



REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (RUNNYMEDE)

MEMBER ALLOCATIONS FUNDING

13 FEBRUARY 2009

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 3.26) as amended, 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 HAND-WASHING EQUIPMENT FOR CHERTSEY AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

Member: Mr Ray Lowther

Project Cost £400

Amount requested £400 Capital

Summary of Proposal

Chertsey Agricultural Association organise the annual Show on Chertsey Meads and seek funding to purchase portable hand wash basins for use at the Show in order to meet DEFRA requirements for health and safety.

Previous funding?

Yes, for an entrance marquee for the Agricultural Show in 2008.

3.2 CHERTSEY SCOUT GROUP KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

Member: Mr Ray Lowther

Project Cost: £1,100

Amount requested: £950 Capital

Summary of Proposal

The 1st Chertsey Scout Group wish to replace the 20-year old kitchen at their headquarters, which is also used by a dance group and other clubs, to meet modern hygiene standards and encourage more cooking activities. Funding is requested to purchase and fit kitchen units, worktops and sink.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose.

3.3 NEW AMBULANCE FOR ST JOHN AMBULANCE (RUNNYMEDE)

Member: Mr Ray Lowther, Mrs Yvonna Lay

Project Cost £ 57,000

Amount requested £1600 Capital

Summary of Proposal

The existing ambulance is in use throughout the year as a mobile first aid unit for local fetes and public events, as well as providing back-up to the NHS service at Ottershaw. This vehicle is no longer fit for purpose and the organisation has fund-raised nearly half of the £57,000 cost of a new ambulance with life-saving equipment, the remaining 50% will be paid for through a loan. The proposed allocation will make up the shortfall to 50% fund-raised, and the new vehicle can be delivered in autumn 2009.

Previous funding?

No.

3.4 WAITING ROOM IMPROVEMENTS FOR RUNNYMEDE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Member: Mrs Yvonna Lay

Project Cost £1100

Amount requested £1,100 Capital

Summary of Proposal

In 2008 the Runnymede Citizens Advice Bureau moved into self-contained

premises in the former library building at Addlestone. The service remains well-used by people in need of advice, especially as the recession affects residents. Funding is requested to purchase two items for the waiting room: a wall-mounted leaflet rack for information materials, and a wall-mounted television set with DVD player to enable the Bureau to transmit public information films and also to train staff and volunteers.

Previous funding?

None.

3.5 EGHAM LIBRARY EXTERIOR SIGNAGE

Member: Miss Marisa Heath

Project Cost £500

Amount requested £420 Capital

Summary of Proposal

Surrey County Council's Library at Egham is set back from the High Street down a side road, and staff have anecdotal evidence that people new to the area have difficulty in locating it. The interior has been refurbished recently and is proving popular but no funding is available for the exterior. The purchase costs of a large "Library" sign, to be affixed to the side of the building facing the High Street, are requested.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose.

3.6 EGHAM YOUTH CLUB LEISURE EQUIPMENT

Member: Miss Marisa Heath

Project cost: £1730

Amount requested £1250 (Capital £900, Revenue £350)

Summary of proposal

Young people aged 13-19 from the Egham and Englefield Green areas attend the youth centre on a regular basis and have requested additional equipment, including a table for table tennis and television for playing music games, to help develop their leisure interests on open nights.

Previous funding

Not for this purpose.

3.7 METHODIST CHURCH DROP-IN CENTRE: ENGLEFIELD GREEN

Member: Miss Marisa Heath

Project Cost £350,000

Amount requested £1,000 Capital

Summary of Proposal

The Englefield Green Methodist Church has an ambitious programme to extend/refurbish its existing building to provide a community space for use as a drop-in coffee bar, and meeting point for residents and local young people. Over £200,000 has already been raised. Contribution to replacement of flooring is requested.

Previous funding

None.

Revenue allocations

3.8 PROVISION OF PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM

Member: Mr Ray Lowther
Project Cost £14,000 (for Black Cherry Fair)
Amount requested £400 Revenue

Summary of Proposal

The organisers of the BCF have requested £400 towards the £600 cost of hiring a public address system for use in the main arena at the Fair on Abbey Field on July 9th.

Previous funding?

Funding has been agreed to cover the costs of the traffic order needed to enable the Parade to take place to the Black Cherry Fair 2009.

3.9 FAMILY VIKING RE-ENACTMENT DAY (CHERTSEY MUSEUM)

Member: Mr Ray Lowther
Project Cost £2 100
Amount requested £350 Revenue

Summary of Proposal

A team of re-enactors in full Viking costumes will entertain on the Abbey Field on May 9th 2009. The event will support Curriculum Key Stage 2 "Invaders and Settlers" and will support the Museum's free activities to children from borough and beyond.

Previous funding?

Chertsey Museum received a contribution to the same event in 2007.

3.10 CHERTSEY CRICKET CLUB JUNIORS' EQUIPMENT

Member: Mr Ray Lowther
Project Cost £400
Amount requested £400

Summary of Proposal

The Cricket Club has 100 junior male and female members who are coached on every Friday evening from April to September. Funding is requested to purchase new practice balls and bats for use by this group.

Previously funded?

The Cricket Club received £750 for pitch covers and junior safety helmets in 2006.

3.11 DISPLAY CABINET FOR TUDOR STAINED GLASS WINDOW

Member: Mr Ray Lowther
Project Cost £750
Amount requested £750 revenue

Summary of Proposal

St Peter's Church in Chertsey owns a historic stained glass window dating the Tudor reign of Henry VIII, which was recently loaned to the Museum for a special exhibition. The Church wishes to place this historic artwork on permanent display in the Memorial Chapel in a commissioned wooden

display cabinet with back-lighting, and requests funding to do so.

Previously funded?

Not for this purpose.

3.12 THE CROUCH OAK TREE, ADDLESTONE: FENCING

Member: Mr Terry Dicks

Project Cost £12 000

Amount requested £1 320

Summary of Proposal

A contribution of approximately 10% is sought towards the cost of installing protective bowtop fencing around the old Crouch Oak in Crouch Oak Lane, Addlestone, which was partially damaged by fire in 2007. A grant for the work from the Association for Improvement of Runnymede is subject to 10% being raised separately.

Previous funding?

No.

3.13 RUNNYMEDE CARE ASSISTANT: TEA PARTIES

Member: Mr Terry Dicks

Project Cost £1000

Amount requested £480

Summary of Proposal

Age Concern and the Runnymede Care Assistant Scheme have identified the need for a new support project for older people with low mood (many of whom are carers), and seek a contribution to the costs of a series of tea parties to be held at the New Haw Community Centre during 2009.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose.

3.14 SHOOTING STAR HOSPICE: STARLIGHT PROJECT

Member: Mr Terry Dicks

Project Cost £4,250 (year 1)

Amount requested £2000

Summary of Proposal

The Starlight project is a structured activities week-end for bereaved families, (those who have lost children and siblings) which will enable children and their parents to participate in a variety of appropriate activities and give them an opportunity to meet others similarly bereaved. The 50% contribution requested will help pay for travel, catering and venue hire.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose.

3.15 RUNNYMEDE ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY: CARERS WEEK-END

Member: Mr Terry Dicks

Project Cost £1 500

Amount requested £1000

Summary of Proposal

The funding requested will contribute to the costs of a week-end away in summer/autumn 2009 for local people who care full-time for those with Alzheimers Disease or dementia.

Previous funding?

Yes – funding was allocated for this project in 2007 and 2008.

3.16 EGHAM ROYAL SHOW: ANIMAL DISPLAYS

Member: Miss Marisa Heath

Project Cost £40 000

Amount requested £2,400

Summary of Proposal

The Egham Royal Show is an annual agricultural show held on August Bank Holiday weekend, providing entertainment and education for young families and other residents of the area. A contribution to the animal displays and horticultural marquee is requested.

Previous funding?

Yes funding was allocated for the Show in 2007 and 2008.

3.17 VOLUNTEERING WEEK: STUDENTS IN ACTION 2009

Member: Miss Marisa Heath

Project Cost £1 500

Amount requested £1000

Summary of Proposal

The Royal Holloway Community Action Volunteering week is now an annual event in June, benefiting a range of community projects in Englefield Green and other parts of the borough. Funding is requested to purchase or hire materials such as paint, wood, plants, health and safety protection, tools and skip hire to enable the volunteers to carry out projects such as courtyard gardens, refurbishing benches, running workshops and repairing community buildings.

3.18 ENGLEFIELD GREEN SCOUTS HQ: ACTIVITY AREA

Member: Miss Marisa Heath

Project Cost £7,500

Amount requested £2000

Summary of Proposal

The newly built headquarters of the 1st Englefield Green Scouts, in Kings Lane, lacks a safe outdoor activity area. This project will provide hard standing for a camping trailer, an area for wood chopping and camp fire, storage space for equipment and drainage for the land around the hut.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose.

3.19 RUNNYMEDE LITERARY FESTIVAL; YOUTH WORKSHOPS

Member: Miss Marisa Heath

Project Cost £2000

Amount requested £900

Summary of Proposal

The annual Runnymede Literary Festival organised by the Literary Association includes community engagement activities such as these workshops delivered by Royal Holloway students and local writers. The workshops for schools in the borough will help children to develop their creative writing, drama and music skills and appreciation. The contribution requested will cover the costs of four workshops.

Previous funding?

Runnymede Literary Festival has received allocations funding for community workshops in 2008.

3.20 THE HAVEN CHILDREN'S CENTRE: YOUNG PARENTS' TRIPS

Member: Miss Marisa Heath

Project Cost £2000

Amount requested £1500

Summary of Proposal

The Haven Children's Centre covers Egham, and Englefield Green/Virginia Water, and supports a number of young parents on low incomes who can be difficult to engage. To enable more flexible and social support to be offered to this target group, funding is requested to organise leisure activities for these families including trips to the swimming pool, farm, museum etc. This funding is not provided as part of the core children's centre budget.

Previous funding?

No.

3.21 MEDIATION NORTH SURREY: WEBSITE PROJECT

Member: Miss Marisa Heath

Project Cost £500

Amount requested £500

Summary of Proposal

Mediation North Surrey provides a mediation service to resolve neighbour disputes in Runnymede, Spelthorne and Elmbridge. Referrals may be made by agencies and individuals. To help provide accurate and easy to find information about the service offered, the organisation requests funding for several hours of professional help to re-vamp its website.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose.

3.22 CARNIVAL CAPERS AT VIRGINIA WATER: FARM CORNER

Member: Mrs Elise Whiteley

Project Cost £1000

Amount requested £1000

Summary of Proposal

The annual Carnival Capers village fair on Cabrera Green seeks funding towards provision of an animal corner for children, and a scarecrow competition. This will enable local children to inter-act with cows, sheep, pigs, chickens, donkeys and horses, raising agricultural awareness.

Previous funding?

Carnival Capers has received allocations funding in 2006, 2007 and 2008 for an animal corner at the fair.

3.23 FAMILY WATER SPORTS DAY AT THAMES YOUNG MARINERS

Member: Mrs Elise Whiteley

Project Cost £2000

Amount requested £2000

Summary of Proposal

Surrey Parenting Education and Support proposes to run an activity day with a range of water sports using professional instructors in May 2009, for families from the Runnymede area to build family relationships and confidence. Publicity will be targeted particularly at "hard to reach" families with spaces for up to 30 participants.

Previous funding?

SPES has received funding for Lads & Dads & Daughters courses in 2006 and 2007.

3.24 HOMESTART RUNNYMEDE: TRAINING IN DEALING WITH BEHAVIOUR ISSUES

Member: Mrs Elise Whiteley

Project Cost £600

Amount requested £600

Summary of Proposal

The local branch of Home-Start wishes to train ten volunteers and ten families in how to deal with difficult behaviour and develop parenting skills, with follow-up support from professional trainers. The cost of providing two training courses in 2009 is requested.

Previous funding?

Homestart Runnymede received allocation funding in 2007 for training volunteers.

3.25 FARMING PROMOTION IN SURREY

Member: Mrs Elise Whiteley

Project Cost £3000

Amount requested £3000

Summary of Proposal

This collaborative project between the organisers of the Egham, Chertsey and Virginia Water agricultural shows, will provide tactile and static displays which can be used at a range of county fairs to educate the public about local dairy production and farming in Surrey.

Previous funding?

No.

3.26 CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS FOR STROKE PATIENTS

Member: Mrs Elise Whiteley

Project Cost £950

Amount requested £600

Summary of Proposal

A collaborative pilot project between Runnymede Borough Council and St Peter's Hospital aims to prevent stroke patients from being discharged from hospital to cold unsafe homes following treatment. If the pilot this Spring is successful it will be promoted to local authorities as worth including in mainstream budgets. The funding requested would pay for carbon monoxide detectors to include in the fuel poverty packs for up to 250 patients.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose.

4.1 Decision to allocate revenue allocation under delegated powers

Member: Mrs Elise Whiteley

Project Cost:

Amount agreed: £300

The Area Director approved on 12/11/08, under delegated powers as agreed at the Local Committee in June 2008, an allocation to support the purchase of two Christmas trees and lights for Station Parade and Station Approach at Virginia Water. The project was led by Runnymede Neighbourhood Police and a range of organisations contributed to the total cost.

Update on member allocations previously agreed

Several member allocations projects which were approved in the previous years remain to be completed, and details of these along with reasons for delay are listed below for information:

- an allocation of £8000 to Runnymede Leisure to partially fund a new BMX track in Bishops Way play area at Egham Hythe: the project was delayed at planning stage because of Environment Agency concerns about flood risk implications – borough council engineers aim to address these concerns so that a new planning application can be submitted within the next three months;
- Englefield Green Youth Club: an allocation of £5000 to purchase new computers was agreed, with the proviso that this funding would be paid to the organisation Surrey Clubs for Young People when it had signed and taken over the lease for this building from Surrey County Council. The lease has yet to be signed but it is expected that this will be resolved before the Local Committee meets in June.

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 above, 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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