private and secure garden area. The fence panels and gates will have anti-climb strips fitted to prevent vandalism. The total cost of the project is £5,720.31, with the organisation seeking alternative funding sources to make up the remainder.

3. REIGATE AND REDHILL LIVE AT HOME SCHEME

Member Mr Peter Lambell
Amount Proposed £2,000

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to run 12 monthly workshops for older people regarding services available to them in the local community. The costs include hall hire, refreshments, expenses for staff and publicity.

4. REIGATE PRIORY COMMUNITY JUNIOR SCHOOL – SHADE FOR SCHOOL PUPILS

Member Mr Peter Lambell
Amount Proposed £2,500

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to contribute towards the installation of a 5m x 5m structure to provide a shade area on the grass section of the playground, which is required following the removal of trees during the refurbishment of Priory Park and will benefit pupils and staff at the school. The total cost of the project is between £5,200 and £7,820 depending on whether the structure is made of wood or metal, and the final choice lies with the School Governors. The remainder of the funding will be met through devolved formula capital and by the PTA.

5. FACE 2 FACE – PARENTS SUPPORTING PARENTS – WEEKLY COFFEE MORNINGS

Member Mr Peter Lambell
Amount Proposed £500

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to contribute to the cost of providing a weekly drop-in coffee morning for parents and carers of children with disabilities/special needs to complement our 1:1 befriending service. The organisation offers a friendly, non-judgmental environment to people who can feel

isolated and excluded by 'mainstream' society, and offers comfort, empathy and information signposting. The sessions are held at Brooklands School's meeting room, with a monthly drop-in session at the YMCA in Redhill. The funding will pay for room hire and refreshments.

6. US IN A BUS PARTY FOR SERVICE USERS

Member **Mr Peter Lambell**

Amount Proposed **£500**

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to contribute to the cost of holding a party to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the Us In A Bus project. The organisation has been working with people with profound disabilities for 21 years, and they aim to celebrate this with a party for approximately 40 service users. This has five aims: to give service users the opportunity to celebrate in their local community and have an enjoyable leisure experience that they can fully participate in, through using specially developed communication techniques designed for people with profound learning disabilities; to give the support staff and carers attending the event the opportunity to gain a hands on experience of Intensive Interaction as a communication technique; to provide training materials for families and carers attending that will broaden their understanding of Intensive Interaction; to raise the profile of Intensive Interaction as a way of enabling social interaction for people with profound learning disabilities; to highlight some of the challenges and opportunities facing those with profound learning disabilities through local and regional media. The total cost of the project is £1,550, with the remainder being met through funds raised from a sponsored event held in October 2010, through grants and trusts, and through fundraising by Friends of Us In A Bus events.

7. SCHOOL HILL, MERSTHAM – ILLUMINATED SIGN

Member **Dr Zully Grant-Duff**

Amount Proposed **£3,200**

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to pay for an illuminated "zebra crossing ahead" sign and distance plate on a new post in School Hill, Merstham. The sign will provide advance warning of the zebra crossing to drivers approaching from the north, and will particularly benefit residents of South Merstham walking to and from Merstham Village and Merstham Primary School.

8. MERLAND RISE, EPSOM DOWNS – REMEDIAL WORKS

Member Mr Nick Harrison

Amount Proposed £8,000

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to fund a kerb build-out with priority give-way working and a pedestrian crossing point was constructed in Merland Rise near Epsom Downs Primary School in March 2010 as part of Reigate and Banstead's five-year Integrated Transport Scheme programme. A stage 3 (post construction) Road Safety Audit of the scheme has been carried out and a number of safety issues have been identified. Remedial works have been agreed which include moving the give-way line closer to the kerb build-out, extending the anti-skid surfacing and improvements to the bollards, signs and road markings.

9. YATTENDON SCHOOL HORLEY - EQUIPMENT

Member Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin

Amount Proposed £2,000

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought for the provision of equipment to develop skills in woodwork, metalwork, cookery and pottery/ceramics. This will facilitate the teaching of practical, non-academic skills, benefiting staff and pupils at the school. Consultation has taken place with the Headteacher and Deputy Head.

10. THE REDHILL CORPS OF DRUMS AND BAND

Member Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin

Amount Proposed £1,000

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought for the replacement of important items of equipment. The band is a charity and exists to teach music in a disciplined framework to young people in the borough of Reigate and Banstead. The band has represented the borough internationally, particularly in its twin towns. The band is affiliated to the Horley Branch of the Royal British Legion. This funding will benefit young people throughout the borough and those they entertain. Consultation has taken place with the bandmaster and the band's committee members.

11. LIVE AT HOME SCHEME – HORLEY BRANCH

Member Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin

Amount Proposed £1,400

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to support the continuance of the existing Live at Home scheme, which provides support and fellowship for elderly residents in the Horley area who live in their own homes. The scheme offers a number of services to local elderly people, including a monthly coffee morning, shopping trips, weekly day centres, days out, an annual

holiday and befriending services. The scheme relies on the services of volunteers, and undertakes various fundraising activities.

12. CONTACT THE ELDERLY

Member Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin

Amount Proposed £88.56

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought for to contribute towards the cost of providing outings for elderly residents in Horley and the south of the borough. This helps to address the isolation of some elderly people by providing fellowship. Consultation has taken place with the group co-ordinator.

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

1. "RAISE THE ROOF" – 2ND REIGATE SCOUTS

Proposed by Mrs Frances King

Amount Proposed £2,200

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to contribute to the cost of repairing the roof of the Earlswood Scout Hut to enable the continued successful running of the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Groups there. The Earlswood Scout Hut offers a place for local groups to meet and is very popular. All the groups using the hut have waiting list. The Scout Movement engages young people and their parents in the local community and helps to teach them about the importance of their local environment and the people in it. The total cost of the project is £3,000, with the remainder being met by an £800 allocation from Mrs King's revenue fund (see below).

2. SOVEREIGN CENTRE – REDECORATION AND LIGHTING

Proposed by Mrs Frances King

Amount Proposed £2,000

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to contribute towards the redecoration and lighting within the Sovereign Centre to create a bright, modern and welcoming environment for the local community to enjoy. The centre will provide local young people with somewhere to go and something to do with their time. This will reduce the likelihood of anti-social or risk-taking behaviour by young people in the local community. The centre will be a modern and fully accessible building that can be used for youth clubs, training and volunteering for young people not earning, learning or working, sports sessions, activity sessions, after school and holiday programmes, and to host sporting and celebratory events. The total cost of the project is £1,020,491, with the remainder being met by grants from the Surrey County Council Aiming Higher for Disabled Children programme and from other local organisations.

3.6 The following allocations were agreed under delegated powers:

1. BANSTEAD VILLAGE MAY QUEEN EVENT

Member Mrs Angela Fraser

Amount Proposed £1,000

Summary of Proposal

Funding was sought to contribute to the cost of holding the annual Crowning of the Banstead May Queen event, which has been held for the last 26 years and has become a traditional part of Banstead Village life. The organising committee, which is made up of parents of local children, organises a parade involving the village's primary schools, youth groups, voluntary organisations, church groups and the Bentley Centre for disabled adults, as well as holding an old fashioned style fayre in the grounds of All Saints Church. Any profits made on the day are donated to a charity nominated by the May Queen. The cost of holding the event includes hall hire, insurance, printing, transport, entertainment, stall expenses, administration costs, costs on the day and committee member expenses. The remainder of the funding will be raised via programme sales and selling advertising space in the programme to local businesses.

2. A242 GATTON PARK ROAD/CROYDON ROAD, REIGATE - SIGNING

Member Dr Zully Grant-Duff

Amount Proposed £692.38

Summary of Proposal

A bid to fund advance warning signs in Gatton Park Road and Croydon Road was approved by the Local Committee in September 2010. The contractor has subsequently advised that traffic management will be required at one of the sign locations to protect their personnel working on the highway. This bid met the additional cost of the traffic management.

3. "RAISE THE ROOF" – 2ND REIGATE SCOUTS

Member Mrs Frances King

Amount Proposed £800

Summary of Proposal

Funding was sought to contribute to the cost of repairing the roof of the Earlswood Scout Hut to enable the continued successful running of the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Groups there. The Earlswood Scout Hut offers a place for local groups to meet and is very popular. All the groups using the hut have waiting list. The Scout Movement engages young people and their parents in the local community and helps to teach them about the importance of their local environment and the people in it. The total cost of the project is £3,000, with the

remainder being met by a bid for £2,200 from the Local Committee's capital fund (see above).

4. PROVISION OF SALT/GRIT BIN IN COPSLEIGH AVENUE, SALFORDS

Member Mrs Frances King
Amount Proposed £2,500

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought for the purchase, installation and maintenance and filling for ten years of a salt/grit bin in Copsleigh Avenue.

4. PROVISION OF SALT/GRIT BIN IN CLARENCE WAY, LANGSHOTT, HORLEY

Member Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin
Amount Proposed £2,500

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought for the purchase, installation and maintenance and filling for ten years of a salt/grit bin in Clarence Way.

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 proposed revenue allocations total £30,682.92. If these are all agreed the remaining balance will be £20,650.33.
- 6.2 The proposed capital allocations total £4,200. If these are agreed, the remaining balance will be £1,000.

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 **3 June 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