



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

MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS

22ND SEPTEMBER 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 PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT RESIDENTIAL WEEK-ENDS

Member: Mrs Mary Angell

Project Cost £12 400

Amount requested £2000

Summary of Proposal

The Eikon project works with young people from the New Haw area. They are planning two residential week-ends in Devon in Summer 2007, with up to 70 young people aged between 11 and 25, to develop their self-esteem and skills through outdoor activities. A contribution to subsidise the cost of activities is sought, and Connexions has agreed a £600 contribution towards transport.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose

2.2 FURNITURE/FITTINGS FOR THE NEW HAW JUNIOR SCHOOL LIBRARY

Member Mrs Mary Angell

Project Cost £10 000

Amount requested £2000

Summary of Proposal

The school wishes to update and improve its library area, including installation of ICT facilities and purchase of additional books – for which funds have been raised separately (the Local Committee cannot fund core curriculum items). They are seeking a contribution to new furniture and fittings for the room from

the Committee, and expect to complete the refurbishment by the end of the school year.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose.

2.3 RESPITE HELP AND SUPPORT – PRINCESS ROYAL TRUST FOR CARERS

Member Mr Terry Dicks

Project Cost £2000

Amount requested £2000

Summary of Proposal

Action for Carers (Surrey) supports young people aged under 18 who have caring responsibilities for a family member, including in the Runnymede area. The funding is sought primarily to provide breaks for young carers through holidays or payment for a respite carer so that young people can spend more time with their peers.

Previous funding?

Surrey Young Carers received an allocation of £5000 in 2004 to support their work with young carers in the Runnymede area.

2.4 VIKING RE-ENACTMENT DAY IN CHERTSEY

Member Mr Ray Lowther

Project cost £1000 plus staffing

Amount requested £1000

Summary of Proposal

Chertsey Museum piloted the project in May 2006 and attracted 500 participants. They wish to stage a second Viking Re-enactment day on Abbey Field in May 2007 to help local schoolchildren with their study of Vikings and raise awareness of local history. Staffing costs will be met by Runnymede Borough Council, the Local Committee contribution would cover the fees of the actors, first aid cover and local advertising for the event.

Previous funding?

No.

2.5 SUBSCRIPTION TO SPECIALIST FUNDING DATABASE

Member Mr Ray Lowther

Project cost £476

Amount requested £476

Summary of Proposal

Runnymede Association of Voluntary Services supports and advises local voluntary groups on a range of matters, most crucially on funding to sustain their services. At a time when grants from statutory sources are reducing, groups need to explore every avenue. A three year subscription to "trustfunding.org.uk" will help RAVS staff to provide the best advice available on where and how to apply for funding.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose.

2.6 SUPPORT FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR

Member Mrs Yvonna Lay

Project cost £700

Amount requested **£600**

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. This parenting course for Runnymede parents who have to deal with disruptive behaviour because their children have Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder aims to help them to manage their children's behaviour, reducing stress at home and reducing school exclusions.

Previous funding?

The Local Committee agreed in 2005 to fund a similar pilot course, which achieved positive feedback from parents and highlighted a high demand for places.

2.7 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT COSTS FOR PARADE AT BLACK CHERRY FAIR 2007

Member Mr Ray Lowther

Project cost £2 500

Amount requested **£2 500**

Summary of Proposal

The Black Cherry Fair is traditionally held on Abbey Field, Chertsey in early July every year and is open to the public without admission charge. The fair is preceded by a costumed procession with numerous floats through the streets of the town to the Field. A contribution is again being sought to fund the cost of employing the county council's contractors to close a number of streets for several hours whilst the opening parade takes place.

Previous funding?

The Local Committee funded the parade's traffic management costs in summer 2006 and 2005.

2.8 CONTRIBUTION TO COST OF RESIDENTIAL WEEK ON A FARM FOR CHILDREN AT THORPE LEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Member Mrs Yvonna Lay

Project cost £6000

Amount requested **£1000**

Summary of Proposal

Thorpe Lea primary school takes children from the whole of one year group to stay on a farm in Devon, on a bi-annual basis. Some children at the school are from families on low incomes who cannot meet the full cost of the trip, and so the head makes every effort to ensure that all the children can participate

and benefit from being with their peers outside the school setting. A contribution to the cost of the trip is sought for summer 2007 only, to subsidise a number of places enabling poorer children to attend.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose.

2.9 CONTRIBUTION TO HALL HIRE FOR FRIENDS OF HYTHE PARKS

Member: Mrs Yvonna Lay

Project Cost: £500

Amount requested: £500

Summary of proposal

The Friends of Hythe Parks community group formed in 2003 following consultation by Runnymede Borough Council on how to improve the Egham Hythe area. The group has commented on development of the plans and acted as sounding board. Whilst clearance of the land for the park (on the site of the former Swan Sanctuary) is due to begin shortly, the group will continue to meet bi-monthly to monitor progress and develop other public spaces in the area. The group seeks revenue to pay for the hire of the hall for their meetings and the administrative costs of providing information over the coming year.

3. PROPOSALS FROM CAPITAL BUDGET

3.1 CONTRIBUTION TO FENCING COSTS ARISING FROM DIVERSION OF FOOTPATH 40 (EGHAM) – EGHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Member Mrs Yvonna Lay

Project cost £7200

Amount requested **£1200**

Summary of Proposal

Egham Residents' Association has requested a contribution towards the cost of high specification fencing to be installed as a result of the diversion of Footpath 40 at Prune Hill, Egham, beside the railway road crossing. The Residents' Association lobbied Network Rail to apply for the diversion, to remove the necessity for train drivers to sound their horns at all hours to alert users of the unmanned pedestrian crossing which formed part of the route. The Local Committee agreed in July 2005 to advertise the order. Protracted negotiations have since taken place, resulting in the affected landowners agreeing to withdraw objections to the diversion (avoiding a public enquiry). Most of the cost of the footpath fencing will be met by Proctor and Gamble (£6000), and Network Rail has undertaken to maintain it in perpetuity (as confirmed by Debbie Spriggs, SCC Countryside Legal Team manager).

Previous funding?

No.

3.2 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN EGHAM TOWN CENTRE

Member Mrs Yvonna Lay
Project cost £5000
Amount requested **£2000**

Summary of Proposal

Egham Chamber of Commerce seeks a contribution towards new lights and the necessary replacement wiring for the Christmas Lights in the town centre for 2006. This will enable provision of attractive light spirals mounted on lampposts. The Chamber of Commerce is raising the remainder of the cost.

Previous funding?

No

3.3 IMPROVED PRACTICE FACILITIES FOR JUNIOR CRICKET

Member Mr Ray Lowther
Project cost £1000
Amount requested **£750**

Summary of Proposal

Chertsey Cricket Club has a growing number of young cricketers (under 11s) who want to play, and is seeking funding to purchase helmets (required for health and safety), to undertake repairs to the cricket nets area and improve practice facilities. These will be completed by the start of the 2007 season, if approved.

Previous funding?

No.

3.4 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR CHERTSEY SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

Member Mr Ray Lowther
Project cost £2500 (approx)
Amount requested **£1250**

Summary of Proposal

There are five schools in the Chertsey Partnership: Pycroft Grange, Meadowcroft, Stepgates, Chertsey Nursery and St Anne's Catholic primary. The co-ordinator is the headteacher of Meadowcroft, who has requested £250 per school to undertake landscaping works, purchase additional seating and recycling bins and plant up garden areas around playgrounds. This work will benefit the children of all the schools during their recreation time.

Previous funding?

In 2005 the Chertsey Partnership received a total of £1250 from the Local Committee towards purchase of outdoor play equipment and storage facilities.

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	Capital	Mrs Angell	Mr Dicks	EGreen cllr	Mrs Lay	Mr Lowther	Mrs Whiteley
Total proposed	5 200	4000	2000	0	2 100	3 975	0
Annual total funding available for allocation*	35,000	11,000	13,500	11,000	15,233	15 160	11 000
Already allocated	12 100	5 850	350	0	0	500	5 340
Unspent allocation before 22.9.06	22,900	5 150	13,150	11 000	15 233	14 660	5 660

* includes some carry-forward amounts from 2005-6