

**REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (RUNNYMEDE)**

**MEMBER ALLOCATIONS FUNDING**

**6 JUNE 2008**

**KEY ISSUE**

To set out the funding available for County Councillors' allocations for 2008/09, 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) 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) Consider and agree the proposed expenditure (described in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.14) from the Members' Allocation budget.

## INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The County Council's budget for 2008/9 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 It is proposed that members divide the capital funding of £35,000 equally between the six county councillors when making proposals for funding, and that as far as possible, this capital should be used where there is a project which meets the criteria for capital funding before revenue is accessed.
- 1.5 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.

*Allocations from Capital***3.1 COMPUTERS FOR CHILDREN IN DOMESTIC ABUSE REFUGE****Members:** Mrs Mary Angell, Mrs Yvonna Lay**Project Cost** £1,152**Amount requested** £1,052**Summary of Proposal**

Funding is requested to purchase a computer for the local refuge, so that children temporarily housed there may use it for homework and tuition.

**Previous funding?**

This application is made by the county council's truancy team, Surrey Women's Aid has received funding in 2007-8 for new kitchen equipment.

**3.2 MATERIAL TO REPAIR THE NEW HAW SCOUT HEADQUARTERS****Member:** Mrs Mary Angell**Project Cost:** up to £10,000**Amount requested:** £2000 capital**Summary of Proposal**

The New Haw scouts' headquarters comprise a wooden hut which requires repair to the northern side because of rot. Funding is sought to purchase wood and other materials to undertake the repairs which will be undertaken by a structural carpenter and voluntary labour.

**Previous funding?**

In 2006 New Haw scouts received member allocation funding for new camping equipment.

**3.3 LAPTOP COMPUTER FOR USE BY VOLUNTARY GROUPS****Member:** Mr Ray Lowther**Project Cost** £975**Amount requested** £975 Capital**Summary of Proposal**

Runnymede Association of Voluntary Services serves a large number of affiliated voluntary groups in the area, who can borrow the laptop PC from time to time. The current laptop is out of date and needs upgrading.

**Previous funding?**

RAVS purchased their existing laptop for community use in 2004 with member allocations funding.

**3.4 COMPLEMENTARY THERAPY SUITE EQUIPMENT, SHOOTING STAR****Member:** Mr Terry Dicks**Project Cost** £4,750**Amount requested** £4,750 Capital**Summary of Proposal**

The Shooting Star hospice for children, which serves North Surrey including Runnymede, is expanding its provision to incorporate a new therapy area, one component of which is the complementary therapy suite. Funding is requested to purchase equipment and furnishings such as treatment bed and chairs, black-out blinds, aromatherapy diffuser, audio system etc.

**Previous funding?**

The hospice received member allocation funding in 2007 towards the

hydrotherapy Sound and Light project.

### 3.5 FURNITURE FOR RUNNYMEDE ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY DAY CENTRE

**Member:** Mr Terry Dicks

**Project Cost** £4,500

**Amount requested** £4,500 (£1000 Capital, £3,500 Revenue)

#### **Summary of Proposal**

The Runnymede Alzheimers Society is due to open its new day centre Provision within the New Haw Community Centre in 2008. Funding is requested to purchase 12 specialist chairs (£250 each) and coffee tables and a bookcase to furnish the day room for use by people with Alzheimers.

#### **Previous funding?**

The Alzheimers Society received funding in 2007 towards fit-out of the kitchen area of the new centre.

### 3.6 NEW BUS SHELTER FOR ST JUDE'S ROAD

**Member:** Miss Marisa Heath

**Project cost:** £3000 + VAT

**Amount requested** £3000

#### **Summary of proposal**

Local residents in Englefield Green have petitioned Runnymede Borough Council for a bus shelter to keep them dry, to be located in St Jude's Road. The borough council has no growth budget for street furniture and so requests that member allocations funding be agreed to support this improvement which will benefit the village community, in particular those without cars.

#### **Previous funding**

Not for this purpose. Member allocations funding has been agreed in the past for improvements to play areas maintained by RBC.

#### *Revenue allocations*

### 3.7 MIDSUMMER EVENT 2008: MARQUEE HIRE, PUBLICITY, INSURANCE

**Member:** Mrs Mary Angell

**Project Cost** £5,000

**Amount requested** £2,250 Revenue

#### **Summary of Proposal**

The Midsummer Event is held at Heathervale Park in New Haw annually. Funding is requested to pay for insurance, programme printing, marquee hire and a PA system for the competitions, which will make a substantial contribution to the overall cost of organising this community event.

#### **Previous funding?**

The Midsummer Event received a contribution in 2006 and 2007.

**3.8 ALL SAINTS YOUTH BUILDING REPLACEMENT COSTS****Member:** Mrs Mary Angell**Project Cost** £130,000+**Amount requested** £3678 Revenue**Summary of Proposal**

The All Saints Church in New Haw needs to replace its community hall, the Den, which is primarily used for youth drop-in activities during the week. A contribution to the preparatory works for the rebuild is sought, to cover the building regulations fee, asbestos survey and tree removal.

**Previous funding?**

All Saints received funding towards provision of youth activity sessions in 2007.

**3.9 RUNNYMEDE CARERS SUPPORT BREAK****Member:** Mrs Mary Angell, Mrs Elise Whiteley, Mrs Yvonna Lay**Project Cost** £2 500**Amount requested** £2 500**Summary of Proposal**

Carers Support Runnymede works with 460 carers locally, across a spectrum of needs – carers of disabled children, people with learning disabilities, mental health difficulties etc. Each year a group of a dozen carers are taken to a seaside hotel for a holiday they would not otherwise be able to afford. In the past, they have received help towards this from Surrey County Council's social care team but cutbacks have meant that this funding is no longer available.

**Previously funded?**

Runnymede Carers' Support has not received member allocation funding in the past.

**3.10 YOUTH FESTIVAL IN RUNNYMEDE 2008****Member:** Mrs Yvonna Lay**Project Cost** £15,700**Amount requested** £1000**Summary of Proposal**

The first Youth Festival held in Runnymede in September 2007 was a success and this year the organisers hope to attract even more young people aged up to 19 with a range of activities and live music. The proposal is for funding for publicity and information – advance leaflets, programmes, street banners, and wrist bands on entry giving details of relevant websites – to encourage local young people to explore the many positive activities open to them.

**Previously funded?**

The Youth Festival has already received £3000 towards venue hire, agreed in February 2008.

**3.11 RELATEEN COUNSELLING AT THE HAVEN CHILDREN'S CENTRE****Member:** Mrs Yvonna Lay**Project Cost** £4000**Amount requested** £1500

**Summary of Proposal**

The Haven Children's Centre in Egham Hythe hosts a range of services for children and parents, and has run a number of sessions offering counselling for troubled young people from neighbouring schools. No further funding is available from the core budget so member allocations is sought (alongside other sources) to enable this successful service to continue in 2008.

**Previous funding?**

These sessions have not been previously funded from member allocations.

**3.12 EGHAM ROYAL SHOW 2008 -**

**Member:** Mrs Yvonna Lay

**Project Cost** £17,484

**Amount requested £2000**

**Summary of Proposal**

The Egham Royal Show is an annual event held at August Bank Holiday week-end, and attracts families and older people from the local area. Funding is requested to pay for the children's marquee (providing education about animals and country life) and towards the horticultural competitions.

**Previous funding?**

Members agreed £2,500 towards other elements of the Show in February 2008.

**3.13 SURREY YOUNG CARERS RESPITE BREAK**

**Member:** Mr Terry Dicks

**Project Cost** £2,700

**Amount requested £2,700**

**Summary of Proposal**

Surrey Young Carers (SYC) supports children and young people aged under 18 who care for relatives (often a parent) with mental or health difficulties. The local group which meets in Addlestone wishes to take a group of local young carers on a respite break to Disneyland Paris in autumn 2008, and funding is sought to enable this.

**Previous funding?**

SYC received funding for this purpose from member allocations in 2007.

**3.14 SURREY FIRE & RESCUE SAFE DRIVE DVD**

**Members:** Mrs Mary Angell, Mrs Yvonna Lay, Mrs Elise Whiteley, Mr Ray Lowther, Miss Marisa Heath

**Project Cost** £55,000

**Amount requested: £4,533**

**Summary of Proposal**

Surrey Fire & Rescue Service works with other emergency services to run a hard-hitting annual presentation to young people approaching driving age to educate them about the dangers which face them on Surrey's roads and their risk of being killed or seriously injured (20 young people aged 17-24 years in 2007 in Runnymede). The Service is seeking £5000 from each Local Committee to fund the production of a DVD which will enable the message to be taken out to groups of young people unable to attend the presentation, such as university students.

**Previous funding?**

Not for this purpose.

**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	12, 777	8,088	6,200	1000	6,000	700	1,673
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