



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)

LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING

5 DECEMBER 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 **£1,500**.
- (ii) Consider the items submitted for funding from 2011/12 Local Committee capital budget totalling **£25,000**.
- (iii) Note the items submitted for funding from 2011/12 Local Committee delegated revenue budget totalling **£4,990** that has already been 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 wellbeing, 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 that previously rested with the Area Directors now reside with the Community Partnership Team Manager and Community Partnership Team Leaders.
- 2.6 On 13 December 2011, an amendment to the Scheme of Delegation will be formally reported to the meeting of the County Council regarding the

following changes to the Community Pride Fund. These amendments have already come into effect.

- Authority will be delegated to individual members to approve projects within their division to be funded by the Community Pride Fund.
- Where members wish to combine their allocation to be spent in one or more divisions, authority will be delegated to the Area Highway Manager in consultation with the relevant divisional members.
- All projects funded will be reported to the relevant Local Committee.

The amendment his amendment to the Scheme of Delegation will be reported formally to the meeting of the County Council on 13 December 2011, but is effective immediately.

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

1. PUBWATCH PING PONG

Member **Mrs Kay Hammond**
Amount Proposed **£1,500**

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought for the installation of six concrete table tennis tables in the Horley and District Pubwatch area. Pubwatch is a crime prevention scheme, organised and run by licensees within the community. The aim is to promote a safe, secure environment in all licensed premises to help reduce alcohol-related crime. The tables will afford recreational activity for people of all ages (families, children and teenagers), year-round and thus help with increasing their general levels of fitness. The total cost of the project is £18,750. Funding is also being sought from Pubwatch members, pub owners and suppliers who have, to date, already pledged £3,000 towards it.

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

1. BANSTEAD DISTRICT GUIDE HEADQUARTERS

Member **Mr Nicholas Harrison**
Amount Proposed **£25,000**

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to contribute to the cost of a replacing the current pre-

fabricated structure with a new, permanent building for the Headquarters for the Banstead District Guides. The building will also serve as the home of Little Haven Nursery and will also be used for other youth-related activities in the area. The current building, whilst still serviceable, is in a state of collapse having shifted due to having exceeded its expected life by some 20 years. Planning permission for the building has already been granted. The cost of the building works for the project is estimated at £160,000 but the Guides have set a target to raise £200,000 to pay for other associated costs such as equipment, furniture and fittings. £50,000 has already been raised through various fund-raising activities and a further £50,000 is expected from a land swap with a local company. Banstead District Guides are seeking as much funding as is available and, if possible, is seeking £30,000.

The Committee is reminded that in 2010/11 it provided interim funding of £2,810 with an acknowledgement that the Guides would return for further funding in this financial year. The Committee is, however, also reminded that the total amount of its capital funding remaining for this financial year is £25,000.

- 3.4 The following allocations have already been agreed under delegated authority:

1. HOME-START VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Member **Mrs Angela Fraser**
Amount Proposed **£1,000**

Summary of Proposal

Funding was sought to train 8 new volunteers to offer friendship and support to families under stress who have at least one child under 5 years old. Home-Start Epsom, Ewell and Banstead seeks to give children in families facing particular difficulties the best possible start in life. The 8 volunteers will be parents themselves and will visit families at home on a weekly basis to offer practical help. Each volunteer will be given 40 hours of training on issues such as managing behavioural problems, child protection and health and safety in the home. The total cost of the project is £2,100 and a mixture of statutory funding, fundraising activities and reserves will meet the remaining costs.

2. PROVISION OF SALT-GRIT BIN, GREEN LANE, KINGSWOOD

Member **Mr Michael Gosling**
Amount Proposed **£1,000**

Summary of Proposal

Funding was sought to purchase, install, maintain and fill a salt grit bin for ten years. The project will help maintain safe highway surfaces in the event of severe winter weather. The total cost of the project is £1,000

and will be carried out by contractors on behalf of Surrey County Council.

3. LOWER KINGSWOOD DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Member **Mr Michael Gosling**
Amount Proposed **£150**

Summary of Proposal

Funding was sought as to aid in the provision of a community celebration event for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 to which over 1,200 households in the Lower Kingswood area would be invited. The total cost of the project was estimated as £1,500 and the Committee's funding requested would act as a start-up fund for the event's organising committee, with the remainder being raised through local fundraising activities and through sponsors.

4. LOWER KINGSWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Member **Mr Michael Gosling**
Amount Proposed **£610 (reallocation)**

Summary of Proposal

Funding was sought for the publication of a Residents' Association newsletter to keep over 1200 local households abreast of proposed changes to local roads by the County Council and to act as a means of consulting local residents. The total cost of the project is estimated at between £780 and £900. It will utilise the unspent funding that was previously awarded by the Local Committee to the Lower Kingswood Residents Association for the provision of a village notice board in 2007. The Committee is asked to note that, as this was a re-allocation of funding previously awarded, it does not therefore impact on the Committee's revenue budget for this financial year.

5. THE CHIPSTEAD OLYMPICS

Member **Mrs Angela Fraser**
Amount Proposed **£1,000**

Summary of Proposal

Funding to help with insurance, licences, booking fees and securing relevant permissions for a village Olympic event to coincide with the London Olympics in 2012 was sought. The event will provide family fun and entertainment for up to 2,000 people in Chipstead and the surrounding area on 8 July 2012. The total cost of the event is estimated at £10,000 with the rest of the funding being sought from programme and ticket sales and sponsorship from local businesses.

6. HOME START EASY SURREY

Member Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin

Amount Proposed £100

Summary of Proposal

Funding to provide four banners for Home Start East Surrey was sought. The banners would raise awareness of the charity and, in particular, help to promote its need for volunteers in the east of Surrey (Redhill, Reigate, Horley and Tandridge). The funding granted by the Committee would meet half of the total cost of the project with the remaining funding being secured from Surrey County Council's Local Committee in Tandridge.

7. DIAMOND JUBILEE FUN DAY

Member Mrs Kay Hammond

Amount Proposed £1,000

Summary of Proposal

Funding to assist in the organisation of a fun day for people of all age groups in Horley and its surrounding areas to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee was sought. The funding will help to cover the organisers' administrative costs and to develop publicity for the event.

8. BANSTEAD FESTIVE LIGHTS

Member Mrs Angela Fraser

Amount Proposed £740

Summary of Proposal

Funding was sought to help replace the Banstead Village Millenium Lights in the village High Street. The lights were considered to be helpful to the local economy and beneficial to up to 10,000 traders, residents and visitors to the area. The Banstead Village Residents Association would utilise the unspent funding (£260) from a previous award from the Local Committee in Reigate and Banstead for its notice board project in 2009. Thus, only £740 of the £1,000 requested from the Local Committee has been deducted from the Committee's total revenue allocation. The Association had already secured funding of approximately £5,000 from traders, and the Millenium 'Let There Be Light' fund and will approach other sources for the required funds to meet the estimated £10,000 costs.

- 3.5 The table below details the remaining **revenue** funding available to each Local Committee member for 2011/12 following approval of the above bids.

Councillor	Balance £
Mrs Fraser	4,687.36
Mr Gosling	2,860.00
Dr Grant-Duff	7,910.00
Dr Hack	5,950.00
Mrs Hammond	4,410.00
Mr Harrison	8,410.00
Mr King	5,410.00
Mr Lambell	10,910.00
Mrs Ross-Tomlin	5,710.00
Balance remaining	56,257.36

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 allocation totals £1,500. If this is agreed the remaining balance will be £56,997.
- 6.2 The proposed capital allocation total is £30,000. However, the balance remaining in the Committee's budget is £25,000. If Members agreed the funding bid in total, there would be a deficit of £5,000 in the Committee's budget that is not permissible.

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 wellbeing.

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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 **8 February 2012**.

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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