



**REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE  
(RUNNYMEDE)**

**MEMBER ALLOCATIONS FUNDING**

**5 OCTOBER 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.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Local Committee (Runnymede) is asked to agree that:**

- i) The Committee is asked to consider and agree the proposed expenditure (described in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.17 ) from the Members' Allocation budget.

## INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The County Council's budget for 2007/8 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 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.

### ANALYSIS

- 2.1 Each project detailed below has completed a standard application form giving further details of timescales, purpose and other funding applications made. The member proposing each project assesses its merits, before the project can be included as a proposal for funding in the report to Committee.

### OPTIONS

County Councillors are invited to consider each of the following proposed projects, and to seek further details as required.

- 3.1 A new highways budget has become available for purchase of vehicle activated signs, therefore Mrs Whiteley proposes that the £5000 member allocation of capital to highways for a new school warning sign for Christchurch Road (agreed on May 11<sup>th</sup>) should now be re-allocated for the projects described at 3.16 and 3.17.

#### 3.2 ALL SAINTS YOUTH DROP-IN ACTIVITIES

**Member:** Mrs Mary Angell

**Project Cost** £5000

**Amount requested** £5000 revenue

#### **Summary of Proposal**

All Saints Church in New Haw has a youth club, and wishes to extend its hours of operation by a structured 20-week programme of after-school activities from 4pm until 7pm to give local young people a taste of various subjects including hair dressing, first aid, cookery, car mechanics etc. The funding is requested to pay for sessional staff and hall hire plus 4 trips by coach as part of the programme.

### **3.3 PROJECTOR AND SCREEN FOR GRANGE INFANT SCHOOL**

**Member:** Mrs Mary Angell

**Project Cost** £7 151

**Amount requested** £1,500 revenue

#### **Summary of Proposal**

The Parent Teacher Association of the Grange Community Infant School has raised the majority of the funding required to install a projector and full size screen in the school hall, to enable presentations to be viewed by staff, the whole school and parents/visitors. A contribution is requested.

### **3.4 BULB PLANTING, RUNNYMEDE SOUTH SCHOOLS CONFEDERATION**

**Member:** Mrs Mary Angell & Mrs Elise Whiteley

**Project Cost** £586

**Amount requested** £516 revenue

#### **Summary of Proposal**

Children from the 12 schools in the Runnymede South Confederation wish to put something back into their local community and enhance the environment by planting spring bulbs in local parks and day centre gardens at Addlestone and Ottershaw. The funding is required to purchase bulbs, dibbers, printing for publicity, and commemorative items for the children involved.

### **3.5 ACCESSIBILITY AWARDS EVENING**

**Member:** Mrs Yvonna Lay

**Project Cost** £2000

**Amount requested** £2000 revenue

#### **Summary of Proposal**

Runnymede Access Liaison Group exists to promote a dialogue between disabled people and statutory bodies such as the Primary Care Trust, borough council and county council. The aim of the Awards evening is to celebrate the achievements of disabled people and those who assist them, also raising public awareness of their needs. Funding is required for hall hire, organiser, awards and refreshments, and the event is planned for Spring 2008.

### **3.6 SKATEBOARD AND BMX TRACK, THORPE VILLAGE**

**Member:** Mrs Yvonna Lay

**Project Cost** £50 000

**Amount requested** £2 000 capital

#### **Summary of Proposal**

The Thorpe Ward residents' association is applying for funding to develop a permanent leisure facility for older children in the village, at the Frank Muir Memorial Field, as requested at their AGM. The majority of the project funding is being sought from the Association for the Improvement of Runnymede, with a contribution sought from the Youth Opportunities Fund. Runnymede borough council will maintain the facility.

### **3.7 DINING HALL FURNITURE, THORPE LEA SCHOOL**

**Member:** Mrs Yvonna Lay

**Project Cost** £7 208

**Amount requested** £ 3,000 capital

### **Summary of Proposal**

Dining furniture at Thorpe Lea school has been in use for 33 years and is no longer fit for purpose. The purchase of new tables and chairs enables more community use of the hall by outside groups as well as better facilities for dining and creative play by children. The school's capital allocation has been ear-marked for essential roof repairs, leaving no budget for furniture.

### **3.8 HOMESTART RUNNYMEDE VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

**Member:** Mrs Yvonna Lay

**Project Cost** £ 4 625

**Amount requested** £2 000 revenue

#### **Summary of Proposal**

Homestart provides support to families under stress with young children, by sending trained volunteers to visit them for 2 –3 hours per week to provide informal, friendly and confidential support which is tailored to the individual family's needs.

Funding is sought to provide a 10-week training programme to new volunteers to equip them for this task. (Homestart has previously received funding for training costs from the Local Committee).

### **3.9 SAFETY BARRIERS FOR CHERTSEY AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION**

**Member:** Mr Ray Lowther

**Project Cost** £2 840

**Amount requested** £1000 capital

#### **Summary of Proposal**

The Chertsey Agricultural Show is held annually in July and one of its main features is a central arena for displays and animal showing. For safety reasons, a new robust barrier is needed to keep the public away from the displays. Chertsey Rotary Club has agreed to contribute, and the barrier may be used by other local organisers such as the Black Cherry Fair.

### **3.10 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ORDER FOR BLACK CHERRY FAIR PARADE 2008**

**Member:** Mr Ray Lowther

**Project Cost** £2000

**Amount requested** £2 000 revenue

#### **Summary of Proposal**

Traditionally the Black Cherry Fair in Chertsey every July begins with a parade through the town, which entails closing a number of roads. Funding is requested for the County Council's contractor Ringway to ensure the road closures are advertised and undertaken.

This project has been funded on several occasions by the Local Committee.

### **3.11 EGHAM TOWN BAND COSTS AT BLACK CHERRY FAIR 2008**

**Member:** Mr Ray Lowther

**Project Cost** £400

**Amount requested** £400 revenue

#### **Summary of Proposal**

The Black Cherry Fair organisers seek funding to pay the Egham Town Band to lead the procession mentioned above and to perform for a period on arrival at Abbey Field, in July 2008.

### **3.12 RESPITE CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH ALZHEIMERS OR DEMENTIA**

**Member:** Mr Terry Dicks

**Project Cost** £3,600

**Amount requested** £ 3,600 revenue

#### **Summary of Proposal**

The 3Bs club (Runnymede Alzheimers Association) supports people with Alzheimers and their carers, and is seeking funding to pay for respite care costs so that those who look after individuals with this illness can go away to attend family occasions or for a short break from their caring responsibilities. The amount requested will pump-prime a fund to pay for care in a nursing home, to be allocated by the Association for known carers, where their case falls short of the strict respite care criteria operated by the Social Care team.

### **3.13 EGHAM LIBRARY DISPLAY UNITS**

**Member:** Miss Marisa Heath

**Project Cost** £1 997

**Amount requested** £1,700 capital

#### **Summary of Proposal**

Egham Library seeks to promote non-fiction book borrowing by purchasing two "Quick Choice" display units, to be located on the first floor of the library. A similar unit on the ground floor has proved effective.

### **3.14 KITCHEN EQUIPMENT FOR LUNCH CLUB, ALDWYN PLACE**

**Member:** Miss Marisa Heath

**Project Cost** £4929

**Amount requested** £4 000 capital

#### **Summary of Proposal**

Queen Elizabeth day centre will be closing in autumn 2007 following a review, but Hanover Housing Association has identified scope to open up a communal area at its Aldwyn Place extra care sheltered housing scheme in Englefield Green to run a lunch club for residents and other older people nearby. Residents and visitors could then benefit from a freshly cooked meal in company with others. The housing association is seeking a funding contribution to equip its kitchen to the necessary standard to facilitate this development, to purchase a large cooker, fridge, extractor, boiler, etc.

### **3.15 ENGLEFIELD GREEN FOOTBALL CLUB: JUNIORS KIT**

**Member:** Miss Marisa Heath

**Project Cost** £500

**Amount requested** £500 revenue

#### **Summary of Proposal**

The Englefield Green Football Club for young people under 16 is in need of new kit for matches, and in many cases works with children from families on low incomes. In order to keep subscriptions affordable whilst paying for ground rental etc, a contribution is sought for new kit for all team members for the coming season.

### **3.16 COCKCROW MINIATURE RAILWAY, LYNE: NEW BUILDING**

**Member:** Mrs Elise Whiteley

**Project Cost** £75,000

**Amount requested** £3,500 capital

#### **Summary of Proposal**

The great Cockcrow Railway at Lyne is a non-profit organisation which attracts 15,000 visitors per year, and holds regular fund-raising days for local charitable causes such as White Lodge and Shooting Start hospice. It has been granted planning permission and has successfully raised £70,000 to build a new brick facility with ticket office, refreshment area and WCs, and seeks a contribution to enable the project to begin building.

### **3.17 WHITE LODGE: STANDING FRAME FOR EXERCISE**

**Member:** Mrs Elise Whiteley

**Project Cost** £2000

**Amount requested** £2000 capital

#### **Summary of Proposal**

White Lodge provides services for people with physical disabilities and long-term conditions, and is currently building a new Adult Resource Centre. The resource centre will include a new fitness suite, and funding is sought to purchase a Standing Frame/Balance Trainer for use in therapy.

## **CONSULTATIONS**

- 4.1 As part of the standard application, each project must demonstrate that they have undertaken some consultation with service users or the community to show that the project is needed and will benefit people in the area.

## **FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Applicants for member allocations funding must provide costed proposals and supply evidence of spend after project completion.

## **EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The projects proposed in Section 3, if approved, will between them benefit older people, disabled people, young people, as well as the general public in the area.

## **CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 Projects directed at young people, such as those described in 3.2, 3.4, 3.6 and 3.15, provide constructive activities and foster a sense of pride in the environment which could help to prevent them from becoming involved in anti-social behaviour.

## CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 Members are asked to consider and approve the expenditure proposed in Section 3 of the report.

## REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 All of the proposals brought before the Committee fulfill the agreed criteria for member allocations funding.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

The Local Partnerships Team will write to all of the organisations which have made applications to the Committee to advise them of the Committee's decision, with a copy of the Funding Agreement for them to sign as appropriate. When this has been signed and returned, the funding will be released, and a monitoring report will be requested three months subsequent to that date.

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### BACKGROUND PAPERS:

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Total proposed	17,200	6,816	3,600	500	4,000	2,400	200
Annual total funding available for allocation*	35,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11 000	11 000
Already allocated	8,783	3,011	0	0	0	0	5,580