



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

### LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING

20 JUNE 2011

#### KEY ISSUE

To review the allocation of Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) delegated funding in 2010/11 and to consider the proposals contained within the report for funding from the 2011/12 budget.

#### SUMMARY

Surrey County Council Local Committees receive delegated funding to allocate on locally determined purposes that meet local social, economic or environmental wellbeing.

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).

For the financial year 2011/12 the County Council has delegated £75,690 revenue funding (£8,410 per County Councillor) and £35,000 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 2010/11 and consider any priority areas for 2011/12.
- (ii) Consider the items submitted for funding from 2011/12 Local Committee delegated revenue budget totalling **£3,100**.

- (iii) Consider the items submitted for funding from 2011/12 Local Committee capital budget totalling **£10,000**.
- (iv) Note the items submitted for funding from 2011/12 Local Committee delegated revenue budget totalling **£2,000** 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.

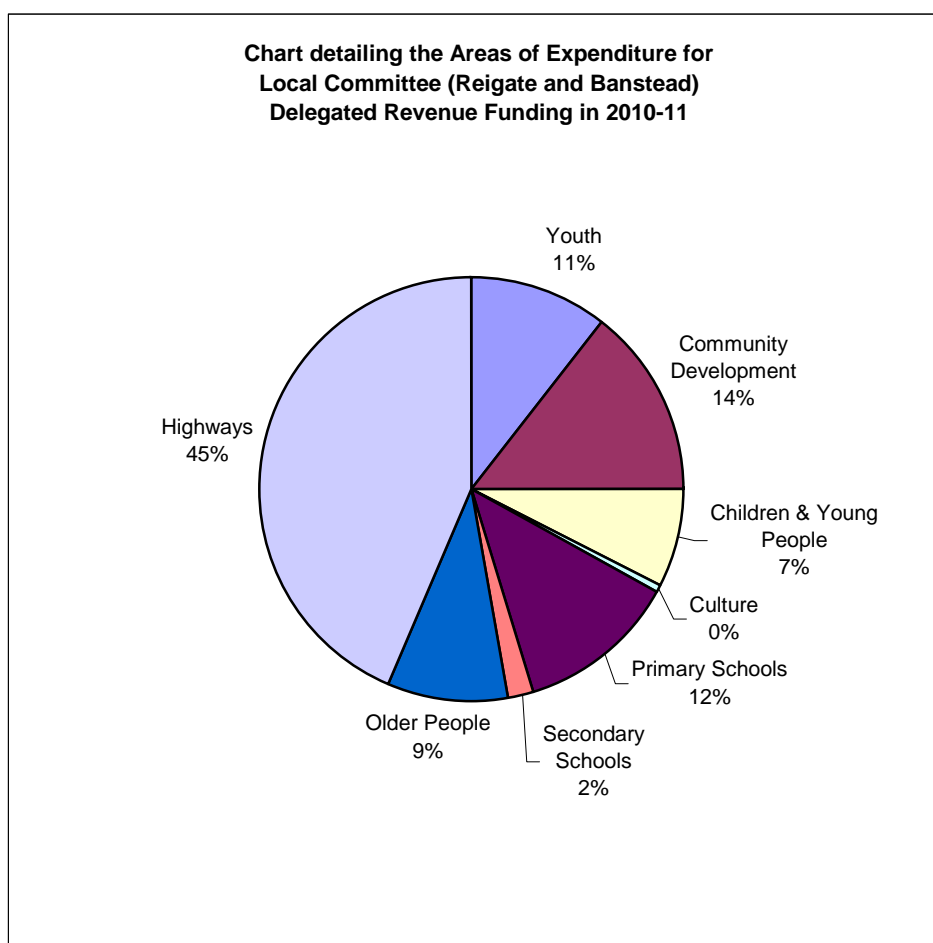
## 2 FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK FOR LOCAL COMMITTEES

- 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 wellbeing.
- 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.
- 2.5 Owing to structural changes in the Community Partnerships Team (formerly Local Partnerships Team), amendments to the Local Financial

Protocol will be brought to the 19 September 2011 meeting of the Local Committee.

### 3 SUMMARY OF LOCAL COMMITTEE DELEGATED BUDGETS 2010/11

- 3.1 The Local Committee allocated £74,078.11 of the revenue funding delegated to it in 2010/11 to a total of 52 individual projects across the Borough. Allocations ranged in size from £88.56 to support the work of Contact the Elderly in Horley, to £8,000 for verge hardening in Park Lane East, South Park. The Local Committee allocated all of its revenue funding for 2010/11, although £171.89 was returned unused. This money was transferred to the Leader's Big Society Fund.
- 3.2 In addition, the Local Committee allocated all of the capital funding delegated to it in 2010/11 to six individual projects, including £2,000 towards the redecoration of the Sovereign Youth Centre in Woodhatch, and £5,000 towards the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reigate Scouts Raise the Roof Campaign.
- 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 2010/11:



#### 4 LOCAL COMMITTEE DELEGATED BUDGETS 2011/12

- 4.1 The County Council has approved delegated funding to Local Committees of £8,410 revenue funding per County Council member and £35,000 capital for voluntary organisations per Committee.
- 4.2 An additional £5,000 was returned to the fund unused by a project which received funding in 2009/10.
- 4.3 The following are new funding proposals from Local Committee **revenue** funding:

##### 1. LIVE AT HOME SCHEME – HORLEY BRANCH

**Member** Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin  
**Amount Proposed** £600

##### **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.

##### 2. ORBIT SHED

**Member** Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin  
**Amount Proposed** £1,500

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

Funding is sought to support the work of "Our Reigate and Banstead Inclusive Theatre" (ORBIT). This provides inclusive theatre work, training and performances for young people with and without disabilities and learning difficulties, and covers the entire borough. Consultation has taken place with the Chairman of Trustees and the Local Member has attended ORBIT Shed performances.

##### 3. 2011 ENVIRONMENT CAMPAIGN

**Member** Mrs Kay Hammond and Dorothy Ross-Tomlin  
**Amount Proposed** £1,000 (£500 each)

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

Funding is sought to support the 2011 Environment Campaign in Reigate and Banstead, based on the successful 2010 Horley Environment Week run by Horley Town Council. Activities will include organising an Eco Art Competition with all Infant and Primary Schools in the borough, with up to 42 taking part; producing an Eco Art calendar using the best 12 pieces of artwork; taking the art to the people, with 5

day exhibitions in vacant shops and several community centres during the run up to Christmas; running an energy and resource reduction community engagement campaign based on pledge sheets (or online equivalents) submitted by shoppers, churchgoers, pupils' parents and members of the public, combined with a community engagement campaign persuading shoppers to change from free plastic bags to more permanent shopping bags. Community engagement will be delivered by borough councillors and other volunteer community groups.

#### **4. GRIT/SALT SPREADER**

**Member** **Mrs Angela Fraser and Dr Zully Grant-Duff**

**Amount Proposed** **£1,000 (£500 each)**

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

Funding is sought to contribute towards the cost of purchasing a grit/salt spreader for use by a local farmer to clear roads of snow. The spreader fits on to the equipment used to clear snow, and will be used to cover the Merstham and Chipstead areas of Reigate and Banstead, plus the Chaldon and Caterham on the Hill areas of Tandridge. The total cost of the equipment is £4,000, with the remainder being met by the Tandridge Local Committee and the Chaldon and Caterham on the Hill Parish Councils.

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

##### **1. ST MARK'S CHURCH CENTRE, REIGATE**

**Proposed by** **Dr Zully Grant-Duff**

**Amount Proposed** **£10,000**

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

Funding is sought to contribute to the cost of refurbishment of the ladies', men's and disabled lavatories, heating system in the small hall, foyer and toilet block and complete decoration. This will address the needs of thousands of people who use the Centre for many community activities and a variety of organisations. The total cost of the project is £52,135, with the rest of the money coming from donations and fundraising. The parish has made a pledge to cover all, or as much as possible of the cost.

4.5 The following allocations were agreed under delegated powers:

##### **1. HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 2011 – BROCHURE PRINTING**

**Member** **Mr Peter Lambell**

**Amount Proposed** **£1,000**

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

Funding was sought to contribute to the cost of producing copy and photographs by The Reigate Society of the venues taking part in Reigate

and Banstead Borough Council's Heritage Open Days will be collected, collated, produced and printed as an A5 full colour 16 page brochure for distribution around the Borough and the venues taking part.

## **2. EARLSWOOD YOUTH FORUM**

**Member** Mrs Frances King  
**Amount Proposed** £1,000

### **Summary of Proposal**

The Earlswood Youth Forum was set up in 2008 by residents, police, councillors and local young people when a lack of low cost youth provision was identified in the area. It opens every Wednesday during term time for young people aged 11 to 17. Funding was sought to support the Earlswood Youth Forum project by providing financial support to invest in its long-term future and strategy, helping it achieve the goal of becoming self-sufficient. The funding will enable the purchase of activity materials, promotional materials and running costs, the rental of the venue (Brambletye Junior School) and trips such as ice-skating and museums. Additional funding has come from fund raising events by its members and volunteers, entry fees, profits from the tuck shop and a successful bid to the High Sheriff's Award Scheme.

## **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 Community Partnerships Team, depending on the project. Further details are available on request.

## **7 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 The proposed revenue allocations total £3,100. If these are all agreed the remaining balance will be £73,590.
- 7.2 The proposed capital allocation totals £10,000. If this is agreed, the remaining balance will be £25,000.

## **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 Community 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 Community Partnerships Team no later than **2 September 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

