



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)

LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING

19 SEPTEMBER 2011

KEY ISSUE

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 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) Consider the items submitted for funding from 2011/12 Local Committee delegated revenue budget totalling **£8,360**.
- (ii) Note the items submitted for funding from 2011/12 Local Committee delegated revenue budget totalling **£1,482.64** agreed under delegated powers in accordance with the Local Financial Protocol.

1 INTRODUCTION

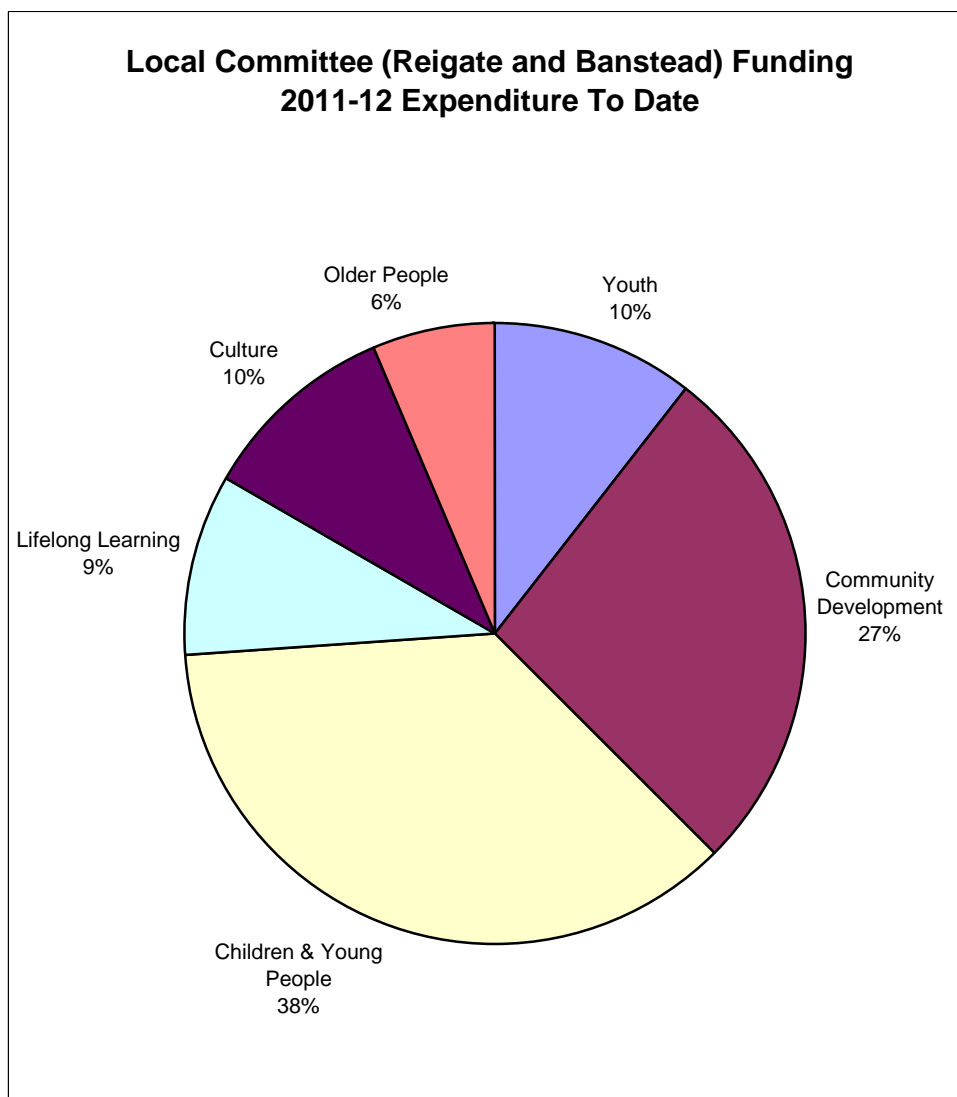
- 1.1 Surrey County Council's Local Committees have been delegated power to take decisions in response to local needs within the County Council's power of well-being, up to a maximum sum per County Council member of the Committee. In addition the County Council have also delegated a capital sum to Local 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 On 17 August 2011, the Leader agreed amendments to the Scheme of Delegation reflecting the reorganisation of the Community Partnerships Team (formerly Local Partnerships Team). The delegated powers which previously rested with the Area Directors now reside with the Community Partnerships Team Manager and Community Partnerships Team Leaders.

3 LOCAL COMMITTEE DELEGATED BUDGETS 2011/12

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 At present, the Local Committee has allocated a total of **£9,582.64** revenue funding, as detailed below:



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

1. EAST SURREY CARERS' TRIP TO BRIGHTON

Member **Mr Peter Lambell**

Amount Proposed **£1,500**

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to provide coach travel and lunch in Brighton for a group of 60 people who are carers for family members, enabling them to have a much-needed day out to enjoy themselves and socialise with other carers.

2. REDHILL YOUTH CAFÉ @ DANNY'S

Member **Dr Lynne Hack**

Amount Proposed **£1,560**

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to contribute to the cost of running the Redhill Youth Café at Danny's Café. The project is a partnership between Surrey County Council's Youth Development Service and Danny's Café, a local business, and is open every Friday between 4pm and 7pm for young people of secondary school age. It provides a safe place for young people to meet, buy affordable food and receive support from youth workers. The majority of the young people attend the Warwick School, with numbers from St Bede's School growing steadily. The average attendance is 60 per night but there are 400 young people who regularly attend. The funding will enable young people to receive affordable food at the café, with each young person being subsidised by £2.00. The rest of the costs will be met by the core staff funding from each of the organisations. The project will be running from 12 September to 16 December 2011 and is due to come to an end at this point owing to changes brought about by the Youth Transformation Project.

3. COMPLETION OF REBUILD OF WALTON ON THE HILL SCOUT AND GUIDE HQ

Member **Mr Michael Gosling**

Amount Proposed **£2,300**

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to contribute towards the cost of replacing the Walton on the Hill Scout and Guide HQ. The new building was erected on 30 September 2010 following fundraising, but this exhausted the funds. Further funds are required to complete electrical work, kitchen fitting and floor covering.

4. EMMANUEL CHURCH PATH, SIDLOW

Member **Mrs Kay Hammond**

Amount Proposed **£1,000**

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to contribute towards the cost of resurfacing the path and replacing a manhole cover and frame. This will enable level access to the church for both able-bodied and disabled people, and remove a potential trip hazard, benefiting the church congregation and all who attend and visit the church, parish councillors and members of the public attending meetings of the Salfords and Sidlow Parish Council, and members of Sidlow Bridge Women's Institute.

5. TADWORTH WOODLAND PARK PROJECT

Member **Mr Michael Gosling**

Amount Proposed **£2,000**

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to contribute towards the cost of providing a path through the Tadworth Woodland Park. Over the last year, local volunteers, including Cubs and Scouts, have been clearing an overgrown woodland area to develop a local woodland park. The site has been made secure with fencing, and now requires a path with a high specification surface to enable members of the community, including those using wheelchairs, such as children from Tadworth Court, to get around the site.

3.4 The following allocations were agreed under delegated powers:

1. BURGH HEATH FUNDAY AND PICNIC TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

Member **Mr Michael Gosling**

Amount Proposed **£100**

Summary of Proposal

The Burgh Heath Residents' Association are planning to hold a funday and picnic on 3 June 2012 to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. This will involve hiring a marquee and chairs, a band, bouncy castles and providing refreshments and activities. The event will promote community cohesion across all age groups. The Residents' Association sought funding to provide refreshments and activities for older residents attending the funday.

2. EAST SURREY COLLEGE HIGHER EDUCATION PRIZE FUND

Member Dr Lynne Hack

Amount Proposed £900

Summary of Proposal

Funding was sought to establish a sustainable prize to recognise achievement by students studying for the vocationally focused Higher Education qualifications at East Surrey College. The funding will provide an initial injection of cash to establish the fund, which can be used as a lever to attract further funding from local businesses and other organisations. It will also support the local economy by attracting local people to study high quality, high value vocational HE courses at East Surrey College, through public recognition of achievement.

3. BANSTEAD HISTORY CENTRE – ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Member Mrs Angela Fraser

Amount Proposed £482.64

Summary of Proposal

Funding was sought to purchase recording equipment to enable the Banstead History Centre to interview local residents to record their personal memories of Banstead's history. The project will enable Banstead History Centre to record, document and preserve information that would otherwise go unrecorded and lost to their knowledge base. The recordings and transcripts would be made available to those researching local history.

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 Community 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 £8,360. If these are all agreed the remaining balance will be £62,747.36.
- 6.2 There were no proposed capital allocations. The current balance is £25,000.

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 Community 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 Community Partnerships Team no later than **18 November 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

