



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

MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS

11th MAY 2007

KEY ISSUE

To set out the funding available for County Councillors' allocations for 2007/08, agree how the funding will be determined, 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. The report also makes proposals for delegating power to the Area Director to approve small allocations between meetings of the Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- i) The Committee is asked to agree to divide the capital funding of £35,000 between the six county councillors when making proposals for allocation expenditure;
- ii) The Committee is asked to agree to delegate the power to approve revenue bids up to £1000 to the Area Director, subject to provision of reasons for urgency, consultation with members, and a limit of 10% of a member's revenue allocation to be approved in this way;
- iii) The Committee is asked to consider and agree the proposed expenditure (described in sections 2 & 3) from the Members' Allocation budget.

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The County Council's budget for 2007/8 has 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 revenue 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 Members in Runnymede are asked to consider whether the capital funding should be divided equally between County Members, which would mean that each member may propose contributions to capital projects totalling £5,833 each in 2007-8. The alternative would be to retain the £35,000 as a pooled budget, for which any member may make proposals for spending.
- 1.4 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 below the proposal details.

2. PROPOSALS FROM INDIVIDUAL REVENUE ALLOCATIONS

The proposed projects can be summarised as follows:

2.1 PROVISION OF A MARQUEE, ENTERTAINMENT AND WC FACILITIES AT MIDSUMMER EVENT

Member: Mrs Mary Angell
Project Cost £5000
Amount requested £2 250

Summary of Proposal

The New Haw Midsummer Event has been held annually in June at Heathervale Park for seven years, and helps to foster a community spirit in New Haw and Woodham. The funding sought would contribute to provision of a marquee, an entertainer and additional toilet facilities on the day.

Previous funding?

In 2006-7 the Local Committee agreed an allocation to the same event to hire a marquee and children's entertainers.

2.2 ADDITIONAL FACILITIES FOR NEW HAW LIBRARY

Member Mrs Mary Angell
Project Cost £761
Amount requested £761

Summary of Proposal

The Friends of New Haw Library have requested an allocation to purchase a catering trolley (£106), portable microphone unit (£370) and chairs and tables for children (£285) for use at the library during coffee mornings, childrens' activities and author events. These will help to attract more users into the library.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose. Funding to pay the fees of a visiting author was allocated in 2006-7.

2.3 DADS AND LADS AND DAUGHTERS COURSES FOR RUNNYMEDE RESIDENTS

Member Mrs Elise Whiteley
Project Cost £5 580
Amount requested £5 580

Summary of Proposal

Runnymede Borough Council, tasked by its Healthy & Vibrant task group, has requested funding for two weekend activity courses in Summer 2007, which would be open to children aged 8 to 14 years and their fathers/stepfathers to strengthen and build their relationships through undertaking water-based activities such as raft building and dragon boat racing. Places on the courses will be ring-fenced for Runnymede families, with a total of 94 participants benefiting.

Previous funding?

Yes, the Local Committee funded places on a similar course in 2006-7 through a contribution of £3,340.

3. PROPOSALS FROM CAPITAL BUDGET**3.1 PURCHASE OF NEW STAGE CURTAINS FOR THE NEW HAW COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Member Mrs Mary Angell
Project cost £6,100
Amount requested:£5,833

Summary of Proposal

New Haw and Woodham Community Association has requested assistance with the purchase of new curtains for the stage at the New Haw Community Centre, as the curtains in place have been in use for decades and have become very worn and do not open and close properly. This will benefit drama/dance and theatrical groups from across the borough which use the stage for productions.

Previous funding?

The NHWCA received £1000 funding for repairs to the car park surface in 2006-7.

3.2 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN ADDLESTONE

Member Mr Terry Dicks
Project cost approximately £5,500
Amount requested £2000

Summary of Proposal

Addlestone Chamber of Commerce seeks a contribution towards new LED lights and the necessary infrastructure work on 15 lamp columns in Addlestone for the Christmas Lights in the town centre for 2007. This will enable provision of attractive lights mounted on lampposts. The Chamber of Commerce is raising the remainder of the cost.

Previous funding?

Yes, in 2006-7 the Local Committee allocated £2000 to fund new lights mounted on Christmas trees outside retailers' premises in Addlestone.

3.3 ENTRANCE MARQUEE FOR CHERTSEY AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Member Mr Ray Lowther
Project Cost £950
Amount requested £950

Summary of proposal

The Chertsey Agricultural Show is an annual summer event held on Chertsey Meads, attracting visitors from around Runnymede and beyond. The organisers, Chertsey Agricultural Association, have requested funding to purchase an entrance marquee, rubber mats and banner, so that those collecting entrance fees to the event have cover from the elements.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose.

3.4 VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN ON APPROACH TO CHRISTCHURCH INFANT SCHOOL

Member Mrs Elise Whiteley
Project Cost £5000
Amount requested £5000

Summary of proposal

The headteacher and parents at Christchurch School in Christchurch School in Virginia Water have expressed their concerns, in a petition, about the speed of traffic outside the school at drop-off and collection times. It is proposed to purchase a vehicle activated sign to remind drivers about their

speed on the approach to the school. Installation would be subject to a technical assessment at the proposed location of the sign.

Previous funding?

No

4. REVENUE FUNDING ALLOCATED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

4.1 Since the last meeting of the Local Committee on February 9th 2007, two revenue allocations from 2006-7 budget were approved by the Area Director under delegated powers:

* £305 (proposed by Mr Ray Lowther) to Runnymede Association of Voluntary Services to purchase a digital camera for use during its volunteering campaigns starting in March 2007;

* £300 (proposed by Miss Marisa Heath) to Englefield Green Village Residents Association to fund the printing costs of producing sufficient copies of a village newsletter, Spring issue, to deliver to residents.

5. CONCLUSION AND REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

5. 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.

In 2007-8:

Name	Capital	Mrs Angell	Mr Dicks	Miss Heath	Mrs Lay	Mr Lowther	Mrs Whiteley
Total proposed	13,783	3011	0	0	0	0	5580
Annual 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