

REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (RUNNYMEDE)

MEMBER ALLOCATIONS FUNDING

19 SEPTEMBER 2008

KEY ISSUE

To set out the funding available for County Councillors' allocations for 2008/09, and consider for decision 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 3.1 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 Members have agreed to 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 CAMPING EQUIPMENT FOR CHERTSEY GUIDES****Member:** Mr Ray Lowther**Project Cost** £1,002**Amount requested** £850 Capital**Summary of Proposal**

Funding is requested to purchase replacement camping equipment for use by the 5th Chertsey Guides for the benefit of young women who are members. This will include 2 large tents, 3 aluminium tables and an event shelter.

Previous funding?

Chertsey Guides received funding in 2005-6 to purchase a laptop computer.

3.2 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN CHERTSEY**Member:** Mr Ray Lowther**Project Cost:** £3,000**Amount requested:** £500 Capital**Summary of Proposal**

A contribution is requested by the Chertsey Society towards new and replacement lights, and adaptation of three additional lamp posts, to ensure a visually enhanced town centre for Christmas 2008. The new coloured lights will be used for the yew tree outside St Peter's Church in Windsor Street.

Previous funding?

In 2005 the Chertsey Society received member allocation funding to adapt lamp posts and purchase a first set of lights, some of which now need to be replaced.

3.3 NEW SHELVING UNITS FOR CHERTSEY LIBRARY**Member:** Mr Ray Lowther**Project Cost** £700**Amount requested** £700 Capital**Summary of Proposal**

Chertsey Library has requested a contribution to the purchase of three new shelving units to enable the display of new book stocks.

Previous funding?

Chertsey Library purchased a noticeboard to advertise learning activities with member allocations funding in 2006-7.

3.4 EQUIPMENT FOR REHABILITATION OF STROKE PATIENTS**Member:** Mrs Elise Whiteley**Project Cost** £1,488**Amount requested** £1,488 Capital**Summary of Proposal**

The Matron of Cedar Ward at St Peter's Hospital has requested funding to purchase an Active Passive Trainer for use by people who have experienced a stroke under the supervision of occupational therapists, to assist in their

rehabilitation. St Peter's Hospital in Chertsey serves a wide catchment area including many residents from Runnymede.

Previous funding?

None.

3.5 OTTERS Shaw C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL: LAPTOP COMPUTERS

Member: Mrs Elise Whiteley

Project Cost £7,000

Amount requested £1,000 Capital

Summary of Proposal

The junior school plans to convert a disused kitchen into a "Children and Parent Room" to provide a space where parents can meet support agencies and teaching staff to discuss their children's special educational needs, and which can also be used to work with small groups of traveller children from across the school confederation. As part of this project, funding is requested to purchase two laptop computers and a printer which will be used during interviews with parents, and also with the children.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose.

3.6 PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS AT NEW HAW JUNIOR SCHOOL

Member: Mrs Mary Angell

Project cost: £37 000

Amount requested £5000 (Capital £3281, Revenue £1719)

Summary of proposal

The School Council at New Haw junior school has consulted each class to discuss what improvements they would like for their play area, resulting in this proposal for which a contribution is requested. When complete, the play area will include shaded areas which may be used as outdoor classroom and new adventurous play equipment.

Previous funding

Not for this purpose.

3.7 SURREY FIRE & RESCUE: YOUTH ENGAGEMENT SCHEME (YES)

Member: Miss Marisa Heath, Mrs Yvonna Lay

Project Cost £26,000

Amount requested £1,000 Capital

Summary of Proposal

Surrey Fire & Rescue Service has piloted in North Surrey a practical 5 day programme for young people aged 14-17 referred by Youth Justice Service and Education Welfare Service. The programme helps to address and prevent anti-social behaviour included fire and vehicle-related crime. The Service would like to extend the programme to young Runnymede residents and seeks a contribution to the equipment required, such as fire hoses, boots, ladders, rescue dummies etc.

Previous funding

Members agreed a total contribution of £5000 to the Safe Drive Stay Alive DVD to be produced by SFRS, at their meeting June 6th 2008.

3.8 STEPGATES SCHOOL: PLINTH TO DISPLAY OLD SCHOOL BELL**Member:** Mr Ray Lowther**Project Cost** £350**Amount requested** £350 Capital**Summary of Proposal**

Stepgates School in Chertsey is celebrating its centenary in 2008 and, as part of its commemoration activities, the headteacher and governors wish to commission an oak-topped plinth to mount and display the former school bell in a public area of the school. The bell weighs 5 stones so requires a sturdy customised support. The cost of this project is estimated at £350.

*Revenue allocations***3.9 REPLACEMENT INTERNAL DOORS FOR EIKON****Member:** Mrs Mary Angell**Project Cost** £2,350**Amount requested** £1,193 Revenue**Summary of Proposal**

Eikon has a well-used community building on the Fullbrook school site in New Haw, which is used for youth drop-in sessions and family support. Last year Eikon had 500 individuals through their doors.

Some of the existing internal doors are damaged and require replacing, to comply with fire safety and child protection requirements, and contribution is requested from member allocations.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose.

3.10 ENGLEFIELD GREEN VILLAGE PLAN & NEWSLETTER**Member:** Miss Marisa Heath**Project Cost** £4 500**Amount requested** £1000 Revenue**Summary of Proposal**

Following consultation, the Englefield Green Village Plan has been agreed and the Englefield Green Village Residents' Association wish to print and distribute copies to approximately 3,000 residents on a one-off basis. EGVRA also seeks a small contribution to the cost of producing its twice-yearly newsletter in 2008-9.

Previous funding?

EGVRA received allocations funding towards newsletter printing costs in 2007.

3.11 RUNNYMEDE ART SOCIETY: PAINTING FOR ALL**Member:** Miss Marisa Heath**Project Cost** £360**Amount requested** £360**Summary of Proposal**

The Runnymede Art Society wish to work with two groups in the community, at Springtime Nursery and the Friendly Club for people who have experienced a stroke. By developing their painting skills this will encourage communication and confidence in both user groups. A contribution is sought

towards the cost of art materials (£30 per session) to deliver 12 sessions over the course of the coming year.

Previously funded?

No.

3.12 EAST TO WEST: COMMUNITY YOUTH PASTOR, EGHAM HYTHE

Member: Mrs Yvonna Lay

Project Cost £35,000 in 2008-9.

Amount requested £5000 revenue

Summary of Proposal

The East to West Trust is seeking a contribution towards the cost of a project to pioneer pastorally responsive youth work, in partnership with Surrey Police in Egham and local churches through outreach to young people. The contribution towards the pilot phase of this project (to Spring 2009) will include needs mapping and delivery of training to local volunteers for work with young people in the Hythe. The Youth Development Service has agreed to support this initial project.

Previously funded?

No.

3.13 BLACK CHERRY FAIR PARADE JULY 2009

Member: Mr Ray Lowther

Project Cost £2000

Amount requested £2000

Summary of Proposal

Funding is requested to provide traffic management and advertise road closures to enable the Parade at Black Cherry Fair to take place in July 2009 in Chertsey town centre.

Previous funding?

The traffic management costs for this annual event have been funded in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 from member allocations.

3.14 RUNNYMEDE HOMESTART: TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Member: Mr Ray Lowther

Project Cost £400

Amount requested £400

Summary of Proposal

Runnymede Homestart supports volunteers who provide support and visit the homes of hard to reach families with young children in the borough. In 2006-7 they supported 125 adults with 165 children in this way. As a result of a recent increase in referrals of mothers suffering post-natal depression they wish to provide specialist training for their volunteers on this topic.

Previous funding?

Homestart received allocations funding for induction training of a new staff member in Spring 2007.

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 fully 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 3.1, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 3.9, 3.12, 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 fulfil 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 progress monitoring report will be requested three months subsequent to that date.

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