

REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (RUNNYMEDE)

MEMBER ALLOCATIONS FUNDING

28 JANUARY 2010

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 2.12) from the Members' Allocation budget;**
- ii) **Note the expenditure approved by the Area Director under delegated powers, as described at 3.1, and agree the request from Carers Support Runnymede at 3.3.**

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 TRAINING OLDER PEOPLE TO USE MOBILE PHONES**

Members: Mr Chris Norman,

Project Cost £660

Amount requested £660 Revenue

Summary of Proposal

Surrey County Council's adult and community learning team is funding a course for 10 older people at the Orchard Day Centre in Chertsey to show them how to make use of mobile phones to keep in touch with family and friends, reducing isolation. Funding is requested to purchase "pay as you go" mobile phones (including initial £10 credit) for the trainees to use on their course.

Previous funding?

No

2.3 "MUSEUM MONKEYS" AT CHERTSEY MUSEUM IN 2010

Member: Mr Chris Norman

Project Cost £800

Amount requested £400 Revenue

Summary of Proposal

Chertsey Museum plans to launch a monthly drop-in session in April (Museums Month) for local pre-school children and their parents/carers to engage and educate them about their local heritage as well as teaching early skills in listening and participating. Funding is requested towards the cost of refreshments and to bring a "petting zoo" to the initial launch event.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose. Chertsey Museum received funding of £350 towards a Viking Re-Enactment Day held in May 2009.

2.4 "DUCKLINGS" AT DARLEY DENE

Member: Mr John Furey

Project Cost £1770

Amount requested £1770 Revenue

Summary of Proposal

A new pre-school group for young children, "Ducklings" is being launched at Darley Dene school in Addlestone from January 2010. The Home-School link worker at the school has requested help on behalf of the parent-led group with funding set-up costs including toys and craft materials, musical equipment and playmats. The group is open to all local parents with pre-school children.

Previous funding?

No.

2.5 “JUNIOR JAM” MAGAZINE AT ROYAL HOLLOWAY

Member: Miss Marisa Heath

Project Cost: £750

Amount requested: £750 Revenue

Summary of proposal

Royal Holloway undergraduates currently publish a creative writing magazine to showcase the literary work of students and would like to extend the idea to local junior and secondary schools by running a creative writing competition and publishing the results in a magazine distributed free to children in the schools involved. Funding is requested towards the printing costs and for prizes to encourage the children’s participation.

Previous funding?

No.

2.6 “DICTIONARIES FOR LIFE” – FOR YEAR 5 CHILDREN

Members: Miss Marisa Heath, Mr Mel Few, Mrs Yvonna Lay

Project Cost: £1100

Amount requested: £800

Summary of proposal

The Rotary Club of Egham wishes to distribute personal copies of the Dictionary for Life to all children in Year 5

Previous funding?

No

2.7 AWARDS EVENING FOR RUNNYMEDE ACCESS LIAISON GROUP

Members: Mrs Yvonna Lay

Project Cost: £2,100

Amount requested: £2,100 Revenue

Summary of proposal

The Runnymede Access Liaison Group promotes accessibility for disabled people in the Runnymede area. The group wishes to recognise and celebrate the achievements of disabled people and those who support them by holding an Awards event in Spring 2010, and seeks funding for costs of hall hire, postage and publicity, prizes, refreshments and administration of the event.

Previous funding?

The Local Committee awarded funding for a similar event organised by this group in 2008.

2.8 CARNIVAL CAPERS 2010 – ANIMAL CORNER FOR CHILDREN

Member: Mr Mel Few

Project Cost: £500

Amount requested: £500 Revenue

Summary of proposal

Carnival Capers is the annual village show organised by volunteers and held at Cabrera Green in Virginia Water, this year on 26th June 2010. As part of the rural affairs element of the show the organisers would like to provide an animal corner with a donkey, pigs, chicken and other livestock so that local children can have a connection with agriculture. Funding is requested to cover transportation, insurance and veterinary costs.

Previous funding?

Yes, the Carnival Capers has received Local Committee funding over several years for various elements of the rural affairs part of the show.

2.9 LIVE AND DIRECT MUSIC AT ENGLEFIELD GREEN YOUTH CLUB

Member: Miss Marisa Heath

Project Cost: £2000

Amount requested: £1500 Revenue

Summary of proposal

The Live and Direct project will provide music taster sessions for young people using the Englefield Green youth club, followed by more structured instrumental teaching in the second phase. Funding is requested towards music tutor fees to provide 20 weeks of music sessions over the Spring and Autumn terms 2010. It is intended that young people aged 13-19 will be engaged through this positive activity.

Previous funding?

No.

Allocations from Capital

2.10 CHERTSEY AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION – PORTABLE HAND HYGIENE EQUIPMENT

Member Mr Chris Norman

Project Cost £628

Amount requested £600 Capital

Summary of Proposal

Funding is requested to purchase an additional hand-basin for use in the goats and sheep section of the displays at the Chertsey and Egham agricultural shows in 2010 and subsequent years. This is a Government requirement to prevent the spread of infectious disease and was highlighted by an inspector at this year's show.

Previous funding?

Chertsey Agricultural Association received funding of £400 in 2008 to purchase a portable hand-wash basin for use at the Chertsey Show.

2.11 THE DEN – COMPUTERS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Member Mrs Mary Angell

Project Cost £2000

Amount requested £2000 Capital

Summary of proposal

Young people using the “Bosco’s” club at the Den (run by Youth Ministry team at All Saints Church, New Haw) currently have access to three old donated computers to find relevant information on jobs, homework, and specialist services, but the team wish to upgrade the PCs to enable faster internet access and better access to a range of applications. Funding is requested towards the purchase of three new computers for use at the centre.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose.

2.12 KITCHEN UNITS FOR THE BESOM, EGHAM

Member Marisa Heath

Project Cost £500

Amount requested £500 Capital

Summary of proposal

The Besom in Runnymede is a faith-based voluntary organisation which responds to needs in the community by delivering donated furniture, white goods and equipment and gives assistance to individuals referred to them from across the borough and beyond. Funding is requested to purchase new kitchen units for the kitchen at their premises in Egham, which is used by volunteers (some of whom are vulnerable) and for open days. The work will be undertaken by individuals donating their labour.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose.

3.0 PROPOSALS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS SINCE LAST MEETING

- 3.1 Following the October 2009 meeting of the Local Committee, the Area Director, under powers delegated to them by the Committee, approved an application from Surrey County Council highways department for £825 revenue, from Mr Few’s allocation, to pay for traffic speed surveys at sites on two roads leading into Ottershaw, in response to residents’ concerns that speeding may result in an accident. An application for £392 from the Englefield Green Village Residents’ Association, from Miss Heath’s allocation, to undertake electrical work associated with lighting the Christmas tree in St Jude’s was also approved under delegated powers.

- 3.2 The Area Director approved an application from the Egham Hythe Darby and Joan Club for a contribution to the costs of a Christmas celebratory meal for local pensioners, but subsequently received confirmation that funding had been awarded from another source and so they withdrew the application to the county council and no expenditure was incurred.
- 3.3 Carers' Support Runnymede was awarded a total of £1000 from all members' allocations to provide a Christmas lunch for carers which took place in December 2009. The organisation has advised that, as they were able to achieve a competitive rate for the meal and contributions from carers who attended, a balance of £390 remains which they would like to use towards the costs of a Spring networking lunch for carers, with members' agreement.

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 at 2.7 would benefit disabled people, and young people will benefit from the projects proposed at 2.5, 2.6, 2.9 and 2.11.

CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Activities for young people can have the effect of diversion from crime and thus have a positive impact on community safety.

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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