

**REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (RUNNYMEDE)**

**MEMBER ALLOCATIONS FUNDING**

**1 November 2010**

**KEY ISSUE**

To set out the funding available for County Councillors' allocations for 2010/11 and to consider and decide on 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 2.17) from the Member Allocations budget 2010-11;**
- ii) **Note the expenditure approved by the Area Director under delegated powers, as described at 3.0.**

## INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The County Council's budget for 2010/11 makes 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. It has been agreed by Cabinet that revenue and capital funding which was not allocated in 2009-10 can be carried forward and allocated in 2010-11.
- 1.2 An additional capital allocation of £30,000 has been made available to each Surrey County Council Local Committee. 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.
- 1.3 Members have agreed to divide the capital funding of £30,000 equally between the six county councillors when making proposals for funding, This amounts to £5,000 per county member. This capital should be used wherever there is a project which meets the criteria for capital funding, before revenue funds are accessed.
- 1.4 Member allocation funding may not be used to benefit individuals, or to fund schools for direct delivery of the National Curriculum, or to support a political party. Where funding is agreed for a local club, society or faith organisation, they are asked to confirm that membership and use is open to all members of the community.

### 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 WOODHAM AND NEW HAW FESTIVE LIGHTS**

**Member:** Mary Angell  
**Project Cost** £2800.00  
**Amount requested** £665.00 Revenue, £685.00 (Capital)

**Summary of Proposal**

Woodham and New Haw Association are seeking funding to provide festive lights during the Christmas period of December 2010 following the refurbishment of Woodham Lane & the Broadway. The funding is requested to pay for Christmas tree brackets, lights and purchase of trees as well as connection of electrics.

**Previous funding?** Not for this purpose – new association.

**2.3 MEDIATION NORTH SURREY – MULTI MEDIA EQUIPMENT**

**Members:** Mrs Mary Angell, Mr John Furey, Mr Chris Norman,  
 Miss Marisa Heath (£100.00 each)  
 Mrs Yvonna Lay (£125.00),

**Project Cost:** £625.00  
**Amount requested** £525.00 Revenue

**Summary of Proposal**

Purchase of multi media equipment (microphones, portable screen, flipchart easel) to help aid presentations for communication activities with groups including schools.

**Previous funding?** Not for this purpose. The Local Committee Agreed funding on 13 February 2009 towards professional help to redesign their website.

**2.4 BIRCHLANDS RESIDENTIAL HOME – PET THERAPY FOR RESIDENTS**

**Member:** Miss Marisa Heath  
**Project Cost:** £600  
**Amount requested:** £500

**Summary of proposal**

Birchlands, managed by Anchor Homes, is a residential care home for elderly residents in Englefield Green, housing 30 residents. Funding is requested to purchase two cats and some rabbits, together with the necessary equipment and medical insurance, to provide a form of therapy for long-term residents (some of whom are suffering from dementia) and to improve their overall health and well-being. The residents' welfare fund will provide the remainder of the funding needed.

**Previous funding?**  
 No.

## 2.5 TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER COSTS – FOXHILLS ROAD, OTTERSHAW

**Member:** Mr Mel Few

**Project Cost:** £4000

**Amount requested:** £1000

### **Summary of proposal**

Following a petition and a report to the Local Committee in July 2010, and consultation with the local member and Surrey Police, the local Highways team have confirmed there is developer funding in place to implement changes to the speed limit signs on Foxhills Road. Subject to a decision to change the speed limit (Item 10 on this agenda) funding of £1000 is requested to prepare the necessary legal notices and advertise the change locally as is required.

### **Previous funding?**

Not for this purpose

## 2.6 YOUNG WITNESS SERVICE - SUPPORT FOR RUNNYMEDE CHILDREN

**Member:** Mr Chris Norman

**Project Cost:** £40,000 per annum

**Amount requested:** £500

### **Summary of proposal**

Victim Support will be taking over the Young Witness Support service from the NSPCC later this year, and require further funding to continue to provide this specialist support service (largely provided by trained volunteers) to young people due to appear in court as witnesses. The average cost of supporting one young person is £102 and the service estimates that 30 children from the Runnymede area benefit from this support annually.

### **Previous funding?**

No

## 2.7 SURREY CHILDRENS SERVICE : THE OSCARZ ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

**Member:** Mrs Mary Angell and Mrs Yvonna Lay

**Project Cost:** £5950.00

**Amount requested:** £1000.00

### **Summary of proposal**

Looked after young people and their carers are nominated for significant achievements during the year. Surrey Children's Service are seeking funding to purchase trophies to be presented along with a certificate to the children, and to take photographs as part of their Life Stories, at the annual awards ceremony called "The Oscarz" which will be held in late November.

### **Previous funding?**

No

**2.8 FRIENDS OF NEW HAW LIBRARY – NEW DISPLAY UNIT****Member:** Mrs Mary Angell**Project Cost:** £986**Amount requested:** £986**Summary of proposal**

The Friends of New Haw library have requested funding to purchase a table and quick choice stand to display books at New Haw library.

**Previous funding?**

Not for this purpose.

**2.9 FRIENDS OF NEW HAW LIBRARY – SEATING FOR CHILDREN'S AREA OF NEW HAW LIBRARY****Member:** Mrs Mary Angell**Project Cost:** £400.00**Amount requested:** £400.00**Summary of proposal**

The Friends wish to enhance the children's area of the library by provision of two children's seats and one adult's chair to encourage parents to sit and look at books with their children.

**Previous funding?**

See 2.8 above.

**2.10 CAMHS – 2011 "FEELING GOOD" CALENDAR TO PROMOTE CHILDREN'S MENTAL WELLBEING SERVICES****Member:** Mrs Mary Angell**Project Cost:** £1150**Amount requested:** £1150**Summary of proposal**

Surrey Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) in partnership with the county council, NHS, Healthy Schools and health practitioners run an annual competition during Feeling Good Week to design a calendar and encourage positive wellbeing amongst children and young people. The calendar is distributed widely to all schools, GP practices and youth organisations (print run 1000). Three of this summer's artwork winners are from Runnymede schools, but funding to print the 2011 calendars is urgently required as it has not been possible to secure business sponsorship for this project at short notice, although it is hoped that this will be found for 2012.

**Previous funding?**

No.

**2.11 NEW MICROPHONE – NEW HAW COMMUNITY CENTRE****Member:** Mrs Mary Angell**Project Cost:** £200**Amount requested:** £200**Summary of proposal**

The New Haw Community Centre is well used by a range of local groups, including older people with impaired hearing. The Centre has requested funding to enhance its existing loop system by purchase of a new microphone.

**Previous funding?**

Yes – Funding to replace internal doors, and the main entrance doors to the community centre in June 2006. In May 2007 funding was approved for the purchase of new stage curtains.

**2.12 ACCESS TO ARTS & HISTORY – THE GRANGE INFANT SCHOOL****Member:** Mrs Mary Angell**Project Cost:** £960**Amount requested:** £960

**Summary of proposal** The Grange Infant School are seeking funding towards two projects each costing £480: to subsidise the transport costs of a coach trip to Hampton Court Palace for children aged 5-7, and funding towards organising a visit from The West Midlands Theatre group to enable children at the school to participate in live theatre.

**Previous funding?**

Not for this purpose.

**2.13 TRAINING COURSE FOR VOLUNTEER HEALTH TRAINERS****Member:** Mr John Furey**Project Cost:** £2000**Amount requested:** £500**Summary of proposal**

The borough of Runnymede has been identified as having some significant health needs, including high rates of alcohol-related harm, highest rate of childhood obesity at age 11 in Surrey, and in certain wards nearly one third of residents are habitual smokers. Surrey PCT will be offering training for volunteers from across Surrey to become health trainers who will work alongside communities to advise them on such public health issues and how to get help from services. Runnymede Borough Council has recruited eight potential volunteers and seeks funding towards their training (£800 each).

**Previous funding?**

Not for this purpose.

## 2.14 RELATE WEST SURREY – COUNSELLING IN ENGLEFIELD GREEN

**Member:** Miss Marisa Heath

**Project Cost:** £8200

**Amount requested:** £4000

### **Summary of proposal**

Relate West Surrey are seeking a contribution to funding for room hire, publicity and counsellor costs, to run a new counselling service at the Village Centre, Englefield Green. The service will include relationship counselling for couples, and counselling for young people in need of a listening ear. Individuals will be asked to contribute according to their means.

### **Previous funding?**

No.

*Capital*

## 2.15 WINTER GRIT BINS FOR CHERTSEY

**Member:** Mr Chris Norman

**Project Cost** £7500

**Amount requested** £1800 capital, £5 700 revenue

### **Summary of Proposal**

Following the SCC review of winter maintenance county councillors have the opportunity to purchase additional salt/grit bins for specific locations in their division. The total unit cost of the bins is £2,500: this covers supply and installation and includes annual maintenance and refilling for ten years, from 2010/11 (capital purchase £600, maintenance from revenue £1,900). Mr Chris Norman has requested three additional bins at:

- eastern end of Ruxbury Road, Chertsey
- St Ann's Hill Road one at either end of the hill

This project will be taken forward by Surrey highways.

### **Previous funding?**

No.

## 2.16 ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL – CONTRIBUTION TO NEW ROOF

**Member:** Mrs Mary Angell

**Project Cost** £26,000 approximately

**Amount requested** £4000

### **Summary of Proposal**

The hall at All Saints Church, New Haw is used by a range of community groups, including a daily children's nursery, keep fit club, mother and toddler group etc. The roof of the hall is leaking badly and the Parochial Church Council considers that it requires urgent replacement with appropriate insulation. A contribution of £4000 is requested towards this project, which will be started as soon as contractors can be appointed. The church has

recently sold a parish house, and the remainder of the funding will be met from the proceeds of this sale.

### **Previous funding?**

All Saints Church received capital funding of £315 towards purchase of a new Public Address system, agreed in July 2010.

## **2.17 BUCKLES AND BOWS NURSERY – NEW SENSORY GARDEN**

**Member:** Mr John Furey

**Project Cost** approx £29,000

**Amount requested** £4000 (Capital), £4000 (Revenue)

### **Summary of Proposal**

Buckles & Bows Pre-School Nursery has an area of land adjacent to the building which it wishes to develop into a sensory garden (of particular benefit for children with special needs) and educational area for pre-school children attending the nursery. The land requires clearance and some work to address potential environmental hazard before the garden can be constructed hence the significant cost, but there is an intention to involve volunteer labour where appropriate. This project is supported by the local borough councillor and Surrey children's service parenting practitioner, and completion is anticipated by autumn 2011.

**Previous funding?** No.

## **3.0 PROPOSALS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS SINCE LAST MEETING**

- 3.1 Following the July 2010 meeting of the Local Committee, the Area Director, under powers delegated to them by the Committee, approved an application from The Village Centre for £999 capital, from Miss Marisa Heath's allocation, to pay for kitchen equipment for the café in the newly opened Village Centre at Englefield Green.
- 3.2 The Area Director also approved an application from the 1215 Tenants Group in Egham Hythe for coach hire cost for a seaside trip for tenants and their families in August, using £500 revenue from Mrs Yvonna Lay's member allocation.

## **FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Applicants for member allocations funding must provide fully costed proposals and supply signed confirmation of spend after project completion, normally within 12 months of the Committee's decision.

## **EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The projects proposed in paragraphs **2.6, 2.7, 2.10, 2.12, 2.17** will particularly benefit children and young people. The projects proposed under section **2.4** and **2.11** will help older people.



## CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

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

## CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

## REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 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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