

REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (RUNNYMEDE)

MEMBER ALLOCATIONS FUNDING

10 October 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 2.11) from the Member Allocations budget 2011- 2012;
- ii) Note the expenditure approved by the Community Partnership Team Manager and the West Team Leader 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 NEW HAW LIBRARY SET UP****Member:** Mrs Mary Angell**Project Cost:** £5,000**Amount requested:** £5,000**Summary of Proposal:**

New Haw Library Community Partnership proposes to enter into a partnership agreement with SCC whereby it will provide the staffing resources for the library, on a volunteer basis. This one off funding is to cover legal fees in setting up a company limited by guarantee, registering as a charity and the provision of sundry items until such time as the library becomes operational.

Previous funding

Not for this purpose

2.3 ENGLEFIELD GREEN/EGHAM DEMENTIA PROJECT**Member:** Miss Marisa Heath**Project Cost:** £2,000**Amount requested:** £2,000**Summary of Proposal:**

Funding is requested towards the set up of a Dementia Club for Sufferers of Alzheimers/Dementia and their Carers to meet up for a few hours. This has already been a great success in the Addlestone/Chertsey/New Haw area. One-off funding proposed for the hire of a hall, refreshments, admin, sundry items, volunteer expenses and general set up costs.

Previous funding?

Not for this purpose

2.4 WOODHAM & NEW HAW FESTIVE LIGHTS 2011**Member:** Mrs Mary Angell**Project Cost:** £4,037**Amount requested:** £1,698 & £1,302 CAPITAL**Summary of Proposal:**

The Woodham & New Haw Festive Lights 2011 project is requesting funding towards the manufacture and fitting of additional brackets for Christmas trees. The purchase and supply of Christmas trees and extra lights for trees of businesses joining this project this year. An electrician will be contracted to undertake connection works and a DSO to undertake works on RBC/SCC light stands and also the connection of the main tree.

Previous funding?

Yes – £2,350 to start the project in 2010

2.5 CHERTSEY SOCIETY - CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2011

Member: Mr Chris Norman
Project Cost: £1,500
Amount requested: £400 & £600 CAPITAL

Summary of Proposal:

Funding requested towards the provision and erection of new white rope lights for the town centre lamp posts. The lights will enhance the visual appearance of the town centre and provide a Christmas atmosphere for residents and visitors to the town.

Previous funding?

None

2.6 CAMHS PROFESSIONAL YEARLY PLANNER

Members: Mrs Mary Angell & Mrs Yvonna Lay
Project Cost: £1,000
Amount requested: £1,000 (£500 Mary Angell & £500 Yvonna Lay)

Summary of Proposal:

Funding requested towards the production of a desk planner using artwork from Feeling Good Week (an annual mental health awareness campaign). This will flag the vital support services available for professionals and continually raise awareness of issues and ways to tackle young people's mental health problems. It is proposed that 1,000 calendars will be distributed to those who are likely to be working with young people on a day to day basis, including schools, doctors' surgeries and organisations associated with youth work across Surrey.

Previous funding?

Similar but the remit of the planner has changed and the content will be entirely different and aimed at a different audience.

2.7 ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE IN & LEAVING CARE (THE OSCARZ 2011)

Members: Mrs Mary Angell & Mrs Yvonna Lay
Project Cost: £6,600
Amount requested: £1,500 (£750 Mary Angell & £750 Yvonna Lay)
 £500 CAPITAL (Mary Angell)

Summary of Proposal:

Funding requested for Surrey Children's Service to recognise the achievements of children and young people in and leaving care at the Annual Awards Ceremony on Saturday 26 November at the Runnymede Centre, Addlestone. Children and young people are awarded ? for their educational attainment, sports and art achievements, personal development, community involvement and individual successes.

Previous funding?

£1,000 for trophies and portrait photographs in 2010.

2.8 EGHAM ROYAL SHOW 2012 – ANIMAL & HORTICULTURE SECTION

Member: Marisa Heath

Project Cost: £52,000

Amount Requested: TBC at Local Committee

Funding requested towards the supply, presentation and organisation of an animal and a horticultural marquee at the show. Funding is sought towards animal displays, marquee and towards the horticultural marquee costs.

Allocations from Capital

2.9 BUCKLES & BOWS PRE-SCHOOL NURSERY – SUMMER HOUSE

Member: Mr John Furey

Project Cost: £1,600

Amount requested: £1,600 (CAPITAL)

Summary of Proposal:

Funding requested for the purchase and assembly of a summer house. This will give an outside learning space that can be used by the children, especially providing a quiet place for children with educational and developmental needs.

Previous funding?

Yes, £4000 towards the garden project and £1000 towards emergency repairs in 2010/11.

2.10 RUNNYMEDE ASSOCIATION VOLUNTARY SERVICES (RAVS) : SIX COMPUTERS

Member: Mr Chris Norman

Project Cost: £3,161

Amount requested: £1,600 (CAPITAL)

Summary of Proposal:

Funding is requested towards the purchase of 6 computers to replace current IT equipment, which is failing and obsolete. This will benefit RAVS and 210 voluntary groups in Runnymede.

Previous funding?

Tripartite core funding via Surrey Voluntary Action Network. *NOT for this purpose*

2.11 ST PETER'S CHURCH FLAG POLE, CHERTSEY

Members: Mr Chris Norman & Mr John Furey

Project Cost: £10,746

Amount requested £2,000 (CAPITAL £1,000 Mr Chris Norman & £1,000 Mr John Furey)

Funding towards the manufacture and erection of a new flagpole with new bespoke anchor plates. This will be beneficial as it will enable the town to once again see the St George's flag flying, local residents will know which way the wind is blowing, the church will be protected by a lightning conductor and it will also re-instate an important local landmark in the Conservation area.

Previous funding:

A sum of £900 for emergency repairs to the St Peter's church flagpole was agreed in Spring 2008.

3.0 PROPOSALS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS SINCE LAST MEETING

- 3.1 Following the 27 June 2011 meeting of the Local Committee, the Community Partnerships Team Manager, under powers delegated by the Committee, approved an application to Egham & Thorpe Royal Agricultural Association. This was for a sum of £1,000 for the Egham Royal Show 2011 from Miss Marisa Heath's revenue allocation.
- 3.2 The Community Partnerships Team Leader - West also approved an application from Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership towards refreshments for Teaching Assistants at an Awards Ceremony on 14 September 2011. This was for a sum of £300 and was sponsored £50 each by Mrs Mary Angell, Mr Melville Few, Mr John Furey, Miss Marisa Heath, Mrs Yvonna Lay and Mr Chris Norman.

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.

5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The projects proposed in paragraphs 2.6, 2.7 & 2.9 and will particularly benefit children and young people. The project in 2.3 will particularly benefit 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 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 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.