



SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S LOCAL COMMITTEE

ANNUAL SUMMARY OF MEMBER ALLOCATIONS 2006/07

11 May 2007

SUMMARY

For the year 2006/7, members received an individual allocation of £11,000 (revenue) per county councillor and a total of £35,000 capital funding for projects determined by the Local Committee.

The basis of the member allocations funding is to enable local members to support and enable projects that will promote the social, economic or environmental well being of this area.

This report brings together the allocations for the year, providing a summary and analysis of the wide range of projects and schemes in various local communities in Runnymede that have been supported over the year.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to:

- i) **Note the nature of the expenditure from the Members' allocations budget for the year 2006/7.**

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The County Council agreed that in 2006-7 it would allocate each member a revenue sum of £11,000, and allocate the Local Committee a total sum of £35,000 for capital projects. In addition, as an exception a total of £10,893 revenue and £1,291 capital which had been unallocated in 2005-6 was added to the total budget. Throughout the year the Local Committee agreed to support and enable a range of projects – totalling £103,836 - in the local community. In total £9 348 remained unallocated at the end of this financial year.
- 1.2 The revenue funding of £11,000 per Member of the committee can be used to promote community well-being in the locality covered by the Committee. Individual Members bring forward proposals for approval by the Committee, and may choose to combine the sums where a project covers more than one division. The Committee may not apply any individual member's allocation against his or her wishes. The basis of the funding is to enable local members to support projects that will support the County Council's corporate priorities, and/or promote the social, economic or environmental well being of people in the area.
- 1.3 Member allocation funding may not be used to benefit an individual, or to fund schools for direct delivery of the National Curriculum, or to support a political party. All payments are made on a one off basis, and there should be no expectation of future funding.

2 ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

- 2.1 Surrey County Council's Corporate Plan lists the main challenges for the County, under the key areas of:

- Making Surrey a better place to learn and develop.
- Making Surrey a better place to live and do business.
- Making Surrey a better place to travel.
- Making Surrey a better place where vulnerable people are more independent.
- Making Surrey a better place where people feel safe.
- Making Surrey a better place where everybody matters.
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In line with the Corporate Plan, all member allocation expenditure (whether revenue or capital) is coded to reflect broadly how it aligns with corporate priorities. The codes are:

Lifelong Learning; Transport; Adults and Community Care; Self Reliance; Children and Schools; Young People; Environment; Everybody Matters; Community Safety.

- 2.2 The bar-chart (**annexe 1**) shows how both capital and revenue funds have been allocated across these different subject areas, and indicates that by far the highest proportion of revenue funding was allocated to services for young people, totalling £28,733 (whereas in 2005-6 the category of Children & Schools received most). The category which received the highest amount of capital funding was Adults & Community Care.

Projects in the category of Young People included a wide range of activities, for example:

- community workshops to develop creative writing skills, as part of Runnymede Literary Festival
- respite breaks for young carers (Surrey Young Carers)
- residential week-ends in Devon for young people from New Haw run by Eikon
- a pilot project to educate under-sixteens about the risks of substance misuse.

Projects allocated from capital (£9,273) for the benefit of Adults have included:

- funding for a new community room to facilitate education work at Chertsey Fire Station (just started)
- laptops and mobile phones for use by the new Mobile Community Support team, part of Age Concern, which provide advice and referrals from various health centres around the borough;
- purchase and installation of a noticeboard at the entrance path to Chertsey Library;
- new equipment for the refurbished Runnymede Alheimers Society day centre

Another popular category for both revenue (£12,760) and capital (£5,483) expenditure was Children and Schools, including:

- purchase of cricket helmets, practice nets and other equipment for the Colts at Chertsey Cricket Club;
- new furniture and fittings for the library at New Haw Junior School;
- refurbishment of the changing facilities beside the swimming pool at St Jude's School in Englefield Green;
- a contribution to drumming workshops for children run by Egham Youth Music;
- purchase of special chairs for use by disabled children at the Shooting Star hospice.

Lifelong Learning and Community Safety received small allocations.

2.3 The pie-chart (**annex 2**) indicates the extent to which each of the geographical areas within the borough has benefited from this funding and the extent to which borough-wide services have been supported. Around one third of allocations benefited residents across the borough, with the remainder allocated to projects at very local level. Allocations which benefited residents from across the borough have included:

- leaflets to support the Smoke Free Charter for Runnymede, aimed at promoting smoke free environments;
- the forthcoming Runnymede Youth Festival to be held in Summer 2007;
- summer trips for young people with learning difficulties, run by One-to-One;

3. CONCLUSION

For the year 2006/7 a wide range of projects was supported. This report provides the opportunity to review this. Members are invited to comment.

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