

**REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (RUNNYMEDE)**

**MEMBER ALLOCATIONS FUNDING**

**27 June 2011**

**KEY ISSUE**

To set out the funding available for County Councillors' allocations for 2011/12 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 2.5 from the Member Allocations budget 2011-2012;
- ii) Agree to delegate to the Community Partnership Manager and Community Partnership Team Leader (West) the authority to approve applications of up to and including £1000 from capital or revenue, subject to these being reported to the Committee at the following meeting;
- iii) Note the expenditure approved by the Area Director under delegated powers since the last Committee, described at 3.0.

## INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The County Council's budget for 2011/12 makes available £50,460 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 £8,410 revenue for each County Member of the Committee..
- 1.2 An additional capital allocation of £35,000 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 £35,000 equally between the six county councillors when making proposals for funding, This amounts to £5,833 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 BIKEABILITY CYCLE TRAINING AT STEPGATES SCHOOL****Member:** Mr Chris Norman**Project Cost** £751.00**Amount requested** £600.00**Summary of Proposal:**

A course to train year 6 pupils at Stepgates Community School, Chertsey to cycle safely on the type of roads found on their routes to school will be run in 2011 to subsidise the cost for parents.

**Previous funding?**

Not for this purpose

**2.3 BLACK CHERRY FAIR 2011 – MUSIC STAGE****Member:** Mr Chris Norman**Project Cost:** £13,000 (total for Black Cherry Fair)**Amount requested** £400.00**Summary of Proposal:**

Funding is requested towards the hire of a marquee for the music stage at the Black Cherry Fair 2011. The lorry which was previously used is now deemed unsafe to use.

**Previous funding?**

Not for this purpose

**2.4 ROAD CLOSURES FOR BLACK CHERRY FAIR PARADE****Member:** Mr Chris Norman**Project Cost** £13,000 (for Black Cherry Fair)**Amount requested** £1650**Summary of Proposal**

The Black Cherry Fair are requesting funding from the local committee for the road closures for the town procession at this year's fair to take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2011. The town procession is a major traditional part of the fair. As this attracts a large number of people a professional road closure company is required.

**Previous funding?**

Yes – every year from 2004 onwards.

## 2.5 CHERTSEY OUTREACH SUBSTANCE MISUSE PROJECT

**Member:** Mr Chris Norman

**Project Cost** £2500.00

**Amount requested** £ TBC

### **Summary of Proposal**

Runnymede Borough Council community services have identified through multi-agency discussion that there are a number of concerns about cannabis and alcohol misuse amongst young people, and wish to deliver a pilot substance misuse advice session at Gogmore Fram Park, Chertsey. Southern Addictions Advisory Service wish to provide an outreach worker for 2 hours a week, alongside a youth worker at Gogmore Youth Centre, Chertsey to talk young people individually and in a group on alcohol and drug issues. The remainder of the funding will come from the RBC community services budget.

### **Previous funding?**

In 2010/2011 The Local Committee agreed funding for a pilot substance misuse project at Addlestone Youth Centre.

The Local Committee agreed funding for pilot substance misuse sessions in youth centres in the north of the borough, provided by Surrey Young Peoples' Service, in 2008-9.

## 3.0 PROPOSALS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS SINCE LAST MEETING

- 3.1 Following the 7 February 2011 meeting of the Local Committee, the Area Director, under powers delegated by the Committee, approved two applications from Ottershaw Scouts and Guides Holt Headquarters:- 1) to fund the purchase of a new cooker £400 from Mr Mel Few's revenue member allocation. 2) set up costs for the annual Ottershaw May fair £500 from Mr Mel Few's revenue member allocation.
- 3.2 The Area Director also approved an application from the Virginia Water Coronation playing field for a one off maintenance contribution for the field, a sum of £400 from Mr Mel Few's revenue member allocation.
- 3.3 The Area Director approved an application from Virginia Water Community Association, for the costs of providing an animal corner for children at Carnival Capers 2011, using £500 from the revenue allocation of Mr Mel Few.
- 3.4 The Area Director approved an application from Englefield Green Village Residents Association to purchase one gazebo and a fold up table for use at the Englefield Green Village Fair, using £134 from the revenue allocation of Miss Marisa Heath.

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- 3.5 The Area Director approved an application from Buckles & Bows nursery for £1000 (capital) for emergency building repairs - breakdown of costs:- £520 to replace and install new back door, £480.00, repair and re finish fascia on the lobby area, from Mr John Furey's capital allocation.
- 3.6 The Area Director approved an application from Chertsey Bowls Club for £1000 for the purchase of a special bowling wheelchair to enable disabled people to bowl at Chertsey recreation ground, using Mr Chris Norman's capital allocation.

#### **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 a project approved several years ago has now been completed, namely the BMX cycle track in Bishop's Way Park, Egham Hythe, to which a contribution of £8,000 was made from the allocation of Mrs Yvonna Lay.

#### **5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The projects proposed in paragraphs 2.2 and 2.5, will particularly benefit children and young 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 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 Community 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

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appropriate. When this has been signed and returned, the funding will be released, and a progress monitoring report will be requested three to six 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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**BACKGROUND PAPERS:** Application forms for each project.

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