



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

MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS

FEBRUARY 9TH 2007

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 and agree the proposed expenditure from the Members' Allocation budget for 2006-7 (revenue and capital).

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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 **AUTHOR EVENT AT NEW HAW LIBRARY**

Member: Mrs Mary Angell

Project Cost £150

Amount requested £150

Summary of Proposal

The Friends of New Haw Library have applied for funding to pay a prominent writer's expenses to appear at the library and give a talk. The aim is to encourage more local residents to use and appreciate the library. Author Simon Brett has been invited to appear.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose

2.2 **2nd NEW HAW SCOUTS: CAMPING EQUIPMENT**

Member Mrs Mary Angell

Project Cost £863

Amount requested £863

Summary of Proposal

The 2nd New Haw Scouts undertake regular camps throughout the year and need to replace worn out equipment (urn, Trangias, cool boxes), as well as replacing a leaking and ineffective water heater for the kitchen at the Scout Hut.

Previous funding?

See below – application approved under delegated powers December 2006.

2.3 CLIMBING EQUIPMENT – 2nd NEW HAW SCOUTS

Member Mrs Mary Angell

Project Cost £1000

Amount requested £1000

Summary of Proposal

The 2nd New Haw Scouts requested funds to replace camping equipment needed for a camp in January 2007. This included harnesses, ropes, safety helmets, karabiners and belays to ensure the safety of the young people.

NB: this proposal has already been agreed as urgent by the Area Director under delegated powers in December 2006, and funding released. Members were consulted as required under the Local Protocol and no objections were received. This item is for information only.

2.4 RUNNYMEDE ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY: RESPITE FOR CARERS

Member Mr Terry Dicks

Project cost £3000

Amount requested **£1500**

Summary of Proposal

Runnymede Alzheimers' Society supports people with the condition and their carers. The latter can experience a great deal of strain in providing 24 hour care, and this funding would subsidise the cost of a week-end break with others in the same position, to sleep, relax and share experiences.

Previous funding?

Yes – in 2006. The 2007 project will support a different set of carers from those helped in 2006.

2.5 RUNNYMEDE ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY: EQUIPMENT FOR NEW DAY CENTRE IN NEW HAW

Member Mr Terry Dicks, Mrs Yvonna Lay, Mr Ray Lowther

Project cost £6 330

Amount requested **£3000 revenue + £2000 capital**

Summary of Proposal

Runnymede Alzheimers Society has hired a church hall for its daytime club for several years, and has now secured its own premises within the New Haw Community Centre, which is to be refurbished (as a separate project). This application is for funds for internal equipment and fit-out ie: carpets/flooring, kitchen equipment and office furniture, and a boiler.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose.

2.6 SHOOTING STAR HOSPICE FOR CHILDREN – SPECIAL MOBILE ARMCHAIRS FOR SEVERELY DISABLED YOUNG PEOPLE

Member Mr Terry Dicks
Project cost £3 500
Amount requested £3 500

Summary of Proposal

The Shooting Star hospice provides care and support for children with life threatening and terminal illness and their families (currently 135, including some from Runnymede). The funding requested will provide two Careflex Hydro Tilt Chairs for severely disabled young people, to accommodate them comfortably during activities therapy.

Previous funding?

Shooting Star received funding in 2005-6 for “sensory boxes” to use in outreach work with children.

2.7 BISHOPS WAY PARK IMPROVEMENTS: NEW BMX CYCLE TRACK

Member Mrs Yvonna Lay
Project cost £10000 (£112,000 whole improvement scheme)
Amount requested £8 000

Summary of Proposal

Bishops Way Park, in Egham Hythe, is an open space behind Magna Carta school. Runnymede Borough Council is putting together a package of funding for a range of phased improvements to the park to cater for all ages. The first phase, a new playground for children under 8, is about to be constructed. Provision of a BMX cycle track for older children will be the next phase in the larger scheme of improvements, if these funds are approved. Extensive consultation with residents has been undertaken, and AIR is applying for funding for other aspects of the project, planned to commence in Summer 2007.

Previous funding?

No.

2.8 CRECHE PROVISION TO SUPPORT FAMILY LEARNING AT HYTHE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Member Mrs Yvonna Lay
Project cost £1 110
Amount requested £660

Summary of Proposal

The Hythe primary school organises a range of activities to support family and parents’ learning at the school. A contribution is sought towards the cost of providing a creche for children under 5 whilst their parents take part in numeracy and parenting classes. This contribution will meet the cost of the creche for one class over two terms.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose.

2.9 EGHAM YOUTH MUSIC – CONTRIBUTION TO DRUMMING WORKSHOPS

Member: Mrs Yvonna Lay
Project Cost: £600
Amount requested: £400

Summary of proposal

Egham Youth Music runs workshops for budding young musicians in the Methodist Church hall in Egham High Street, including Gamelan and African drumming. No musical training is required but young people (and a few adults) without their own instruments can learn some basic drumming and put on a performance. The cost of running workshops over three Saturdays is £600, and this contribution will pay the musical leaders' fees and part of the hall hire cost.

Previous funding?

No.

2.10 RUNNYMEDE YOUTH FESTIVAL 2007

Member: Mrs Yvonna Lay & Miss Marisa Heath
Project Cost: £15 000
Amount requested: £4000

Summary of proposal

A multi-agency group of services for young people (including voluntary) is planning a Youth Festival afternoon for late summer 2007, to showcase and celebrate all the activities available to young people in the borough. This will include entertainment, performances by live local bands, sports and cultural taster activities, and community group stalls. This contribution is requested to pay for stage hire and PA system, publicity materials, and the hire of two marquees.

2.11 ONE-TO-ONE CHARITY: SUMMER OUTINGS

Member: Mrs Yvonna Lay
Project cost: £3 150
Amount Requested: £2 150

Summary of proposal

The One-to-One charity, which covers Spelthorne, Runnymede and Elmbridge, supports young people with learning difficulties and their carers. As well as organising weekly events and activities, they plan a programme of parties and outings for Spring/Summer with an overall cost of £3,150. The proposed contribution will subsidise a riverboat trip along the Thames in May and an outing to Claremont Lake in June.

2.12 ABBEY RANGERS FC: REPLACEMENT GOAL NETS

Member: Mr Ray Lowther
Project Cost: £810
Amount requested: £810

Summary of proposal

Abbey Rangers FC has 31 football teams including 28 youth and 5 girls' teams, and its players come from all over Runnymede. Goal nets undergo considerable wear and tear and replacement nets are needed now. Funding is sought for four pairs of full size nets, five pairs of 7-a-side nets, and packs of cleats to secure them.

2.13 CHERTSEY CRICKET CLUB: EQUIPMENT FOR JUNIORS

Member: Mr Ray Lowther
Project Cost: £600
Amount requested: £600

Summary of proposal

The Cricket Club has experienced a surge in interest amongst juniors aged 5-10 years, and requires additional equipment to meet this need, including kwik cricket sets, training balls, bails etc.

Previous funding?

The Local Committee made an allocation of £750 in 2006 for junior cricket nets and helmets.

2.14 BLACK CHERRY FAIR – JULY 2007

Member: Mr Ray Lowther
Project Cost: £15,000
Amount requested: £1600

Summary of proposal

The Black Cherry Fair is one of Chertsey's ancient traditions, held on Abbey Field every July for 200 years, and beginning with a parade through the town. The Rotary Club of Chertsey has requested a contribution towards the costs of providing temporary WC facilities (£900), live music stage and a hospitality tent.

Previous funding?

The Local Committee has already agreed funding of £2,500 to pay for provision of traffic management for the 2007 parade, to be provided by the county council's contractors.

2.15 HOME-START RUNNYMEDE

Member: Mr Ray Lowther
Project Cost: £1 160
Amount requested: £660

Summary of proposal

Home-Start Runnymede supports vulnerable families with children under 5, support is mainly provided by volunteers but a new paid officer has recently been appointed to co-ordinate and they need specialist training and induction to comply with legislative requirements. The Co-operative Bank has donated £500 and the remainder is sought from the Local Committee.

Previous Funding?

The Local Committee agreed £500 towards the cost of training volunteers in 2006.

2.16 CHERTSEY NURSERY: AIR CONDITIONING FOR PORTACABIN

Member: Mr Ray Lowther

Project cost: £5,285

Amount requested: £2000

Summary of proposal

The Chertsey Nursery School provides day care for young children at its premises in Pycroft Road, as part of the county council's school provision. The Special Needs classroom is in a portacabin in the grounds, and becomes very hot and uncomfortable to work in during the spring/summer months. The School has identified the need to install an air-conditioning unit to maintain an acceptable environment, and is fund-raising for the remainder of the cost.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose.

2.17 CHERTSEY FIRE STATION: NEW COMMUNITY ROOM

Member: Mr Ray Lowther and Mr Terry Dicks

Project cost: £13,400

Amount requested: £2000 (revenue) + £3,740 (capital)

Summary of proposal

Chertsey Fire Station managers intend to convert the existing Recreation Room into a Community/Learning Room for use in education work (Firefighter for a Day, Duke of Edinburgh award etc) with young people and adults and visitors. The room will be suitably equipped with media facilities, blinds, seating, refreshment area, and will be available to community groups for training use when not being used by the Fire Service.

Previous funding?

No

2.18 CARNIVAL CAPERS 2007: FARM CORNER AND BLACKSMITH DISPLAY

Member; Mrs Elise Whiteley

Project cost: £1000

Amount requested: £1000

Summary of proposal

The village fete in Virginia Water, Carnival Capers, is held annually in June and is well attended. The farm corner is a feature aimed primarily at children, to allow them to see and touch farm animals (cow, sheep, pigs, donkeys, chickens etc) and to learn about food and farming. This year there will also be a blacksmith on hand to demonstrate how horseshoes are made and fitted.

Previous funding?

Funding for Carnival Capers was agreed in 2006.

2.19 SUBSTANCE MISUSE PREVENTION PILOT “LIVING WITH TEENAGERS”

Member: Mrs Elise Whiteley

Project cost: £ 7000 for six month extended pilot

Amount requested:£4 660

Summary of proposal

Youth workers in Runnymede estimate that 40% of young people they encounter are abusing alcohol, but there are no services working specifically with under –18s in the borough. The aim of extending this pilot (previously tested for three months in 2006) is to establish the need for effective preventative work on substance misuse with under 18s in Runnymede. Fortnightly outreach sessions by Surrey Young Peoples’ Service in Addlestone, New Haw, Chertsey and Egham will engage and educate young people, and identify those who need referral for specialist treatment. The Healthy & Vibrant task group will oversee this pilot.

2.20 RUNNYMEDE LITERARY FESTIVAL: COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Member: Miss Marisa Heath

Project Cost: £26 000 (overall Festival costs)

Amount Requested: £2000

Summary of proposal

The second Runnymede Literary Festival, supported by Royal Holloway College and Runnymede Borough Council, will run during February and early March 2007. A contribution to the cost of running community workshops with young people in Runnymede, facilitated by Royal Holloway MA students, is sought. The aim of the workshops is to develop creative writing skills, oral expression and confidence in participants.

Previous funding?

No

2.21 EGHAM ROYAL SHOW : HORTICULTURAL MARQUEE

Member: Miss Marisa Heath

Project Cost: £1500
Amount requested: £1500

Summary of proposal:

The Egham Royal Show, held annually in August in Mrs Caddy's Field in Whitehall Lane, costs £37,000 to organise. The organisers seek a contribution to cover the cost of a horticultural marquee and animal displays for young children (£750 each) as part of the entertainment provided at the Show.

Previous funding?

No

2.22 ENGLEFIELD GREEN YOUTH CLUB COMPUTERS

Member: Miss Marisa Heath
Project Cost: £6000
Amount requested: £5000

Summary of proposal

Englefield Green youth club will be managed in 2007-8 by a local group affiliated to Surrey Clubs for Young People, as part of an agreement with Surrey County Council. Handover of responsibility will take place this Spring. The group which will manage the building has requested funding to upgrade the IT facilities at the club, to provide nine new computers and supporting software. Their aim is to support a homework club and enable access to IT skills for disadvantaged young people. If approved, funding will not be released until the handover of responsibility has been finally confirmed.

3. PROPOSALS FROM CAPITAL BUDGET

(see also capital contributions listed under 2.5 and 2.17, Revenue Proposals)

3.1 1st CHERTSEY SCOUTS: BARBEQUE

Member: Mr Ray Lowther
Project Cost: £700
Amount requested: £700

Summary of proposal

The 1st Chertsey Scouts wishes to purchase a barbeque grill, for use in fund-raising activities at summer events as well as for the scouts themselves at camp.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose

3.2 ST JUDE'S SCHOOL : NEW CHANGING FACILITIES FOR POOL

Member: Miss Marisa Heath
Project cost: £41 000

Amount requested: £3 233

Summary of proposal:

St Jude's School, Englefield Green, has embarked on a major project to refurbish its swimming pool and surrounding area, including the adjacent changing rooms. The pool is used by pupils at the junior school and will be used in future by approved groups such as scouts and guides. Work to replace the pool lining has already begun. The contribution sought will pay for refurbishment of the changing facilities and a pergola beside the pool.

3.3 HOLY FAMILY PARISH CENTRE; SECURITY BARRIER & LIGHTING

Member	Mr Terry Dicks
Project cost	£1570
Amount requested	£1500

Summary of Proposal

On advice from Surrey Police, the Holy Family Parish Centre in Addlestone requires a barrier to prevent unauthorised people from using its car park out of hours, and improved security lighting to deter drug dealing activity. The Local Committee is asked to contribute to this crime prevention measure.

Previous funding?

In 2005 the Parish Centre received £1000 for installation of disabled facilities.

3.4 AGE CONCERN: EQUIPMENT FOR MOBILE COMMUNITY SUPPORT DESKS

Member	Mrs Elise Whiteley
Project cost	£000
Amount requested	£2000

Summary of Proposal

Age Concern Runnymede has secured funding from national Age Concern to set up a new project in Runnymede and Spelthorne from April 2007, to provide help desks in community settings to enable frail and vulnerable older people to access the advice and support they need. This application is for the cost of a laptop computer with software, and a mobile phone, for use in these community settings.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose

3.5 CHRIST CHURCH (OTTERSHAW) YOUTH CLUB: EQUIPMENT

Member	Mrs Elise Whiteley
Project cost	£600
Amount requested	£600

Summary of Proposal

There are four youth clubs per week held at Christ Church in Ottershaw, and numbers participating are high. The group has requested help to purchase new seating for the youth room, and a water cooler so that jugs do not have to be carried up and down stairs from the kitchen, causing a safety hazard.

Previous funding?

No

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.