

REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (RUNNYMEDE)

MEMBER ALLOCATIONS FUNDING

7 February 2011

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 2.16) 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. The Cabinet agreed that revenue and capital funding which was not allocated in 2009-10 could be carried forward and allocated in 2010-11.
- 1.2 An additional capital allocation of £30,000 was 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 LYNE VILLAGE HALL – REPLACEMENT BOILER**

Member: Mr Mel Few
Project Cost £5100 (estimate)
Amount requested £3000

Summary of Proposal

Lyne Village Hall are seeking funding to replace a defective boiler which provides heating for users of the hall. This project is urgent and the hall committee is confident that it can be implemented with their county councillor's contribution.

Previous funding?

No.

2.3 OTTERSHAW SCOUTS AND GUIDES – PROJECTOR EQUIPMENT

Member: Mr Mel Few
Project Cost: £665
Amount requested £665

Summary of Proposal

The Ottershaw scouts and guides would like to purchase a data projector and screen, to improve and enhance the standard of presentations and educational session for the users of their centre in Ottershaw. They have over 150 young people using the premises, and other users such as playschemes could also benefit from this equipment.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose.

2.4 GOGMORE YOUTH CENTRE – BASIC FOOD HYGIENE COURSE AND RESIDENTIAL TRIP AND WII CONSOLE

Member: Mr Chris Norman
Project Cost: £2671
Amount requested: £2671

Summary of proposal

Surrey County Council Youth Service is seeking funding for a basic food hygiene course for 8 young people and 2 staff (£522). This training will enable the young people to open a café at the Gogmore pavilion later in the year. They would also like to take 12 young people on a residential trip to Wales over Easter (£1900) and purchase a Wii games console (£250) for use in the Gogmore centre.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose.

2.5 AGE CONCERN RUNNYMEDE – HOME BATHING SERVICE

Members: Mr Chris Norman, Mrs Yvonna Lay

Project Cost: £5000

Amount requested: £4000 (£3000, £1000)

Summary of proposal

Age Concern provide a home bathing service for older people who are frail and elderly and require assistance to take showers and baths. In the current financial year this assistance costs them £9 per bath as the service is partially subsidised by the Primary Care Trust, but funding will be withdrawn from April 2011 due to cost pressures on the Trust. Age Concern requests funding to provide some subsidy during 2011-12 whilst alternative funding is identified, at a rate of £5 per bath (actual cost is £15) so that low income users can continue to benefit from this service.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose.

2.6 ADDLESTONE YOUTH CENTRE – RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO HIGH ASHURST OUTDOOR CENTRE

Member: Mr John Furey

Project Cost: £3080

Amount requested: £1800

Summary of proposal

Young people attending the SCC Addlestone youth centre have requested an opportunity to develop their communication and social skills through a residential week-end at Surrey's High Ashurst outdoor activity centre, and have fund-raised part of the cost themselves. A contribution towards accommodation, food and activities for 14 young people is requested, and the staffing supervision costs will be met from the Youth Development Service budget 2010-11.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose.

2.7 SUPPER CLUB FOR CARERS AND PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA

Member: Mr John Furey

Project Cost: £800

Amount requested £800

Summary of proposal

The Runnymede Dementia Carers' Support Group holds monthly social evenings for its members, which includes people with dementia or Alzheimers and their daily unpaid carers. This enables carers to relax and socialise as a respite from their daily caring whilst their loved ones are watched over by volunteers. Funding is requested towards the refreshments and transport costs of this activity from April 2011 over the coming year.

Previous funding?

No.

2.8 THE COUNSELLING PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WORKER

Member: Mr Chris Norman

Project Cost: £3 750

Amount requested: £750

Summary of proposal

The Counselling Partnership provides a counselling service in outreach centres across Elmbridge, Woking and Chertsey including at St Peter's Hospital and now has 20 volunteer counsellors. The service wishes to employ a temporary development worker to fund-raise and develop the business plan of this charitable service over a six month period in 2011. Members on Elmbridge Local Committee have agreed a contribution of £2,000 towards this project.

Previous funding?

No.

2.9 THE BIZ – OUTREACH IN EGHAM HYTHE

Member: Mrs Yvonna Lay

Project Cost: £3000

Amount requested £3000

Summary of proposal

The non-contact boxing sessions run by The Biz have proved to be a popular activity for young people in Chertsey and Addlestone, and the project wishes to offer a similar service to young people from the Egham Hythe area. Their request is for £3000 of which £600 will be used to train new volunteer boxing leaders to run sessions, and £2,400 to cover the costs of one year's hire of a hall at the Magna Carta school to run local outreach sessions.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose.

2.10 ROYAL HOLLOWAY COMMUNITY ACTION VOLUNTEERING

Member: Miss Marisa Heath

Project Cost: £2500

Amount requested: £1,033

Summary of proposal

During Volunteering Week in June, students from Royal Holloway College undertake a variety of environmental and improvement projects for community organisations, schools and residential homes in the local area of Englefield Green, Egham and Virginia Water. Funding is requested towards materials and tools to carry out these projects over the week, and the remainder of the funding is being sought from local companies and the College Alumni Fund.

Previous funding?

Yes – this is an annual activity which has been funded from member allocations in 2009 and 2010.

*Capital***2.11 OTTERSHAW VILLAGE HALL – IMPROVEMENTS TO DRESSING/MEETING ROOM**

Member: Mr Mel Few
Project Cost £5000
Amount requested £3700

Summary of Proposal

Ottershaw Village Hall attracts users from the village and nearby Chertsey, Addlestone for a variety of activities, including drama productions. The hall committee wishes to improve the room at the far side of the hall which is rather chilly, and requests funding to insulate the cavity wall, relay the floor, install double glazing and washing facilities so that it provides a modern standard dressing room.

Previous funding?

A contribution of £1000 to address urgent subsidence works at this site was approved under delegated powers in December 2010.

2.12 ABBEY RANGERS FC – ALL WEATHER CANOPY FOR CLUBHOUSE

Member: Mr John Furey
Project Cost £5000 (estimated for length of clubhouse)
Amount requested £1800

Summary of Proposal

Abbey Rangers football club at Addlestone Moor has a range of teams for boys and girls as well as several adult teams, and its three pitches are well-used at week-ends. Its purpose-built clubhouse including changing facilities and a kitchen and refreshment area. Funding is requested to enable the club to erect an all-weather canopy on one side of the clubhouse to provide shelter from rain, where team players can take off their muddy boots and jackets to prevent mud being trampled into the main social area.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose. Funding of £850 was agreed in 2008 for grounds maintenance equipment.

2.13 THE BIZ – INSTALLATION OF SHOWER AND REFURBISHED WC

Members: Mr Chris Norman, Mrs Yvonna Lay
Project Cost £8,450
Amount requested £4200.00(CN), £3000 (YL) £1250 (MF from revenue)

Summary of Proposal

The Biz launched its Boxing Inclusion Zone in 2010 and has since extended its lease from Surrey County Council for premises on the Runnymede Centre site to ten years. Regular users of the gym have noted the very limited

changing and toilet facilities. Funding is requested to a) install three electric showers with full tiling, disabled access and changing space, b) re-fit the toilets, with washbasin and hand-drying facilities. This will benefit social users of the project from around Runnymede and young people placed on its inclusion project.

Previous funding?

The Biz received member allocation funding totalling £4 400 in 2010 to purchase gym equipment prior to the launch of the project.

2.14 VILLAGE CENTRE, ENGLEFIELD GREEN – FURNITURE FOR DIGITAL SUITE

Member: Miss Marisa Heath
Project Cost £29,000 (estimated)
Amount requested £3000

Summary of proposal

The Village Centre bid for £29,000 funding from the Small Disadvantaged Area Fund (see Item 12 on this agenda) and was awarded £15,000 to take forward its project to provide a computer suite and new audio-visual resources in its new Centre, for use by all members of the community. Funding towards computer workstations, divider screens and a film projector is requested from member allocations.

Previous funding?

Yes, the Village Centre received contributions towards wooden block flooring and roof renewal, and kitchen equipment, before the project opened in 2010.

2.15 CIGARETTE BINS FOR GUILDFORD STREET, CHERTSEY

Member: Mr Chris Norman
Project Cost: £1000
Amount requested £1000

Summary of proposal

Runnymede Borough Council is requesting funding to install ten metal receptacles, in which smokers can stub out their cigarette ends without setting light to other litter, in suitable locations along Guildford Street in Chertsey's conservation area. If approved, the borough council's cleansing team will ensure that the bins are emptied, and businesses will be consulted about where to locate the bins.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose.

2.16 THE HAVEN CHILDREN'S CENTRE IN ENGLEFIELD GREEN

Member: Miss Marisa Heath
Project cost: £3000
Amount requested £2500

Summary of proposal

The Haven children's centre was operating from a number of temporary rooms in Englefield Green and unfortunately a capital grant to build a purpose built centre was withdrawn by Sure Start in autumn 2010. The centre now has an agreement to use the village youth centre during the day, but needs improved storage space for toys and equipment in this dual use building. Funding towards fitting out purpose-built wooden cupboards is requested.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose.

3.0 PROPOSALS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS SINCE LAST MEETING

- 3.1 Following the November 2010 meeting of the Local Committee, the Area Director, under powers delegated by the Committee, approved an application from Eikon for £125 revenue from Mrs Mary Angell's allocation, to pay for a Christmas trip for bereaved young people.
- 3.2 The Area Director also approved an application from the Ottershaw Village Hall to resolve subsidence and begin improvement works in the far corner room, a sum of £1000 from Mr Mel Few's capital member allocation (see 2.11 for further details of this project).
- 3.3 The Area Director approved an application from Woodham and New Haw Association to undertake urgent electrical infrastructure work for the festive lights installation around the Broadway, using £1000 from the revenue allocation of Mrs Mary Angell.

4. 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.
- 4.2 Members are asked to note that an allocation approved in 2009 for a project to display an ancient Tudor glass window in St Peter's Church, Chertsey (£750) is unlikely to be achieved, therefore the funding will be returned to the budget.

5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The projects proposed in paragraphs 2.3, 2.4, 2.6, 2.9, 2.10, 2.12, 2.13, 2.16 will particularly benefit children and young people. The projects proposed at 2.5, 2.7, 2.8, 2.14 will help older people in particular.

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 for all.

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. If the funding is not drawn down within twelve months of the Committee's decision, the funding may be re-allocated.

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Application forms for each project.

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

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