



REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (RUNNYMEDE)

MEMBER ALLOCATIONS FUNDING

20 February 2012

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 2.14) 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 3.1 & 3.2.

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 PEER PRODUCTIONS – THE ALCOHOL PROJECT

Member: Mr Mel Few
Project Cost: £30,000
Amount requested: £1,000 (Revenue)

Summary of Proposal:

Funding is requested to deliver two performances of The Alcohol Project in Runnymede Schools. This is a touring educational play which explores the social, emotional, economic and health implications of alcohol misuse. The plays are created using first hand testimony from those with direct experience of the problems of alcohol misuse.

This will address the need for young people to have the required knowledge to make informed choices about their use of alcohol. This is a subject which schools traditionally find difficult to tackle. The plays last for 90 minutes and are designed to be performed in school halls by Peer Productions' current full time actors. The play is touring from 11 January to 23 March 2012.

Previous funding

No.

2.3 CENTRAL SURREY HEALTH – SURREY PEER EDUCATION PROJECT

Member: Mrs Mary Angell
Project Cost: £1,000
Amount requested: £327 (Revenue)

Summary of Proposal:

A contribution is requested towards the development of training sessions for foster carers of looked after children in Runnymede. The funding will be put towards products for training, such as paper, equipment and accessories for the course facilitators' sessions. The Surrey Peer Education project will address the five outcomes from Every Child Matters and Care Matters.

Previous funding

No.

2.4 GRASSROOTS LIFE SKILLS LTD – GRASSROOTS PROJECT

Member: Mr John Furey & Mrs Yvonna Lay
Project Cost: £23,145
Amount requested: £9,281 (£5,656 John Furey & £3,625 Yvonna Lay)

Summary of Proposal:

This project will provide a new leisure and life skills facility for the special needs community. Funding will provide a contribution towards the transfer of a two bay modular classroom from Ashley Primary School, Walton-on-Thames to a new site at Vicarage Road, Egham. It will also terminate all the services at Walton and connect to services at Egham. Turn key package to include foundations, ramps and all commissioning. Store areas will be converted to a disabled WC facility.

Grassroots will provide a comprehensive facility of activity and transport for those vulnerable children and adults who are in need of some leisure facilities outside of social services hours. An IT suite will be installed in the porta cabin which will provide learning facilities with daytime activities for children and evening activities for adults. Horticultural development will also be included with raised vegetable patches to facilitate this. The project has been very well received via the special needs community in Runnymede and it will be beneficial to adults and children with physical and learning disabilities.

Previous funding?

No.

**2.5 SURREY YOUTH MOTORCYCLE TRIALS SPORTS CLUB –
HAVE A GO DAY - HELMETS**

Member: Mr Mel Few

Project Cost: £6,600

Amount requested £600 (Revenue)

Summary of Proposal:

Funding is requested towards the purchase of 12 safety helmets. This will encourage new members to experience this sport in a safe and controlled environment. This will give children the chance to experience the sport of motorcycle trials, help increase levels of concentration and develop social skills which has a beneficial effect on their schoolwork. It also fosters inclusion, team spirit and leads to safer drivers. The club has been going for 50 years with continuing new membership and very keen and enthusiastic children. Regular trials take place in Runnymede and also across Surrey in order to experience different terrains. The club hosts an annual 'Have a Go' day when young people are encouraged to try out the sport. In previous years up to a hundred young people have attended this event and there is already much enthusiasm for another similar day to take place in September 2012.

Previous funding?

No.

2.6 HERITAGE STREET LIGHTS IN LONDON STREET, CHERTSEY

Member: Mr Chris Norman

Project Cost: £4,000

Amount requested: £2,924

Summary of Proposal:

Funding is requested towards the replacement of 4 street lights in the South section of London Street, Chertsey with heritage style lights. This will ensure that the lighting columns reflect the nature of the location and improve the aesthetics of the road. This will benefit the residents and visitors to Chertsey. Consultation has taken place with the Chertsey Society and residents of Chertsey. The project is due to start in May 2012 and anticipated to complete in June 2012.

Previous funding?

No

Allocations from Capital

2.7 ST PAUL'S CHURCH - NOTICEBOARDS

Member: Mrs Yvonna Lay

Project Cost: £2,000

Amount requested: £833 (Capital)

Summary of Proposal:

Funding is requested towards the purchase and erection of 2 noticeboards at St Paul's Church in Egham-Hythe. The noticeboards will be placed in a prominent roadside position. Consultation has been undertaken with the Guildford Diocese. This will be beneficial to the church itself and also provide information to a community of approximately 7,500 people.

Previous funding?

Yes – towards the renovation project at the church hall, agreed on 26/02/2010, funded £2,000 from Mrs Yvonna Lay's revenue funding.

2.8 SURREY ARTS – RUNWAY PROJECT

Member: Miss Marisa Heath

Project Cost: £7,400

Amount requested: £100 (Capital)

Summary of Proposal:

Funding is requested for materials to create lights at Runway community workshops. Runway is a project that celebrates Runnymede's history through capturing memories and creative activities. This is a partnership project between Surrey Arts and the National Trust. Working with Royal Holloway College students, the memories of the older local residents about World War II will be captured. The workshops will involve sharing the history and memories with participants and creating porcelain sculptures with symbols and marks drawn into the surface inspired by the theme. These workshops will take place in St Jude's Primary School, Manor Farm Day Centre, Grove Court Sheltered Housing, White Lodge Centre for adults with disabilities, Royal Holloway College, the Village Centre, Runnymede Gallery and Chertsey Museum. The project is being developed with a dance artist and choreographer sharing the themes of freedom and flight.

The Runway Project is part of the Surrey Forgotten Festivals programme for 2012. A performance will be held at Runnymede Meadows in October 2012.

Previous funding?

No.

**2.9 SURREY YOUTH MOTORCYCLE TRIALS SPORTS CLUB –
HAVE A GO DAY - MOTORBIKES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

Member: Mr Mel Few
Project Cost: £6,600
Amount requested £833 (Capital)

Summary of Proposal:

Funding is requested towards the purchase of 4 child/youth motorbikes. This will encourage new members to experience this sport in a safe and controlled environment. This will give children the chance to experience the sport of motorcycle trials and help increase levels of concentration and develop social skills which has a beneficial effect on their schoolwork. It also fosters inclusion, team spirit and leads to safer drivers. The club has been going for 50 years with continuing new membership and very keen and enthusiastic children. Regular trials take place in Runnymede and also across Surrey in order to experience different terrains. The club hosts an annual 'Have a Go' day when young people are encouraged to try out the sport. In previous years up to a hundred young people have attended this event and there is already much enthusiasm for another similar day to take place in September this year.

Previous funding: No

2.10 THE EIKON CHARITY – TV/DVD

Members: Miss Marisa Heath
Project Cost: £497
Amount requested: £130 (Capital)

Summary of Proposal:

Funding is requested towards the purchase of a TV/DVD as part of a project for new resources for 4 Youth Specialists in order to help achieve outcomes with the young people they work with. Eikon is a dynamic and successful New Haw-based charity, focused on innovative early intervention programmes which tackle the social issues facing young people today. Support is provided in the pivotal years, with the aim of developing thriving and resilient young adults. Eikon endeavour to do this through one to one mentoring and group work activities. They aim to increase self-confidence and self-esteem, reduce truancy, exclusions and anti-social behaviour and impact positively on the local community.

Previous funding?

Yes – £1,193 towards replacement doors agreed on 19 September 2009 sponsored from Mrs Mary Angell's revenue funding; £1,300 towards Eikon Residential Trip for Young People agreed on 2 October 2009 sponsored from Mrs Mary Angell's revenue allocation; £1,000 towards a computer agreed on 26 February 2010 from Mrs Mary Angell's capital allocation; £2,000 towards furniture and security agreed on 26 February 2010 sponsored from Mrs Mary Angell's capital allocation; £125 towards 'Coping with Loss Christmas Trip' agreed on 7 November 2010 sponsored from Mrs Mary Angell's revenue funding and £1,000 towards Strengthening Surrey Families Training Day for Eikon Youth Advisor to deliver the course agreed on 22 December 2011 sponsored from Mr Mel Few's revenue allocation.

2.11 GRASSROOTS LIFE SKILLS LTD – GRASSROOTS PROJECT

Member: Mr John Furey & Mrs Yvonna Lay

Project Cost: £23,145

Amount requested: £7,733 (Capital £2,733 John Furey & £5,000 Yvonna Lay)

Summary of Proposal:

This project will provide a new leisure and life skills facility for the special needs community. Funding will provide a contribution towards the transfer of a two bay modular classroom from Ashley Primary School, Walton-on-Thames to a new site at Vicarage Road, Egham. It will also terminate all the services at Walton and connect to services at Egham. Turn key package to include foundations, ramps and all commissioning. Store areas will be converted to a disabled WC facility. Grassroots will provide a comprehensive facility of activity and transport for those vulnerable children and adults who are in need of some leisure facilities outside of social services hours. An IT suite will be installed in the porta cabin which will provide learning facilities with daytime activities for children and evening activities for adults. Horticultural development will also be included with raised vegetable patches to facilitate this. The project has been very well received via the special needs community in Runnymede and it will be beneficial to adults and children with physical and learning disabilities.

Previous funding?

No.

2.12 HERITAGE STREET LIGHTS IN LONDON STREET, CHERTSEY

Member: Mr Chris Norman

Project Cost: £4,000

Amount requested: £430 (Capital)

Summary of Proposal:

Funding is requested towards the replacement of 4 street lights in the South section of London Street, Chertsey with heritage style lights. This will ensure that the lighting columns reflect the nature of the location and improve the aesthetics of the road. This will benefit the residents and visitors to Chertsey. Consultation has taken place with the Chertsey Society and residents of Chertsey. The project is due to start in May 2012 and anticipated to complete in June 2012.

Previous funding?

No.

2.13 HERITAGE STREET LIGHTS: THE GREEN, ENGLEFIELD GREEN

Member: Miss Marisa Heath

Project Cost: £900

Amount requested: £900 (Capital)

Summary of Proposal:

Funding is requested to replace 2 standard lights with 2 conservation lights in this location to provide consistency of conservation lights in the area for aesthetic reasons. This would benefit the local community of Englefield Green and also visitors to the area. The project will start in 2012.

Previous funding?

No.

2.14 SOLAR POWERED VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN – STROUDE ROAD

Member: Mr Mel Few

Project Cost: £4,105

Amount requested: £3,950

Summary of Proposal:

Funding is requested towards the supply and installation of a solar powered vehicle activated sign which will be installed near Great Fosters Hotel (Stroude Road, Egham) for Northbound vehicles. The sign would display the bend warning sign and 'SLOW DOWN' legend addressing the needs of road safety (the location has a record of personal injury accidents including a number of fatalities). This will be beneficial to the residents of Stroude Road and other road users. Consultation has been undertaken with the residents of Stroude Road, local County Councillors, the Local Committee – Runnymede, Surrey Police and Great Fosters Hotel. It is anticipated that this project will be undertaken in Spring 2012.

Previous funding?

No

3.0 PROPOSALS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS SINCE LAST MEETING

3.1 Following the 5 December 2011 meeting of the Local Committee, the Community Partnerships Team Manager, under powers delegated by the Committee, approved an application to the Eikon Charity for Strengthening Surrey Families. This was for £1,000 for an Eikon Youth Advisor to undertake a training programme to enable them to become facilitators and deliver the course. This was sponsored by Mr Mel Few from his revenue allocation.

3.2 Following the 5 December 2011 meeting of the Local Committee, the Community Partnerships Team Manager, under powers delegated by the Committee, approved an application to Relate for Parenting Courses for Children with ADHD/Behavioural problems. This project was sponsored by Marisa Heath from her revenue allocation.

4. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Applicants for member allocation 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 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9 and 2.10 will particularly benefit children and young people. In paragraphs 2.4 and 2.11 this proposed project benefits people with learning difficulties and physical disabilities.

6 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. Road safety measures also contribute to a reduction in accidents.

7 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

8 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The proposals brought before the Committee fulfil the agreed criteria for member allocations funding.

9 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.