



**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S
LOCAL COMMITTEE
(Runnymede)**

MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS

2ND JUNE 2006

KEY ISSUE

To set out the funding available for County Councillors' allocations for 2006/07, and consider the requests received.

SUMMARY

This report lists and makes recommendations on bids received for Members' Allocations which have been sponsored by at least one Member.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to consider the proposed expenditure from the Members' Allocation budget.

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1. **BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The budget for 2006/07 made available £66,000 to be spent on local projects to promote the social, environmental or economic well-being of the people of Runnymede. This amounts to £11,000 for each County Member of the Committee.
- 1.2 An additional capital allocation of £35,000 has been made available to each Surrey County Council Local Committee.
- 1.3 The sums currently committed are set out in the attached schedule, together with the balance remaining to be spent.
- 1.4 Members in Runnymede have agreed that the capital funding will be divided equally between County Members, so that each member may propose capital projects up to £5,833 in 2006-7.
- 1.5 Member allocation funding is made to organisations on a one-off basis, so that there should be no expectation of future funding for the same or similar purpose. Where organisations have received funding in previous years for a similar purpose as currently proposed, this is indicated beneath the proposal details.

2. **PROPOSALS FROM INDIVIDUAL REVENUE ALLOCATIONS**

Projects can be summarised as follows:

2.1 MIDSUMMER EVENT CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINERS/ MARQUEE HIRE

Member: Mrs Mary Angell

Project Cost £1650

Amount requested £1650

Summary of Proposal

The Midsummer Event at Heathervale Recreation Ground is an annual community fun day, held this year on 24th/25th June and expected to attract 3,500 local residents. The total cost of staging the event is substantial – this proposal is to fund the cost of hiring one marquee, and fees for two children's entertainers.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose

2.2 INSTALLATION OF NEW WATER COOLERS, GRANGE INFANT SCHOOL

Member Mrs Mary Angell

Project Cost £3000

Amount requested £3000

Summary of Proposal

The school has to remove existing old water fountains for health and safety reasons, and wishes to replace these with water coolers at various locations around the school. They need to fund purchase and installation costs, and the school will be responsible for ongoing maintenance and supply of cups.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose.

2.3 REPAIRS TO CAR PARK SURFACE AT THE FRONT OF NEW HAW AND WOODHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PREMISES

Member Mrs Mary Angell

Project Cost £1000

Amount requested £1000

Summary of Proposal

The surface of the front entrance car park of the New Haw and Woodham Community Association building has become potholed and uneven, presenting a trip hazard to older people and children. Repairs to the tarmac surface are required.

Previous funding?

The Association was awarded member allocation funding of £4000 in September 2005, as a contribution of half the cost of resurfacing the rear car park of the same premises.

2.4 ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR RUNNYMEDE SMOKE FREE CHARTER

Member Mrs Mary Angell & Mrs Elise Whiteley

Project cost £400 (£200 per member)

Amount requested £400

Summary of Proposal

The Runnymede Smoke Free Charter aims to promote cessation of tobacco use in the borough, and is seeking additional funding for the cost of designing and printing colour leaflets for wide distribution around the borough.

Previous funding?

The Smoke Free Charter was awarded member allocation funding of £500 in February 2006 towards the cost of launching the initiative.

2.5 SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTEER TRAINING COSTS AT HOME-START RUNNYMEDE

Member Mr Ray Lowther

Project cost £10 000

Amount requested £500

Summary of Proposal

Home-Start Runnymede is a local children's charity, which supports families with particular needs in caring for children. It incurs considerable expenses in training its forty volunteers, its new part-time organiser, and courses for parents. The proposed amount will make a small contribution to these expenses in 2006.

Previous funding?

None

2.6 ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR LADS AND DADS AND DAUGHTERS COURSE PLACES

Member Mrs Elise Whiteley
Project cost £3 340
Amount requested £3 340

Summary of Proposal

The Healthy and Vibrant task group of the Local Strategic Partnership identified a need for parenting courses in the borough in 2005. To support fathers in Runnymede a Lads and Dads and Daughters course at the Thames Young Mariners site was organised and advertised for a week-end in May 2006. Due to unexpected high demand for places, the proposal is to fund additional places on this course (cost £350), and to organise an additional course at the same venue to run in October 2006 (cost £2 990).

Previous funding?

The Local Committee agreed in September 2005 to funding of £2,500 to subsidise the cost of putting on and advertising the first course.

2.7 SEASIDE TRIPS FOR ELDERLY AND INFIRM PEOPLE

Member Mrs Elise Whiteley
Project cost £1800
Amount requested £1800

Summary of Proposal

The Dial-A-Ride service (which is core funded by the borough council) would like to provide a series of day trips to seaside resorts for residents with mobility problems over the summer of 2006. This allocation will subsidise the main costs of running the excursions, but participants will pay a nominal charge per head.

Previous funding?

The Local Committee funded a similar programme of Dial-A-Ride trips in summer 2005.

2.8 PURCHASE OF NEW FLAGS FOR THE RUNNYMEDE CENTRE

Member Mr Terry Dicks
Project cost £350
Amount requested £350

Summary of Proposal

The Union and Surrey County Council flags which fly outside the Runnymede Centre, Addlestone have deteriorated in the wind and weather and require replacement.

Previous funding?

The original flags were funded by the Local Committee member allocation funding in 2004.

3. PROPOSALS FROM CAPITAL BUDGET

3.1 NEW SCOOTER RACK FOR GRANGE INFANT SCHOOL**Member** Mrs Mary Angell**Project cost** £1000**Amount requested** **£1000****Summary of Proposal**

The new bicycle rack installed as a result of the successful Golden Boot Challenge has been very successful, and many more children use bicycles or scooters to come to school as an alternative to the car. More covered secure space is now needed to accommodate the scooters.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose

3.2 REPLACEMENT INTERNAL DOORS FOR NEW HAW AND WOODHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**Member** Mrs Mary Angell**Project cost** £4000**Amount requested** **£4000****Summary of Proposal**

Poor quality existing internal doors, and the main entrance doors to the community centre building are damaged and in need of replacement.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose

3.3 PURCHASE OF NEW ADDLESTONE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**Member** Mr Terry Dicks**Project cost** £5000**Amount requested** **£2000****Summary of Proposal**

The Addlestone Chamber of Commerce organises Christmas lighting for the town centre every year. Shopkeepers pay £37.50 per tree, and Runnymede Borough Council normally subsidises part of the cost of installation. This year the Chamber wishes to replace existing lights with LED lights, which last longer but are more expensive.

Previous funding?

None

3.4 FIGHT FOR LIGHT CAMPAIGN**Member** Mrs Carole Jones**Project cost** £2 600**Amount requested** **£2 600****Summary of Proposal**

Students of Royal Holloway College have begun a campaign to fight for improved lighting in areas where they feel unsafe. This project will replace all the streetlamps along the footpath connecting Bagshot Road with Blays Lane in Englefield Green, to deter assaults on people using the path in the evening – the area is of the highest priority for RHC students. The new lamps will provide brighter white light instead of the existing dull amber glow. There is no County Council budget for such work in the current year.

Previous funding?
None.

3.5 PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF NEW NOTICEBOARD FOR CHERTSEY LIBRARY

Member Mr Ray Lowther
Project cost £1500
Amount requested **£1500**

Summary of Proposal

Chertsey Library is set back from the road in a wooded setting beside the River Bourne, and access from Guildford Street is by a long tarmac path. To inform local residents of the existence of the library and its facilities and opening times, it is proposed to install a lockable vandal-proof double-sided noticeboard at this entrance point, within the curtilage of the grounds. The sum includes purchase, installation and planning application costs.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose.

3.6 PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE HUB YOUTH CLUB

Member Mr Ray Lowther
Project cost £9000
Amount requested **£1000**

Summary of Proposal

The "Hub" youth club for 11-16 year olds meets at St Peter's Shared Church in Chertsey on Thursday evenings. Whilst the church funds a youth worker to run the drop-in sessions, the group is in dire need of games equipment and will use this allocation to purchase items such as a table tennis table, table football and kitchen equipment.

Previous funding?

None

4. CONCLUSION AND REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 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.

Name of Scheme	Capital	Mrs Angell	Mr Dicks	Mrs Jones	Mrs Lay	Mr Lowther	Mrs Whiteley
Total							
Total funding available for allocation	35,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11 000	11 000
Already allocated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unspent allocation	35 000	11 000	11 000	11 000	11 000	11 000	11 000