

REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (RUNNYMEDE)

MEMBER ALLOCATIONS FUNDING

2 OCTOBER 2009

KEY ISSUE

To set out the funding available for County Councillors' allocations for 2009/10 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.

This report is for decision.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Runnymede) is asked to:

- i) **Consider and agree the proposed expenditure (described in paragraphs 2.2 to 2.8) from the Members' Allocation budget;**
- ii) **Note the expenditure approved by the Area Director under delegated powers, as described at 3.1.**

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The County Council's budget for 2009/10 made available £49,500 member allocations funding to be spent on local projects to promote the social, environmental or economic well-being of the people of Runnymede. The budget amounts to £8,250 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. This capital should be used wherever 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 2009/10 *Working Together Making Surrey a better place*. The county council's values remain: to be forward thinking, responsive and reliable, working with others and giving value for money. The Plan sets out the following priorities for the current year:

Protecting vulnerable children and young people
 Helping adults to live independently and safely
 Minimising and recycling waste
 Improving Surrey's roads
 Working to keep Surrey's economy successful

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 Revenue***2.2 CARERS SUPPORT CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Members: Mrs Mary Angell, Mr John Furey, Mr Mel Few,
Mr Chris Norman, Miss Marisa Heath

Project Cost £1250

Amount requested £1000 Revenue

Summary of Proposal

Carers Support Runnymede has requested a subsidy of £20 per head towards a Christmas lunch for 50 carers from across the borough, with the carers themselves paying £5 per head. This social event will give carers a break from their responsibilities and reduce their sense of isolation.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose.

2.3 "COPPERS FOR BRASS": MUSIC AT ST JUDE'S SCHOOL

Member: Miss Marisa Heath

Project Cost £3,402

Amount requested £1000

Summary of Proposal

Under the "Tuning Up" initiative, in 2008 the whole of Year 4 at St Jude's school received free musical tuition on brass instruments, but there is limited subsidy available in 2009-10 so schools must find a contribution by fund-raising if they wish to offer the same chance to this year's Year 4. The school/PTA has raised £1,500 already and the remainder is requested from the Local Committee. (The senior schools finance officer confirms that this is not core-curriculum funded and is therefore eligible for member allocation).

Previous funding?

No.

2.4 EIKON: RESIDENTIAL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE FEBRUARY 2010

Member: Mrs Mary Angell

Project Cost £3245

Amount requested £1850

Summary of Proposal

Eikon works with young people in the New Haw and surrounding areas, through Fullbrook School, and targets help at vulnerable young people who lack confidence or have family difficulties. The residential for 20 young people from Year 7 at an outdoor activity centre in Kent next February requires funding for food, transport, activities and staff/volunteer costs and a contribution is requested from the Local Committee.

Previous funding?

Eikon received funding towards residential activity trips for Summer 2007.

*Allocations from Capital***2.5 SURREY POLICE – PURCHASE OF PEDAL CYCLES FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD OFFICERS**

Member Mrs Yvonna Lay
Project Cost £450 per bike, total for 4 bikes £1800
Amount requested £1350

Summary of Proposal

The neighbourhood sergeant, responding to requests from the public for more visible patrols by neighbourhood officers in the Egham and Thorpe areas, has asked for funding to purchase four fully-equipped mountain bikes for use by his officers. Surrey Police have given assurances that the cycles will be retained in this neighbourhood for use long-term.

Previous funding?

No

2.6 EAST TO WEST: LAPTOP AND PRINTER FOR AFTER-SCHOOL AND NEET CLUBS

Member Mrs Yvonna Lay
Project Cost £2000
Amount requested £2000

Summary of proposal

East2West's community youth worker is running a weekly after-school club for years 7 and 8 at Magna Carta school (supported by volunteers) and has requested this funding to purchase a laptop and supporting equipment to use at this club and also at a new drop-in for young people who are not in education, training or employment.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose.

2.7 OTTERSHAW VILLAGE HALL: ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCE WORKS

Member Mr Mel Few
Project Cost £4,713
Amount requested £4000

Summary of proposal

The organisation responsible for managing the village hall, which is well used by local members of the public, plan to undertake refurbishment works in spring/summer 2010 and as part of this programme of works would like to remodel the main entrance pathways, provide a ramp and more user-friendly entrance doors which are thermally efficient. These improvements will be of particular benefit to people with pushchairs and mobility impairments.

Previous funding?

No

2.8 RAVS FACADE AND SIGNAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Members Mr Chris Norman, Mr Mel Few, Mr John Furey, Mrs Mary Angell, Miss Marisa Heath

Project Cost £2254

Amount requested £2000

Summary of proposal

The Runnymede Association of Voluntary Services has a shopfront premises adjacent to the Sainsbury Centre in Chertsey, and has identified a need to professionalise and improve its interior and exterior signage in order to attract more volunteers and to promote local voluntary sector events effectively. This funding will largely pay for permanent signage, alongside a contribution from the local auction house.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose.

3.0 PROPOSALS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS SINCE LAST MEETING

- 3.1 Following the June meeting of the Local Committee, the Area Director, under powers delegated to them by the Committee, approved an application from Runnymede Borough Council for £150 revenue, from Mrs Angell's allocation, to pay for new street signs in Weybourne Way adjacent to the new community building at All Saints Church.

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 project proposed in Section 2.7, if approved, would benefit disabled people and young parents from Ottershaw and surrounding areas. Projects proposed at 2.3, 2.4 and 2.6 would be of benefit to young people.

CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 None.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 Members are asked to consider and approve the expenditure proposed in Section 2 of the report.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 The proposal brought before the Committee fulfils the agreed criteria for member allocations funding.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

The Local Partnerships Team will write to 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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