



**REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE  
(RUNNYMEDE)**

**MEMBER ALLOCATIONS FUNDING**

**8 FEBRUARY 2008**

**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:

- i) **Consider and agree the proposed expenditure (described in paragraphs 3.2 to 3.34) 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.
- 1.4 Member allocations should support the County Council's Corporate plan 2007/08, *One Outstanding Council: Making Surrey a better place*. The county council's values are to be forward thinking, responsive and reliable, working with others and giving value for money. The Plan sets out the following four priorities for the current year:
  - Improving highways and maintaining roads;
  - Ensuring that looked after children grow up better equipped for life, in particular through education;
  - Increasing the number of vulnerable adults able to live independently;
  - Increasing waste minimisation and recycling.

### 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 There are two projects which were approved for member allocations funding in February 2007, for which funding is yet to be released due to delays in implementation. These are:
  - a) funding for new computer equipment at Englefield Green youth club (subject to SCC Estates agreeing a lease with Surrey Clubs for Young People) ;
  - b) construction of a new BMX track at Bishops Way Park in Egham Hythe (subject to planning approval).

In each case, officers have been in contact with the project managers and are advised that the projects should be undertaken within a matter of months.

### **3.2 HEATHERVALE RECREATION GROUND: YOUTH SHELTER BASE**

**Member:** Mrs Mary Angell

**Project Cost** £1,500

**Amount requested** £1,173 Revenue

#### **Summary of Proposal**

A new youth shelter is to be installed at Heathervale recreation ground, funded by the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership, and this allocation would be for installation of the concrete base.

### **3.3 BISHOPS WAY OPEN SPACE: PICNIC BENCH**

**Member:** Mrs Yvonna Lay

**Project Cost** £750

**Amount requested** £750 Capital

#### **Summary of Proposal**

Runnymede Borough Council has recently installed a new toddler play area at Bishops Way open space in Egham Hythe. The request is for funding to install a picnic table sited within the play area for use by families visiting the facility.

### **3.4 HYTHE PRIMARY SCHOOL: SWIMMING POOL REFURBISHMENT STUDY**

**Member:** Mrs Yvonna Lay

**Project Cost** £4,500

**Amount requested** £3,000 Revenue

#### **Summary of Proposal**

A committee of parents and governors at the Hythe primary school have set a target to fund-raise for a total refurbishment of the existing pool, to provide a covered swimming pool available for community use by Summer 2009. The request is for a significant contribution to the architect's fees for drafting detailed drawings for use with the Business Plan to achieve this target.

### **3.5 ST. PAULS CHURCH COMMUNITY HALL: FLOOR REPLACEMENT**

**Member:** Mrs Yvonna Lay

**Project Cost** £4,395

**Amount requested** £2,000 Revenue

#### **Summary of Proposal**

St Paul's Church in Egham Hythe has a 50-year old community hall with very worn and damaged wood flooring. The church is seeking to replace this with heavy duty vinyl flooring and parishioners have raised £2000 towards this already. The hall is used by various local groups and the improvement will make it safer for use by children and young people.

### **3.6 RUNNYMEDE DOLPHINS: WATERCHAIRS AND NECK BRACES**

**Member:** Mrs Yvonna Lay

**Project Cost** £1,650

**Amount requested** £1,500 Revenue

#### **Summary of Proposal**

Disabled people with restricted mobility benefit from twice weekly swimming

sessions run by Runnymede Dolphins. The group wishes to purchase two wheelchairs and water aid neck braces (for people with paralysis) which will enable disabled people to enter the pool more quickly and benefit from a longer therapy session.

### **3.7 AGE CONCERN: COMMUNITY SUPPORT DESK EGHAM HYTHE**

**Member:** Mrs Yvonna Lay

**Project Cost** £10,268

**Amount requested** £484 Revenue

#### **Summary of Proposal**

Age Concern Runnymede provides community help desks from health centres in Addlestone, Chertsey and Englefield Green, which give information and access to services for older people who are not aware of what is available. The proposal is to contribute to extending this service to the Hythe health centre by funding the mobile phone costs and printing of leaflets, in 2008.

### **3.8 1<sup>st</sup> CHERTSEY SCOUT GROUP: HALL BENCHES**

**Member:** Mr Ray Lowther

**Project Cost** £870

**Amount requested** £870 Capital

#### **Summary of Proposal**

To purchase six new gym benches for use by the Scout Group of 90 boys and girls at their weekly meetings, to replace existing seating which is in a hazardous condition.

### **3.9 ST PETERS CHURCH: BELL MUFFLES**

**Member:** Mr Ray Lowther

**Project Cost** £210

**Amount requested** £210 Capital

#### **Summary of Proposal**

The bells of St Peter's Church, Chertsey are muffled for the annual Remembrance service in November. The present leather muffles used are worn through, and funding is requested to purchase a new set of bell muffles in good time for their next use.

### **3.10 RUNNYMEDE ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTARY SERVICES: PORTABLE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM**

**Member:** Mr Ray Lowther

**Project Cost** £800

**Amount requested** £800 Capital

#### **Summary of Proposal**

Runnymede Association of Voluntary Services wishes to purchase a public address system with two handheld microphones, for use by RAVS and loan to affiliated voluntary groups, to enable people who are hard of hearing to participate fully in large meetings/training/events.

### **3.11 CHERTSEY CRICKET CLUB: NEW PRACTICE NETS**

**Member:** Mr Ray Lowther

**Project Cost** £17,484

**Amount requested** £500 Capital

### **Summary of Proposal**

The Chertsey Cricket Club is an amateur club run by volunteers which has 115 junior members at present. The proposal is to replace its unsatisfactory practice nets and an application has been made to the Association for Improvement of Runnymede for most of the funding, with a third party contribution of £500 requested from the Local Committee.

#### **3.12 CHERTSEY CHILDRENS CENTRE: OUTSIDE PLAY AREA**

**Member:** Mr Ray Lowther

**Project Cost** £1,750

**Amount requested** £750 Capital

#### **Summary of Proposal**

Chertsey Children's Centre has opened within the Chertsey Nursery building following extensive refurbishment funded by Sure Start. This proposal is for a contribution to minor works to fit a separate entry gate (controlled by intercom) and secure a covered area outside the Centre's main "Sunshine" room for use as a safe outdoor play area for toddlers.

#### **3.13 THE CHERTSEY SOCIETY: FEASIBILITY STUDY**

**Member:** Mr Ray Lowther

**Project Cost** £3,000

**Amount requested** £1,500 Revenue

#### **Summary of Proposal**

The Chertsey Society, working with Sustrans, the Runnymede Cycle Forum and in consultation with borough and county councils, seeks an improvement to the paths adjacent to Chertsey Library, Guildford Street, to mark the entrance to the national cycle route and improve public seating next to the river Bourne. To proceed with a detailed proposal, funding is requested to contribute 50% of the estimated costs of a feasibility study and drawings for this project.

#### **3.14 CHERTSEY PARTNERSHIP OF SCHOOLS: IMPROVEMENTS TO OUTDOOR PLAY AND STORAGE FACILITIES**

**Member:** Mr Ray Lowther

**Project Cost** £5,070

**Amount requested** £1,000 Revenue

#### **Summary of Proposal**

Chertsey Schools Partnership has five members catering for children aged up to 11 years, and a contribution of £200 per school is sought for the purchase of outdoor storage units, outdoor staging, playground marking and garden improvements.

#### **3.15 RUNNYMEDE AND ELMBRIDGE TALKING NEWSPAPER: AUDIO-TAPE COPIERS**

**Member:** Mr Ray Lowther

**Project Cost** £13,000

**Amount requested** £1,000 Revenue

#### **Summary of Proposal**

The talking newspaper provides a voluntary service to blind and visually impaired people in the boroughs of Runnymede and neighbouring Elmbridge. Each week 200 tapes are copied and supplied to residents to keep them up to

date with local news. The organisation is fund-raising urgently to replace its badly worn high-speed copying machines, and a contribution from the Local Committee is requested.

### **3.16 GOGMORE PARK YOUTH CLUB: ACTIVITIES**

**Member:** Mr Ray Lowther

**Project Cost** £2,500

**Amount requested** £2,500

#### **Summary of Proposal**

The youth club for young people from Chertsey, situated in Gogmore Park, is seeking funding to provide a range of additional organised activities during 2008, to run in parallel with existing developments such as the forthcoming cafe.

### **3.17 THE SHOOTING STAR HOSPICE: HYDROTHERAPY SOUND & LIGHT PROJECT**

**Member:** Mr Terry Dicks

**Project Cost** £6,355

**Amount requested** £3,800 Capital

#### **Summary of Proposal**

Shooting Star Hospice provides care for sick and terminally ill children from West London and North Surrey, and has to date helped 300 families since opening in 2005. The proposal is to install sound and lighting in the popular hydrotherapy pool to develop sensory stimulation, and a contribution from the Local Committee will help to ensure that the project is realised in 2008.

### **3.18 RUNNYMEDE ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY: CARERS' WEEKEND BREAK**

**Member:** Mr Terry Dicks

**Project Cost** £4,000

**Amount requested** £3,500 Revenue

#### **Summary of Proposal**

Carers of people with Alzheimers receive limited statutory support but remain on duty for 24 hours a day in caring for loved ones. Funding is requested to cover the costs of a much-needed week-end break away for a group of these carers with others in a similar position.

### **3.19 RUNNYMEDE CARE ASSISTANT SCHEME: CARER'S LUNCH OUT**

**Member:** Mr Terry Dicks

**Project Cost** £500

**Amount requested** £300 Revenue

#### **Summary of Proposal**

Runnymede Care Assistant Scheme provides volunteers to undertake "home sitting" to enable full-time carers go out for short periods leaving their elderly or disabled relatives in safety. The proposal is for a contribution to a summer lunch party (organised by RCAS) to enable the full-time carers to meet and make friends.

### **3.20 MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT: PATIENT GRANTS PROGRAMME**

**Member:** Mr Terry Dicks  
**Project Cost** £92,233  
**Amount requested** £3,400 Revenue

#### **Summary of Proposal**

Macmillan Cancer Support's Patient Grants programme helps people affected by loss of income following a cancer diagnosis, to fund additional costs incurred as a result of their illness such as bedding, extra heating, shower installation, hospital car parking, recliner chairs, etc. A total of 262 people in Surrey were given support in 2007. A contribution is requested to benefit cancer patients from the Runnymede area in 2008.

### **3.21 RUNNYMEDE YOUTH FESTIVAL 2008**

**Member:** Miss Marisa Heath and Mrs Elise Whiteley  
**Project Cost** £15,695  
**Amount requested** £3,000 Revenue (M. Heath £1,000: E Whiteley £2,000)

#### **Summary of Proposal**

A multi-agency partnership which included the Youth Council organised the first Youth Festival in the borough in September 2007, and this was a great success attended by 300 people. A contribution towards the cost of the Festival in 2008 is requested, towards hire of the venue for the range of activities planned.

### **3.22 150<sup>th</sup> EGHAM ROYAL SHOW**

**Member:** Miss Marisa Heath  
**Project Cost** £40,000  
**Amount requested** £2,500 Revenue

#### **Summary of Proposal**

The Egham and Thorpe Agricultural Association has requested a contribution to provide animal displays and a horticultural marquee at this annual show for local residents held over the August Bank Holiday week-end in Egham. Approximately half of the cost of this major event is met from entrance fees, trade charges and raffle.

### **3.23 ENGLEFIELD GREEN CRICKET CLUB: PORTABLE PRACTICE NETS**

**Member:** Miss Marisa Heath  
**Project Cost** £2,000  
**Amount requested** £1,500 Revenue

#### **Summary of Proposal**

The Englefield Green Cricket Club has no practice nets at present and wishes to purchase a portable cricket net and mat to enable practice with young cricketers from the village and surrounding areas. The contribution requested would pay for the nets with the club providing funds for the mat.

### **3.24 THE BESOM IN RUNNYMEDE**

**Member:** Miss Marisa Heath  
**Project Cost** £2,000  
**Amount requested** £1,500 Revenue

#### **Summary of Proposal**

The Besom is a faith-based group of volunteers based in Egham, which helps

local people in need by recycling donated furniture and white goods and assisting them with practical tasks in their homes. The project's van is in constant use for delivery of such items, and the proposal is to contribute to resurfacing of the driveway to the storage premises for easier access and loading.

**3.25 RUNNYMEDE LITERARY FESTIVAL 2008: CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN**

**Member:** Miss Marisa Heath

**Project Cost** £17,800

**Amount requested** £1,000 Revenue

**Summary of Proposal**

The Runnymede International Literary Festival seeks a contribution towards workshop leaders fees for the provision of community creative writing workshops with children from schools in the borough over 12 days in late February/early March 2008.

**3.26 MEDIATION NORTH SURREY: NEW LAPTOP COMPUTER**

**Member:** Miss Marisa Heath

**Project Cost** £550

**Amount requested** £550 Revenue

**Summary of Proposal**

Mediation North Surrey helps people in Runnymede, Spelthorne and Elmbridge by providing volunteer mediators to facilitate meetings between residents in conflict to resolve disputes. The request is for funding for a replacement laptop computer to enable recording of mediation meetings.

**3.27 COMMUNITY ACTION VOLUNTEERING, ROYAL HOLLOWAY UNIVERSITY OF LONDON: PROJECTS IN VOLUNTEERING WEEK JUNE 2008**

**Member:** Miss Marisa Heath

**Project Cost** £1,000

**Amount requested** £1,000 Revenue

**Summary of Proposal**

Students from Royal Holloway College, Egham are involved in volunteering to help the local community throughout the year, and each June after exams finish they undertake a range of practical projects in Englefield Green and Egham nominated by the community, for which materials are required, including wood, plants, paint, health and safety equipment, and skips. A contribution to pay for these materials is requested.

**3.28 MANORCROFT UNITED YOUTH FOOTBALL: REPLACEMENT KIT FOR TWO TEAMS**

**Member:** Miss Marisa Heath

**Project Cost** £700

**Amount requested** £700 Revenue

**Summary of Proposal**

Manorcroft United of Egham has two squads of young players, and seeks funding to purchase replacement track suits and playing kit for both, which will benefit around 24 young people.



### **3.29 TAE KWON DO SCHOOL: TRAINING EQUIPMENT**

**Member:** Miss Marisa Heath

**Project Cost** £300

**Amount requested** £300 Revenue

#### **Summary of Proposal**

The Tae Kwon Do School teaches martial arts to local residents including young people from the borough and plans to operate from a new venue in Englefield Green imminently. Funding is requested to purchase new equipment for training e.g. practice mats.

### **3.30 ENGLEFIELD GREEN CRUSADERS: SUMMER CAMP**

**Member:** Miss Marisa Heath

**Project Cost** £500

**Amount requested** £250 Revenue

#### **Summary of Proposal**

Englefield Green Crusaders is a faith-based voluntary group (affiliated to the national organisation Urban Saints) which seeks funding to subsidise places for five disadvantaged young people from the village to attend their four-day Whitsun summer camp which will be held in May 2008.

### **3.31 SURREY WOMEN'S AID: EQUIPMENT**

**Member:** Mrs Elise Whiteley

**Project Cost** £405

**Amount requested** £333 Capital

#### **Summary of Proposal**

Surrey Women's Aid supports women who leave their homes because of domestic violence by providing a refuge in emergency, and outreach support visits to residents in Runnymede, Surrey Heath and Woking. A contribution is requested for mobile phones for outreach workers and a new microwave for the refuge kitchen.

### **3.32 CARNIVAL CAPERS 2008: SCARECROW COMPETITION AND ANIMAL CORNER**

**Member:** Mrs Elise Whiteley

**Project Cost** £1,000

**Amount requested** £1,000 Revenue

#### **Summary of Proposal**

Carnival Capers is Virginia Water's annual summer village fete held on Cabrera Green. Funding is sought to pay for a farm corner and scarecrow competition (with prizes) to encourage children from local primary schools to learn and think about rural issues.

### **3.33 AGE CONCERN RUNNYMEDE: COMMUNITY SUPPORT DESK**

**Member:** Mrs Elise Whiteley

**Project Cost** £10,268

**Amount requested** £1,650 Revenue

#### **Summary of Proposal**

See 3.7 for details of the Community Support desks. This request is for a contribution to the cost of providing a desk in Ottershaw/Virginia Water for 3 hours per week in 2008, together with the associated mobile phone costs.

### **3.34 OTTERSHAW MAYFAIR 2008**

**Member:** Mrs Elise Whiteley

**Project Cost** £2,200

**Amount requested** £500 Revenue

#### **Summary of Proposal**

Ottershaw May Fair is an annual event held on May Day Bank Holiday organised by the Ottershaw scouts and guides, to raise money for their activities and bring together the community. The request is for £500 to hire tables and pay for the presence of St John's Ambulance and hire of the PA system.

## **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, 3.16, 3.21 and 3.28, 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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Total proposed	8,013	1,173	7,200	10,300	6 984	6,000	5,150
Annual total funding available for allocation*	35,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11 000	11 000
Already allocated	25,985	9,827	3,600	700	4,000	2,400	5,780