



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)

LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING

5 MARCH 2012

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 the 2011/12 Local Committee delegated revenue budget totalling **£29,730** detailed at paragraph 3.1
- (ii) Note the items submitted for funding from 2011/12 Local Committee delegated revenue budget totalling **£11,093** that have already been agreed under delegated powers, in accordance with the Local Financial Protocol, detailed at paragraph 3.2
- (iii) Note that the committee has fully spent its 2011/12 capital budget.

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Surrey County Council's Local Committees have power to award funding to local organisations in response to local needs, up to a maximum sum allocated to each County Council member of the Committee. In addition, the County Council has also delegated a capital sum to Local Committees. This funding is determined annually as part of the Council's budget process.

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.
- 2.3 At its meeting on 5 December 2011, 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 Community Partnerships Manager and Community Partnerships Team Leader (East Surrey) in consultation with members. Allocations approved through this process are detailed in Paragraph 3.3.
- 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 was reported to the County Council and brought the following changes to the Community Pride fund into effect.
- Authority was delegated to individual members to approve projects within their division to be funded by the Community Pride Fund.

- Where members wished to combine their allocation to be spent in one or more divisions, authority was delegated to the Area Highway Manager in consultation with the relevant divisional members.
- All projects funded were to be reported to the relevant Local Committee.

3 LOCAL COMMITTEE DELEGATED BUDGETS 2011/12

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

1. TADWORTH JUBILEE WOODLAND PARK

Member **Mr Michael Gosling**
Amount Proposed **£2109**

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought for wooden play equipment to develop a natural play environment in a new woodland park. The need for the project was identified through the Borough Council's Community Action Plan consultation. The park will be available to the whole community with local schools, the children's hospital, youth and play groups already visiting the site. Both older and younger people have volunteered to help create the park and will help to maintain it. It is estimated that around 500 local people will use the play area on a regular basis.

The total cost of the project is £7,000 with the remainder expected from a bid to another funder.

2. ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SCIENCE WORKSHOPS

Member **Dr Lynne Hack**
Amount Proposed **£2,000**

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought by SATRO for alternative energy science workshops for primary and secondary school students. 200 Year 9 students at the Warwick Secondary School in Redhill will get the chance to participate in a 'Discovering Renewable Energies Day' on 11 July 2012. A primary school 'Discovering Renewable Energies' day will be on 30 April 2012 working with around 60 Year 5 pupils at St Matthews Church of England Primary School and including other primary school in the areas.

The total cost of the project is £2,000 all of which is being sought from the local committee.

3. PRIMARY SCIENCE WORKSHOPS

Member Dr Lynne Hack

Amount Proposed £3,000

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought for a series of six primary science workshops for 9-11 year olds in four primary schools (St John's, St Joseph's, St. Matthews and Wray Common) in the Reigate and Banstead Borough, delivering a suite of tested and evaluated tailored modules to pupils with a focus on 'hard-to-reach' or challenged primary schools. Workshops are designed to engage pupils with each session involving volunteer scientists, engineers or technologists. The workshops will also empower teachers to deliver similar activities in the future by providing them with training, continuing professional development and access to SATRO's volunteers.

The total cost of the project is £3,000 all of which is being sought from the local committee.

4. DOWNLANDS PROJECT LAND ROVER

Member Mrs Angela Fraser

Amount Proposed £2,500

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought by the Downlands Countryside Management Project towards the cost of off road options (all Terrain ABS) and accessories for their Landrover which is principally used to deliver their conservation grazing programme. The Landrover has been funded by an anonymous donation and project funds. The accessories are needed for towing livestock and for safety reasons. All communities will benefit from the project, in particular walkers, conversation volunteers, school groups and local community groups.

The total cost of the project is £19,000 with the rest of the funding having been met through a private donation and the Old Surrey Downs Project.

5. REIGATE AND BANSTEAD WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

Member Mr Peter Lambell

Amount Proposed £2,000

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought by Hope2540@Salvation Army, Redhill to provide overnight accommodation for homeless men and women sleeping rough or of no fixed address in Reigate and Banstead during the months of December 2012, January & February 2013. Police and Probation services estimate that there are between 20 to 23 people sleeping rough or of no fixed address in the Borough. The total cost of the project is estimated at £28,560. The balance is being met through donations from supporting churches, the Surrey Mirror Winter Appeal and commercial partners.

6. WOODHATCH CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Member **Mrs Frances King**

Amount Proposed **£1,250**

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to help pay for the updating of the Christmas lights and the associated safety fixings in Sweethaven Parade, Dovers Green Road, Western Parade and Prices Lane. This will benefit local residents and visitors to the areas and support the creation of community spirit over the festive period. The traders of Woodhatch are raising the balance of the total cost of £2,500.

7. CHALLENGE SATURDAYS

Members **Mrs Angela Fraser/Mr Nick Harrison**

Amount Proposed **£1,300 (£650 each)**

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought by North Downs Confederation of Schools to provide extended learning opportunities to gifted and talented primary school children. This will include eight schools, involving five teachers, 4 teaching assistants and 48 primary children. All of the Schools will benefit from feed back from the project.

The total cost of the project is £1,300 all of which is being sought from the local committee.

8. US IN A BUS DATABASE PROJECT

Member **Mr Peter Lambell**

Amount Proposed **£1,300**

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought for the purchase, installation and development of database software that will hold both new and existing client details and enable the organisation to communicate and market services more effectively. Us in a Bus currently visits approximately 200 adult clients with profound learning disabilities in their own homes on a weekly basis and these visits are subsidised by the income that is generated through the organisation's delivery of training. The objective of the database project is to market their training courses more effectively in order to generate more income to help subsidise the sessions with clients.

The total cost of the project is £1,371 most of which is being sought from the local committee.

9. BANSTEAD WEST PLAYGROUNDS PROJECT

Member **Mr Nick Harrison**

Amount Proposed **£3,469**

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought by Reigate and Banstead Borough Council to contribute towards 1) a new children's playground in Beechholme Recreation Ground and 2) repairs and upgrade to the skateboard park in Nork Park/Tattenhams Recreation Ground. This will address the needs of young children, families and youths, as they are play spaces within public parks and open to all. The total cost of the project is £74,000, with the balance coming from section 106 planning contributions, Borough Councillors and Nork Residents Association.

10. SHAWLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL LIBRARY SOFTWARE

Member **Mr Nick Harrison**

Amount Proposed **£1,385**

Summary of Proposal

Funding is sought to purchase specialist library software for the ICT facility and library which are being refurbished and updated by the School. Vast improvements to the outdated library and software will benefit 290 pupils, parents and staff, as well as other children locally resident in the Banstead West and Banstead South divisions.

The school has already met the cost of the refurbishment of the library room (£33,249). The total cost of the software is £1,385 all of which is being sought from the local committee.

11. TATTENHAMS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Member **Mr Nick Harrison**

Amount Proposed **£1,500**

Summary of Proposal

The library is scheduled to become a community library in spring 2012 and will be staffed by volunteers. Funding is being sought to improve the IT; for publicity materials; and to improve the shelving to make the most of this community asset. Together, these will assist the volunteers in extending the opening hours and running other community activities in the space. The library has about 700 visitors each week.

The total cost of the project is £2,000 the remaining funds are being sought from the local Borough councillor.

12. ST PETER'S CHURCHYARD**Member** Mrs Angela Fraser**Amount Proposed** £500**Summary of Proposal**

Funding is sought for repairs and repainting of the flagpole in St Peter's Churchyard to enable the St George's and Union Flags to be flown for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. This will benefit the population of Woodmansterne as the churchyard is permanently open and raised flags are highly visible. The total cost of the repainting and repair is £500.

13. SANDCROSS SCHOOL OUTDOOR PROJECT**Member** Mrs Frances King**Amount Proposed** £1,000**Summary of Proposal**

Funding is sought towards the purchase of seating for an outdoor learning space for children and local residents. The learning space will have areas to explore and stretch children's imaginations; quiet areas to sit and enjoy the countryside; bird boxes; bee houses and beastie houses to encourage wildlife. Additional trees and planting will also aim to enhance the landscape for local residents. All children within the vicinity of the school will be able to benefit as well as children and adults using the school site and its facilities. The total cost of the project is £1,276.

14. OAKWOOD SCHOOL CITIZENSHIP AWARD**Member** Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin**Amount Proposed** £1,000**Summary of Proposal**

Funding to encourage 'good citizenship' initiatives that contribute to the creation of the Big Society in Oakwood is being sought. The funding will be used to encourage pupils to engage in activities that will benefit the school and its place in the wider community by incentivising them with modest rewards. The total cost of the project is £1,000.

15. ROYAL ALFRED SEAFARERS SOCIETY**Member** Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin**Amount Proposed** £2,130**Summary of Proposal**

Funding is sought to provide therapeutic support for elderly residents in a specialist care establishment through provision of a fish tank, stock and accessories. The 70 plus residents will benefit from the soothing and calming therapeutic effect that fish tanks have on dementia sufferers. The tank will form a division between the dining room and the activity area of the new Dementia Unit at Belvedere House.

The total cost of the project is £2,130 all of which is being sought from the local committee.

16. HOLISTIC HARMONY – SEEDS OF CHANGE

Member **Dr Zully Grant-Duff**

Amount Proposed **£2,000**

Summary of Proposal

An application for funding has been received to undertake initial engagement with the local community Working with Merstham Community Facility Trust (MCFT) and Raven Housing Trust, Holistic Harmony has opened a pop up fruit and vegetable shop that will also offer training to help people become work-ready. However, experience shows that some initial low level engagement is required by organisations to gain people's trust before they will consider taking up more formal offers of training. Family cooking and make do and mend sessions will be offered to equip people with skills for everyday life that will then increase their confidence to attend the more formal 'Aspirations for All' course addressing lifestyle, work choices, volunteering, further education and self/employment issues. Referrals from the probation service and Job Centre Plus will be accepted. The total cost of the project is £2,125 and the remainder will be met by Holistic Harmony.

17. CHIPSTEAD VILLAGE OLYMPICS 2012

Member **Mrs Angela Fraser**

Amount Proposed **£287.45**

Summary of Proposal

Funding is being sought to produce a programme of events in the Meads, Chipstead Village. The programme will also include fun entertainment such as a bungee rope and a children's arena in which local people will be able to participate. The net proceeds from the event will be awarded to MERU, a local children's disability charity.

18. EAST SURREY DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES

Member **Mr Nick Harrison**

Amount Proposed **£1,000**

Summary of Proposal

Funding is being sought to support the work of ESDAS in funding training and advice and providing counselling support for families in the north of the Borough. Counselling and support for families. In the last year ESDAS has worked with 736 families, of which 126 were in the Tattenhams/ Epsom Downs/Preston/Tadworth area and this work is particularly valued by the local member.

3.2 The following allocations have already been agreed under delegated authority:

1. SALT/GRIT BIN, HOME FARM CLOSE, EPSOM DOWNS

Member **Mr Nick Harrison**

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.

2. REIGATE METHODIST TODDLER GROUP

Member **Mr Peter Lambell**

Amount Proposed **£500**

Summary of Proposal

Funding was sought to provide play equipment and a safe environment for a Tuesday morning toddler group, benefiting those in the community who care for babies and toddlers. Other funds are to come from fundraising activities and weekly subscriptions.

3. DIAMOND JUBILEE FUN DAY IN HORLEY

Member **Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin**

Amount Proposed **£1,000**

Summary of Proposal

Funding was sought to organize a fun day for the people of Horley to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The celebration will take place in the Town Recreation Grounds. Funding was needed to cover administration and publicity costs for the event. Other funds are being raised through sponsorship.

4. KINGSWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Member **Mr Michael Gosling**

Amount Proposed **£180**

Summary of Proposal

Funding was sought for the hire of table and chairs for a Queen's Diamond Jubilee street party in the Kingswood Village. The street will be closed to accommodate the event and approximately 1,500 residents will be invited to the party.

5. WHITEBUSHES YOUTH CLUB

Member Mrs Frances King

Amount Proposed £1,000

Summary of Proposal

Funding was sought by the Safer Neighbourhood Team towards the establishment of a youth club in Whitebushes to benefit many of the young people on the estate. The youth club aims to reduce anti social behaviour and increase community spirit by offering young people a place to go to once a week. The young people will raise money and hold events that will encourage and teach them how to positively contribute to their local area.

6. YOUTH ENGAGEMENT SCHEME

Member Mrs Angela Fraser

Amount Proposed £250

Summary of Proposal

Funding was approved to provide six YES courses, each with up to 12 young people, in three locations (Walton, Farnham and Reigate). These courses are provided by a partnership between Surrey Youth Justice and the Surrey Fire and Rescue Service. £250 was required towards the total cost of £750 for new lightweight breathing apparatus. £500 was donated from the High Sheriff Youth Awards.

7. WATERHOUSE LANE, KINGSWOOD - VAS

Member Mr Michael Gosling

Amount Proposed £571

Summary of Proposal

Funding to provide two Vehicle Activated Signs displaying the 30mph speed roundel and message Slow Down was awarded. The VAS would help to ensure that drivers are aware of the speed limit, reduce their speeds and stay within the speed limit. This would benefit pedestrians walking to and using the shopping parade and Kingswood station and residents living in Waterhouse Lane, in particular those having problems accessing their properties.

8. REDHILL TOWN FC – DISABILITY PAN FOR ALL FOOTBALL

Member Mrs Frances King

Amount Proposed £1,000

Summary of Proposal

Funding was sought to provide weekly training and monthly tournaments for statemented and disabled pupils living in the Reigate and Banstead area as part of the Pan for all Disability League. This would give disadvantaged disabled children with complex learning difficulties an opportunity to access their local club and represent Redhill FC on a weekly basis.

9. SALT/GRIT BIN, MANOR ROAD, REIGATE**Member** Dr Zully Grant-Duff**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.

10. SALT/GRIT BIN FAIRFORD CLOSE, REIGATE**Member** Mr Nick Harrison**Amount Proposed** £1,000**Summary of Proposal**

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11. REIGATE AND REDHILL LIVE AT HOME, DAY TRIP**Member** Mr Peter Lambell**Amount Proposed** £600**Summary of Proposed**

Funding was sought for a day trip in June for 30 members of the Live at Home Scheme to go on a boat and have lunch. This will allow 30 older people a chance to go out and socialise with their own age group, who may not otherwise be able to afford the trip. Part of the costs would be met by the Live at Home Scheme.

12. REIGATE AND REDHILL LIVE AT HOME SCHEME, COMPUTER EQUIPMENT**Member** Mr Peter Lambell**Amount Proposed** £1,000**Summary of Proposal**

Funding was sought for new computer equipment for the Live at Home office to help run the scheme more efficiently and network with other groups. All staff, members and volunteers would benefit from having an up to date computer system to assist with a quarterly newsletter and running of the office and administrative work.

13. MEATH GREEN JUNIOR SCHOOL**Member** Mrs Kay Hammond**Amount Proposed** £1,000**Summary of Proposal**

Funding was sought for the purchase of a science and vegetable greenhouse to enable children to have hands on experience of growing

fresh produce and learning the skills required to do this. Parents are encouraged to help and the produce is sold back to the community at summer Fairs.

14. FACE2FACE

Member Mr Peter Lambell
Amount Proposed £992

Summary of Proposal

Funding was sought to run two monthly drop-in coffee mornings at the Brooklands School and the Sovereign Centre for parents of children with disabilities and special needs to complement the one to one befriending service. This service is open to all parents/carers of children with special needs in the East Surrey area for sharing information and it invites guest speakers to address specific issues.

- 3.3 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	0
Mr Gosling	0
Dr Grant-Duff	3,910.00
Dr Hack	950.00
Mrs Hammond	3,409.87
Mr Harrison	0
Mrs King	1,160.00
Mr Lambell	58.00
Mrs Ross-Tomlin	80.00
Balance remaining	9,567.87

- 3.4 The Local Committee's **capital** budget for 2011/12 is fully committed.

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 bids total £29,730. If this is agreed the remaining balance will be £9,567.87.
- 6.2 There are no proposed capital allocation bids due to the budget having been fully committed.

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 **21 May 2012**.

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