

**REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (RUNNYMEDE)**

**MEMBER ALLOCATIONS FUNDING**

**26 FEBRUARY 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 2.19) from the Members' Allocation budget;**
- ii) Note the projects for which funding has been agreed previously and which have been delayed (at paragraph 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 RUNNYMEDE ALZHEIMERS: RESPITE FOR CARERS****Member:** Mr John Furey**Project Cost** £3240**Amount requested** £3240 Revenue**Summary of Proposal**

From April 2010, individuals with Alzheimers or dementia who use the day centres run by the Society will be assessed by social services and funded under individual contracts. (At present the Society receives grant funding and accepts people for care as soon as places are available). This respite contingency funding is to enable those waiting for individual assessment or in urgent need of care to attend for day care at £45 per day, providing respite for their carers until contracts are in place. It is expected that this funding will benefit 6-12 households in 2010.

**Previous funding?**

In 2007 funding for Runnymede Alzheimers Society was agreed by the Local Committee for respite care in residential homes at week-ends to give some carers a break.

**2.3 RUNNYMEDE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH GROUP****Member:** Mr John Furey**Project Cost:** approx £1000**Amount requested** £1000 Revenue**Summary of Proposal**

There are a number of Neighbourhood Watch schemes in the borough and this new group aims to co-ordinate existing and support new Watches to increase community safety for neighbourhoods. Funding is requested to cover the start-up costs of this new not-for-profit body, to include newsletters and publicity, IT resources, telephone and distribution, postage and book-keeping support. The group will be seeking sponsorship to cover costs in future.

**Previous funding?**

No.

**2.4 ROAD CLOSURES FOR BLACK CHERRY FAIR PARADE****Member:** Mr Chris Norman**Project Cost** £ 17,000 (for Black Cherry Fair)**Amount requested** £2000 Revenue**Summary of Proposal**

The Black Cherry Fair is the annual summer festival held in Chertsey every July and attracts thousands of participants. A street procession of floats representing various aspects of the town's community life is held at lunchtime on the Saturday of the Fair, and funding is requested to cover the currently

estimated costs of closing roads and managing traffic for the duration of the parade.

**Previous funding?**

Yes – every year from 2004 onwards.

**2.5 CHERTSEY CHILDREN'S CENTRE: EQUIPMENT FOR OUTREACH**

**Members:** Mr Chris Norman

**Project Cost:** £2,000

**Amount requested:** £1000 Revenue

**Summary of proposal**

Chertsey Children's Centre is based at Chertsey Nursery and is well-used by families for a range of activities. The centre has negotiated use of the Gogmore Park pavilion (managed by the Youth Development Service) for outreach play sessions for children under 5, starting from Spring 2010. Funding is requested to purchase a range of children's play equipment (playmates, toys, chairs and activity table, sandpit, paints and splash mats) which can be stored at the pavilion and used for daytime Stay and Play sessions.

**Previous funding?**

Not for this purpose.

**2.6 ROYAL HOLLOWAY VOLUNTEERING WEEK – JUNE 2010**

**Member:** Miss Marisa Heath

**Project Cost:** £1500

**Amount requested:** £1500 Revenue

**Summary of proposal**

Student volunteers undertake environmental clean-up days in their local area each term and funding is requested to facilitate a range of projects submitted by the community, including resources such as paint, plants, tools, skip hire and health and safety equipment – gloves, masks, branded T-shirts to cover clothing. In the past year for example students have cleaned street signs, painted areas of the youth centre, built a courtyard garden at the Englefield Green school and painted preservative on benches on the Green.

**Previous funding?**

Yes – in 2009 and 2008.

**2.7 NOTICEBOARD ADVERTISING CHILDREN'S CENTRE**

**Member:** Mr Chris Norman

**Project Cost:** £1400

**Amount requested:** £1400 Revenue

**Summary of proposal**

Chertsey Children's Centre is located away from the town centre and the group wishes to publicise the many activities on offer at a location in

Guildford Street, close to the shops. The preferred location is within the grounds of Chertsey Library, which will require a planning consent (cost of fee £95) in addition to the cost of purchasing and installing the noticeboard. Funding is requested to undertake this project.

#### **Previous funding?**

See also 2.5 above. The Children's Centre was awarded £750 in February 2008 for improvements to the outdoor play area at its Pycroft Road premises.

### **2.8 OTTERSHAW MAY FAIR (SCOUTS FUND-RAISER)**

**Member:** Mr Mel Few

**Project Cost:** £500

**Amount requested:** £500 Revenue

#### **Summary of proposal**

The Ottershaw May Fair will be held on Bank Holiday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Memorial Field and will be organised by the Ottershaw Scout group as their main fund-raising activity for the year. Any proceeds generated from the event are used to purchase items and pay for activities for the scouts. A contribution to the cost of running and stocking a catering stand on the day is requested.

#### **Previous funding?**

In 2008 the May Fair Committee received £500 to pay for hire of PA system, tables and attendance of St John's Ambulance at the event.

### **2.9 EAST TO WEST – GAMES CONSOLE AND POOL TABLE**

**Member** Mrs Yvonna Lay

**Project Cost** £800

**Amount requested** £800 Revenue

#### **Summary of proposal**

East to West now employs a youth pastor in Egham Hythe, working from Egham police station and in various venues around Pooley Green to provide activities for young people in the area. One of the activities run by the youth pastor is a weekly after school club, for which funding is requested for purchase of a pool table and "Wii" games console.

#### **Previous funding?**

Yes a contribution of £5000 revenue towards the initial start-up costs of a youth pastor, was agreed in 2008.

### **2.10 ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL, EGHAM HYTHE - REFURBISHMENT**

**Member** Mrs Yvonna Lay

**Project Cost** £49,000

**Amount requested** £2000 Revenue

**Summary of proposal**

St Paul's Church in Egham Hythe is planning to undertake further refurbishment of its parish hall (to a standard which will enable a dementia support group to use it regularly as well as other groups) and is hopeful of a grant from the Landfill Trust for 90% of the cost. However, the parish needs to contribute 10% as a condition of grant, and has raised almost £3000 through coffee mornings etc, a contribution of £2000 is requested for the remainder. (If approved, no funding will be paid until the main grant has been confirmed).

**Previous funding?**

Yes, in 2008 funding of £2000 was agreed towards new flooring at the hall.

*Allocations from Capital***2.11 GIRLGUIDING WEST – NEW CAMPSITE FACILITIES (HERONS WEY)**

**Member:** Mr John Furey, Mr Chris Norman

**Project Cost:** £75 000

**Amount requested:** £2,500 Capital

**Summary of proposal**

The Herons Wey campsite near Farnham, Surrey serves guide groups of all ages from Runnymede, Spelthorne, Surrey Heath, Waverley, Woking and Guildford and Girlguiding West has 9,000 members. The project is to build a new block with flush toilets and hot showers in Autumn 2010, which will greatly improve facilities at the site. The organisation has already raised £55,000 towards the total cost of this building.

**Previous funding?**

No.

**2.12 CHERTSEY BLACK CHERRY FAIR MARQUEE**

**Member** Mr Chris Norman

**Project Cost** £1000

**Amount requested** £400 Capital

**Summary of Proposal**

The Black Cherry Fair is a large summer event held on the Abbey Field at Chertsey in July, and attended by 10-15,000 people. Funding is requested towards purchase of a marquee which will be used for sheltering lost children, and entertaining guests at the event.

**Previous funding?**

Yes – in addition to traffic management costs (see 2.4) the BCF received funding for hire of a PA system in 2008.

**2.13 COMPUTERS, FURNITURE AND SECURITY - EIKON**

**Member** Mrs Mary Angell

**Project Cost** £3000  
**Amount requested** £3000 Capital

**Summary of proposal**

Eikon, a registered charity, provides a range of services for young people in the New Haw area, from its base in the grounds of Fullbrook school and in outreach sessions around the county. Funding of £1000 is requested to purchase a laptop for use in these outreach sessions, and a further £2000 is requested to improve security at the Eikon premises and to purchase a Wii console, video projector and outdoor furniture.

**Previous funding?**

Yes – in September 2008 funding was awarded for new internal doors at the Eikon premises.

**2.14 THE VILLAGE CENTRE, ENGLEFIELD GREEN - ROOFING**

**Member** Miss Marisa Heath

**Project Cost** £10,000

**Amount requested** £2000 Capital

**Summary of proposal**

The Methodist church in Englefield Green is undertaking a major building extension and refurbishment project (at a cost of £413,000) to turn its church hall into a Village Centre, and phase one of this work is already underway. The next phase of work includes re-roofing the “schoolroom” area at a cost of £10,000 and a contribution towards this work is requested.

**Previous funding?**

In 2008 funding of £1000 was agreed towards the new floor in the drop-in area of this building.

**2.15 THORPE YOUTH ASSOCIATION: COMMUNITY HALL REBUILD**

**Member** Mrs Yvonna Lay

**Project Cost** £ 107,000

**Amount requested** £2000 Capital

**Summary of proposal**

The existing hall in Thorpe village has had to be demolished and work is due to start in Spring 2010 to begin a rebuild to provide a new community meeting place. A contribution to the rebuild, specifically towards site clearance and preparatory tree works, is requested. Further fund-raising is taking place to reach the target amount to complete the works.

**Previous funding?**

No.

**2.16 ABBEY RANGERS FC – PURCHASE OF MARQUEE**

**Member** Mr Chris Norman

**Project Cost** £550

**Amount requested** £550 Capital

**Summary of proposal**

Abbey Rangers football club, located at Addlestonemoor, has many youth teams of both genders and every age. Each year, the Club hosts a summer youth football tournament for its youth teams and attracts participants from around the county as well as raising funds to maintain the clubhouse and activities. The marquee previously used for the presentations and registration has been damaged by the elements beyond repair, and funding is requested to purchase a new one.

**Previous funding?**

Yes, in 2007 Abbey Rangers received funding for new football nets.

**2.17 EGHAM CRICKET CLUB – NEW SIGHT SCREEN**

**Members** Mrs Yvonna Lay, Miss Marisa Heath

**Project Cost** £1800

**Amount requested** £983 Capital

**Summary of proposal**

Egham Cricket Club, in Vicarage Road, serves the local community and has several youth teams, “Colts”, who use the ground for practice and matches over the summer season. Funding is requested to help the club purchase a new “sight screen” this summer, in order to meet English Cricket Board safety requirements for two screens at either end of the ground.

**Previous funding?**

No.

**2.18 “THE BIZ” BOXING INCLUSION ZONE – GYM EQUIPMENT**

**Members** Mr John Furey, Miss Marisa Heath, Mr Chris Norman,  
Mrs Yvonna Lay

**Project Cost** £10,000

**Amount requested** £2,400 Capital, £2000 Revenue

**Summary of proposal**

The “Biz” will provide a unique new facility in the borough from Spring 2010, offering specialised non-contact Box Fit activities in a gymnasium for young people aged 10-18 years identified as at risk of school exclusion (day time) and for the wider local community for evening sessions. A package of funding for these activities has been identified but further funding is needed to equip the gym. Funding for various pieces of gym equipment, including a rowing machine, training bicycle and dumbbells, is requested from the Local Committee.

**Previous funding?**

No.

**2.19 ST PETER’S HOSPITAL – PATIENTS’ DISCHARGE LOUNGE**

**Members** Mrs Mary Angell, Miss Marisa Heath, Mr John Furey

**Project Cost** £23,000



**Amount requested** £833 Capital, £500 Revenue

**Summary of proposal**

Ashford and St Peter's Hospital Trust has approved capital funding to undertake a refurbishment of the Patient Discharge Lounge to improve the environment for people waiting to be picked up from hospital following their stay at St Peter's. A new kitchenette area and storage will be added, with redecoration and improved lighting. However, no funding is available for discretionary items of equipment and soft furnishings and the Trust seeks a contribution to:

- a water boiler for provision of hot drinks for patients (from capital)
- collapsible wheelchairs and a music player for the lounge (from revenue).

**Previous funding?**

No.

**3.0 PROJECTS AGREED PREVIOUSLY WHICH HAVE BEEN DELAYED**

3.1 There are several projects for which funding was agreed by the Local Committee more than twelve months ago, but which have been delayed:

- a BMX cycle track in Bishops Way park in Egham Hythe – planning permission for this project was held up because of concerns about flooding risk, but an application has now been submitted and officers from RBC Leisure that this scheme will be built by summer 2010;
- a contribution to the cost of fencing to protect the Old Oak tree in Addlestone was agreed in February 2009 on the basis that a grant for the remainder would be available through AIR – this has been turned down but further funding is being applied for;
- St Peter's Church, Chertsey requested funding for a cabinet to house and light the historic Tudor stained glass window in the Memorial Chapel, an update has been requested on why this has been delayed.

**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 at 2.5,2.6,2.8, 2.9, 2.11, 2.13, 2.16 and 2.18 will benefit children and young people in particular. The projects proposed at 2.2, 2.10 and 2.19 are likely to be of especial benefit to older people and carers.

## CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Provision 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 proposals brought before the Committee fulfil 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 approximately three months subsequent to that date.

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