



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)

MEMBER ALLOCATIONS FUNDING

18 JUNE 2012

KEY ISSUE

To set out the funding available to the Local Committee for County Councillors' allocations in 2012/13 and to give consideration to the funding requests received.

SUMMARY

Surrey County Council's Local Committees receive funding to spend on locally determined purposes that help to promote social, economic or environmental well-being. This funding is known as Member Allocations.

For the financial year 2012/13, the County Council has allocated £12,615 revenue funding to each County Councillor and £35,000 capital funding to each Local Committee.

This report firstly presents a summary of the projects that the Local Committee's Member Allocations funded in 2011/12. It then identifies and makes recommendations on bids received for funding that have been sponsored by at least one County Councillor.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) is asked to:

- (i) Note the summary of the Local Committee's Member Allocation expenditure in 2011/12, as detailed in section 2.
- (ii) Agree the items presented for funding from the Local Committee's 2012/13 **revenue** funding, as set out in section 3 of this report and summarised below:

| Organisation | Project | Amount |
|--|---|--------|
| 1 st Walton on the Hill Scout Group | Traditional Scouting | £2,100 |
| Banstead Flower Club | Banstead Flower Festival | £500 |
| SCC Children's Services | Leader's Bursary Fund for Looked After Children | £4,500 |

- (iii) Note that there are no items for approval from the Local Committee's 2012/13 **capital** budget.
- (iv) Note the expenditure previously approved by the Community Partnerships Manager and the Community Partnerships Team Leader under delegated authority, as set out in section 4.
- (v) Note any returned funding and/or adjustments, as set out within the report and also in the financial position statement at **Appendix 2**.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The County Council's Constitution sets out the overall Financial Framework for managing the Local Committee's delegated budgets. The underlying principle being that Members Allocations should be spent on local projects to promote the social, environmental and economic well-being of the area, as required by the Local Government Act 2000.
- 1.2 At its first meeting in the 2012/13 committee cycle, the Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) will decide if and how it wishes to divide its revenue and capital Member Allocations budgets amongst the Committee and its constituent County Councillors.
- 1.3 The Committee will also determine whether or not it wishes to delegate authority to the Community Partnerships Manager and Community

Partnership Team Leader (East Surrey) to approve budget applications (and refunds) up to and including £1,000, subject to them being reported to the Committee at the following meeting. The Council's Constitution also allows for the Community Partnership Manager and Team Leader to approve funding for the purchase of grit bins at the request of a County Councillor

- 1.4 In allocating funds, Members are asked to have regard to Surrey County Council's Corporate Strategy 2010-14 '*Making A Difference*' that highlights five themes which make Surrey special and which it seeks to maintain:
- A safe place to live;
 - A high standard of education;
 - A beautiful environment;
 - A vibrant economy;
 - A healthy population.
- 1.5 Member Allocation funding is generally made to organisations on a one-off basis, so that there should be no expectation of future funding for the same or similar purpose.
- 1.6 Member Allocation funding will not usually be granted for purposes that benefit one individual, nor to fund schools for the direct delivery of the National Curriculum, nor to support a political party.
- 1.7 When considering bids, organisations applying are advised against assuming that the Local Committee will meet the total cost of their project.

2. ANALYSIS OF 2011/12 LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING

- 2.1 In 2011/12, the County Council allocated £8,410 revenue funding per County Councillor and £35,000 capital funding to the Local Committee in Reigate and Banstead.
- 2.2 The analysis of projects funded by county councillors is attached at **Appendix 1**. It shows that the majority of the Committee's 2011/12 budget was awarded to external organisations to fund local activities designed to improve the quality of life of local residents (community development). Within this, children and young people benefitted significantly and projects aimed at them ranged from funding for youth clubs and forums to providing isolated young people with learning disabilities with communication skills. The wider community also benefitted from wide-ranging projects including those to conserve and enhance the natural environment and Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

3. BIDS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL – REVENUE/CAPITAL FUNDING

- 3.1 The proposals for revenue and capital funding for consideration and decision at this Committee are set out below.

Traditional Scouting

£2,100 revenue

Mr Michael Gosling

An application for funding has been received from the First Walton on the Hill Scout Group for an initiative aiming to reinstate traditional scouting. By updating obsolete camping equipment to include gas boilers and burners, tents and lanterns, both basic and more advanced camps can be delivered. Starting in August 2012, the Group aims to organise at least three camping trips a year for the Scouts; up to two camps for the Cubs and an overnight experience for the Beavers. There will also be additional day camping experiences involving professional trainers to ensure that the equipment can be put to optimum use and hikes can safely be undertaken. The total cost of the project is £3,600 and £1,500 has already been secured.

Banstead Flower Festival

£500 revenue

Mrs Angela Fraser

The Banstead Flower Club is seeking funding for a Flower Festival to be held in All Saints Church, Banstead. The Club aims to promote the love of flowers and flower arranging and the Festival will provide a focus for this activity while also supporting the Church's own Harvest Festival. Donations will be invited and money raised at the Flower Festival will be shared between 'Dyscover' in Walton on the Hill, a charity providing long-term support and opportunities to people with aphasia and their families and the Church's own charitable work. The total cost of the project is £3,000 with the remainder being met through fundraising activities.

Leader's Bursary Fund for Looked After Children

All County Councillors

£4,500 revenue

Surrey County Council's children's service is seeking a contribution of £500 from each county councillor to the Leader's Bursary Fund for Looked After Children. The Fund will support two approaches to giving children and young people in care recognition and reward. Celebration bursaries will be awarded to children in care and will be linked to the achievement of targets set out in their Personal Education Plans. There will also be a fund that may be drawn upon to provide a more spontaneous response to individual achievements and respond to other opportunities for Looked After Children.

4. DELEGATED AUTHORITY APPROVED BIDS

- 4.1 The Community Partnerships Manager or the Community Partnerships Team Leader (East Surrey) have already approved the following **revenue** bids, in consultation with all county councillors, under delegated authority, since the last committee meeting:

| COUNCILLOR | PROJECT | AMOUNT |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Mr Michael Gosling | Salt Bin – De Burgh Gardens | £1,000 |
| Mr Nick Harrison | Banstead District Scouts Beacon | £500 |
| Mrs Angela Fraser | Banstead District Scouts Beacon | £500 |
| Mr Michael Gosling | Kingswood RA Jubilee Street Part | £401.88 |
| Dr Lynne Hack | St Joseph’s Pre-School Jubilee Funday | £821 |

5. OPTIONS

- 5.1 The Local Committee may choose to approve all, part or none of the funding proposals under discussion in this report.

6. CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 In relation to new bids, consultation, where appropriate, may have been undertaken by the organisation receiving the funding, the local Member or the Community Partnerships Team as required.
- 6.2 The appropriate Surrey County Council services and partner agencies are consulted when bids are submitted, as required.

7. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Each project detailed in this report has completed a standard application form giving details of timescales, purpose and other funding applications made. The County Councillor proposing each project has assessed its merits prior to the project’s inclusion as a proposal for decision by the Committee.

- 7.2 All bids are also scrutinised to ensure that they comply with the Council's Financial Framework and represent value for money.
- 7.3 There are sufficient monies to fund all of the proposals contained within this report. If the above recommendations are approved the remaining balances are set out in the Local Committee's financial position statement attached at **Appendix 2**.
- 7.4 Please note these figures will not include any applications submitted for approval after the deadline for this report or that are currently pending approval under delegated authority. They also do not include any funding that is in the process of being returned to the Local Committee.

8. EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The allocation of the Committee's budgets is intended to enhance the wellbeing of residents and make the best possible use of the funds. Funding is available to all residents, community groups or organisations based in, or serving, the area. The success of the bid depends entirely upon its ability to meet the agreed criteria, which is flexible.
- 8.2 The Local Committee funding can be allocated to projects that benefit a diverse range of community safety needs.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 The spending proposals put forward for this meeting have been assessed against the County standards for appropriateness and value for money within the agreed Financial Framework and the locally agreed criteria, which is available from the Community Partnerships Team.
- 9.2 The Local Committee is asked to consider the items submitted for funding from the 2012/13 Local Committee delegated budgets as detailed in the report.

10. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 The Committee is being asked to decide on these bids so that the Community Partnerships Team can process the bids in line with the wishes of the Committee.

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 Any changes to an approved bid will be discussed with the local Members and the Chairman, and if the changes are considered to be significant, an amended bid will be brought back to the Committee for approval. In all other circumstances, the Community Partnerships Team will process the payments as soon as possible once the signed agreement has been received.
- 11.3 Within 6 months of receipt, all successful applicants will be contacted for details of how the funding was spent and will be asked to supply evidence.

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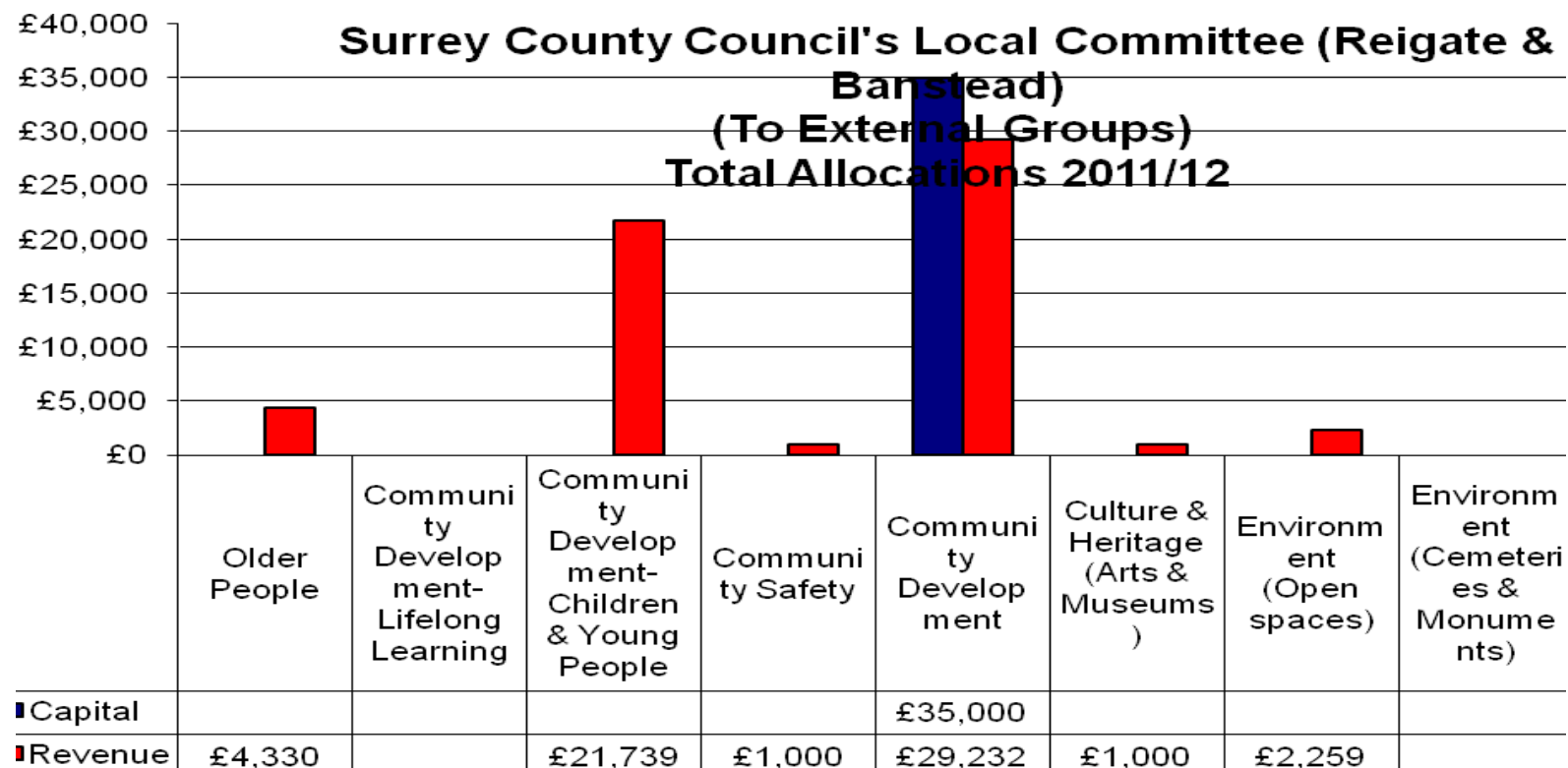
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Background Papers:

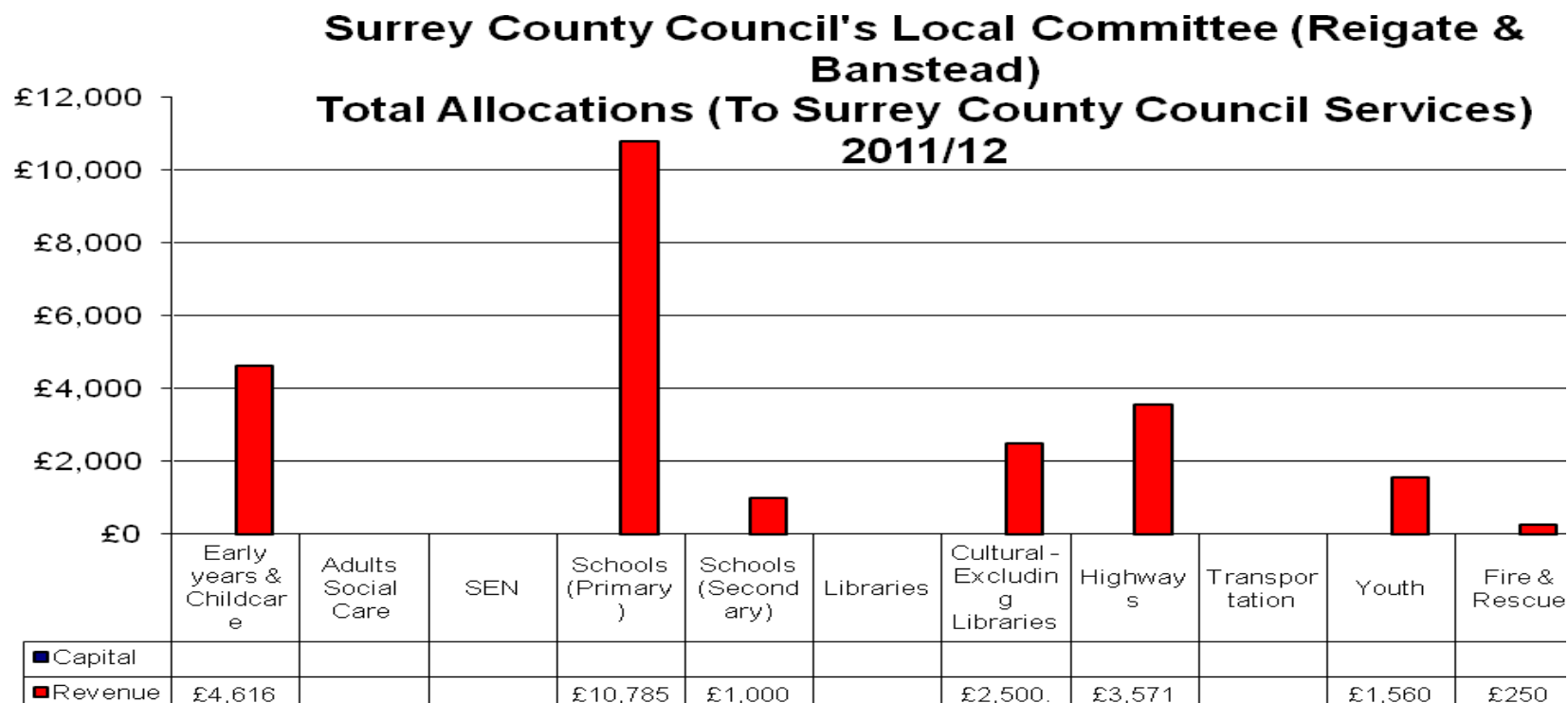
- SCC Constitution: Financial Framework
- Local Committee Protocol
- Criteria and Guidance for Members Allocations
- Local Committee Funding Bids

APPENDIX 1: Funding to External Groups



Note: Figures include any returned (unspent) allocations from the previous financial year that were reallocated and spent within 2011/12

APPENDIX 1: Funding to Internal Services



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