



**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S
LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**ANNUAL SUMMARY OF
MEMBER ALLOCATIONS
2007/08**

6 June 2008

SUMMARY

For the year 2007/8, 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 to promote the social, economic or environmental well being of this area.

This report gives an overview of 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

This report is for information only.
The Committee is asked to:

- i) **Note the nature of the expenditure from the Members' allocations budget for the year 2007/8.**

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The County Council agreed that in 2007-8 it would allocate to each County Councillor a revenue sum of £11,000, and allocate the Local Committee a total sum of £35,000 for capital projects. Throughout the year the Local Committee agreed to support and enable a range of projects – totalling £98,210 - in the local community. **Annex 3** lists how much was allocated per member and for which projects. A sum of £2,788 (£1,002 capital, £1,786 revenue) remained unallocated at the end of the 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 a single 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 2007-8 *One Outstanding Council: Making Surrey a better place*, set out the following four priorities for the 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.

All member allocation expenditure (whether revenue or capital) is coded to reflect broad subject categories. 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 the category Young People received the largest amount of revenue allocation funding, and the category which received the highest amount of capital funding was Everybody Matters. The latter covers the promotion of community involvement and projects benefiting all sections of the community, for example through provision of community centres, annual fetes and fairs on village greens, and town centre Christmas lighting and decorations.

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

- After-school activities provided at the All Saints church youth club throughout the autumn and winter, including cookery, first aid, car mechanics, hair dressing to give a taste of possible vocational options to those not planning for university;
- Funding for tools, paint and equipment to support environmental projects in Egham and Englefield Green being undertaken in June by student volunteers from Royal Holloway College;
- Contributions to venue hire and equipment for the second borough-wide Youth Festival which will be held in September 2008, after a successful first year;
- Subsidy to enable young people from low-income families in Englefield Green to join the Crusaders Whitsun adventure camp in May 2008.

Projects allocated under Everybody Matters have included:

- Funding to provide animal displays and a horticultural marquee to show flowers and home-grown produce at the Egham Royal Show, held annually on August Bank Holiday;
- Purchase of new curtains for the stage at New Haw Community Centre (to replace a very worn-out set) for use in amateur dramatic productions and presentations;
- Purchase of a tent for shelter and entrance barriers for the Chertsey Agricultural Association's annual summer show on Chertsey Meads;

Another popular category for both revenue (£14,634) and capital (£6,333) expenditure was Adults and Community Care, including:

- Support for the unpaid carers of Runnymede, including social activities to give them a break and a chance to get to know others in a similar position, and funding towards temporary respite care for their loved ones;
- Equipment to support people with disabilities to use the swimming pool at weekly session run by Runnymede Dolphins;
- A contribution to the purchase of replacement audio equipment used to produce tapes for people with visual impairment, by Elmbridge and Runnymede Talking Newspaper – this project also attracted funding from the Local Committee (Elmbridge).

2.3 The pie-charts (**Annex 2**) indicate 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. Nearly half of the revenue allocation total was used to benefit projects serving residents from across the borough, with the remainder allocated to projects at very local level. Allocations, which benefited residents from across, the borough included:

- Purchase of a laptop computer for use by Mediation North Surrey, which intervenes to resolve neighbour disputes locally;
- The contribution to Macmillan Cancer Care's patient grants programme in Runnymede, which supports people who struggle financially following a diagnosis of cancer;
- Training costs for volunteers at Home Start Runnymede, which works with families of pre-school children from across the borough.

3. CONCLUSION

For the year 2007/8 a wide range of projects was supported. This report provides the opportunity to review this. Members are invited to comment.

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