



**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL
COMMITTEE IN SPELTHORNE
10TH OCTOBER 2005**

MEMBERS' FUNDS

KEY ISSUE:

To make decisions on funding proposals.

SUMMARY:

The report makes recommendations on a number of proposals.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked:

1. To note the funding approved under delegated authority (paras 2.1., 2.2., and 2.3)
2. To consider making a contribution of £2,500 towards a Youth Worker at The Matthew Arnold School drawn equally from the allocations to individual Members.
3. To consider making a contribution of £10,000 to finance new trees and hedgerows to be drawn equally from the allocations to individual Members.
4. To consider an application from Shopmobility and decide whether to make a contribution and if so at what level and by whom.
5. To consider making a contribution of £2,500 towards the refurbishment of Stanwell Village Hall from the capital allocation.
6. To consider making a contribution towards the upgrading of the cricket table at the Laleham Cricket Club.
7. To consider making a contribution to The Swan Sanctuary from the capital allocation.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The budget for 2005/06 made available a capital allocation of £35,000 and £11,500 for each Member's Revenue Allocation i.e. £80,500 for this Committee. The figures below reflect the balances left for Members' revenue funds and the capital allocation after the Committee's spending decisions and action agreed under delegated authority so far this financial year

1.1

Member's Revenue Allocation

| | Balance Remaining £ |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Mrs Saliagopoulos | 10,497 |
| Ms Turner | 10,497 |
| Mr Agarwal | 10,497 |
| Mr Beardsmore | 10,497 |
| Mr Burrell | 9,637 |
| Mrs Coleman | 10,497 |
| Mr Davies | 10,497 |

Total £ 72,620

Committee Capital Allocation – Balance Remaining

Total £ 22,751

- 1.2 The criteria to be applied to the use of funds in 2004/05, as agreed by the Committee on 11th July 2005, are attached as Appendix 1.

2.0 MEMBER'S REVENUE ALLOCATION

2.1 Student Visit to Melun (Mr. Burrell)

This was reported to the last meeting and it was agreed this be determined under delegated authority. A sum of £250 from Mr. Burrell's allocation was agreed for the costs of the Eurostar travel.

2.2 Water Feature Bradbury Centre, Shepperton (Mr Burrell)

A sum of £250 was agreed under delegated authority taken from Mr. Burrell's allocation for the Water Feature.

2.3 Shepperton Allotment Association (Mr Burrell)

A sum of £360 was agreed under delegated authority taken from Mr. Burrell's allocation to purchase a new motor mower for the Association.

- 2.4 The following new requests for funding have been received since the last meeting of the Local Committee. The name of the Divisional Member or Member proposing the scheme is in brackets and where the project would benefit Spelthorne residents Borough wide these have been proposed by the Chairman.

2.5 The Matthew Arnold School Youth Worker - £2,500 (Ms Turner)

The Youth organisation East2West has been invited by The Matthew Arnold School to have a Youth Worker presence in the school, the cost of which would be £25,000 per year. The school is willing to underwrite the costs of year 1 but has asked East2West to fund raise as much as possible to reduce the school's contribution in Year 1 and to raise funding for Year 2 onwards. East2West have applied for funding from the Connexions Area Alliances Fund (£5,000) and the Local Network Fund (£5,000) and will also be seeking charitable trust funding. The Youth Worker will work in liaison with the Youth Worker on the Royal Estate which this Committee contributed to in the first year and will also provide one of the drop in sessions for students at The Matthew Arnold at Christ Church Youth Centre for which at the last meeting this Committee agreed to fund some of the capital costs of refurbishing the Youth Centre. This Committee is being asked to fund £2,500 towards the year 1 costs (£25,000) of the Youth Worker. The main thrust behind the work is to provide a Youth worker to the school who will be able to draw alongside and support the students to enable them to engage with life at the school. In particular the focus will be on those students who are vulnerable or feel marginalized at the school either due to academic ability, through social exclusion or issues with home life. The worker will support the pastoral and developmental role of teaching staff. There are approximately 900 pupils at the school drawn from various areas of Spelthorne.

2.6 Replacement of Trees and Hedgerows in Spelthorne - £10,000 (Ms Turner)

It has been suggested that as a contribution to the Thriving Spelthorne programme part of the Local Strategic Partnership, a budget be set aside to replace diseased trees and hedgerows in Spelthorne which will also make a contribution towards bio-diversity and enhancing the air quality of the borough. The budget could be held by the Area Transportation Director and matched with any funding which can be obtained from other sources which will be approached such as BAA. Nominations for replacement trees could be made by Members, residents, local organisations or the Borough's Tree Wardens.

2.7 Shopmobility (Mrs Saliagopoulos as Chairman)

An application for funding has been made by Staines Shopmobility which is seeking funding from new sources to finance the original health joint finance funding which ended in March 2005. Shopmobility started in 1998, is a registered charity with a Trustees board, and enables people

of all ages with limited mobility or visual impairment the opportunity to use Staines Town Centre to do their own shopping, banking, sit by the river or enjoy other services in the town. The majority of users are from Spelthorne (584) with an additional 400 people from addresses within other parts of Surrey and surrounding areas and they estimate there will be nearly 5,000 visits to the service in 2005.

For the year 2005/06 Shopmobility's projected budget shows an expenditure over income deficit of £22,982. They currently have some reserves of which £10,000 will be spent on replacing older mobility equipment but if no additional revenue is raised the remainder of the reserves will be used to continue to run the service which would then end in 2007.

The Trustees of Shopmobility are now exploring various sources of funding which could sustain the service. Any contribution from this Committee could only be a once off and could help reduce their current deficit budget. The bigger issue facing the service is how it can be sustained in the long term.

The Committee are asked to consider this request and determine whether a contribution should be made and if so how much and whether all Members would be willing to contribute equally to any payment.

3.00 Capital Allocation

3.1 Stanwell Village Hall £2,500 (Mr Agarwal)

A refurbishment programme to enhance the Village Hall is being undertaken and in the current stage the proposal is to replace some old bicycle sheds to provide dry storage for the props for the theatre groups which use the hall; to re paint the ladies toilets and provide new fixtures and fittings and to install a bar for the use of the children's dance classes held at the hall. The estimated costs of these elements of the refurbishment is £3,600 and £1,100 has been raised through fundraising activities etc. A request for the balance of £2,500 has been made to this Committee.

3.2 Laleham Cricket Club- £to be advised(Ms Turner)

The Cricket Club wish to seek accreditation but need to undertake work for the recovery and maintenance of the cricket table which is estimated in the sum of £5,000. An oral update will be made at the meeting to advise the sum being requested by the Club.

3.3 The Swan Sanctuary £2,500 (Mr Burrell)

This has relocated from Egham to Shepperton and special fencing and gates inside the Sanctuary are needed to create a safe compound for recovering swans and cygnets. The estimated cost is £4,466.03 +VAT and the request is for £2,500 towards those costs.

4.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The contributions proposed will benefit a wide range of adults and children in Spelthorne, some of whom may have disabilities.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Paragraph 1.1 sets out what remains of both the individual and collective Members revenue allocation.

5.2 £22,751 remains of the capital allocation from which items in paragraphs 3.1 , 3.2 and 3.3 could be funded.

6.0 CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 These proposals meet the criteria agreed by the Committee for financial support.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: Budget Report to Council 8 Feb 2005

APPENDIX 1

CRITERIA FOR USE OF FUNDS

The following criteria, as agreed by the Local Committee on 11th July 2005 , will be applied to the use of these funds for the 2005/06 financial year.

MEMBER'S REVENUE ALLOCATION

- Support for any one project will not normally exceed £10,000.
- Any proposal to be considered by Committee must be proposed by at least one Member who is willing to provide at least some financial support to the project. However, Members whose funds are totally committed may still put proposals forward for support by the Committee.
- The funds will not be used to cover revenue costs – expenditure must be of a one-off nature or serve as “pump-priming”.
- Contributions will not normally be made to cover funding gaps arising from budget reduction decisions.
- Priority will be given to proposals attracting an element of match funding.
- Proposals will be considered from SCC services, other statutory bodies and voluntary organisations.

COMMITTEE CAPITAL ALLOCATION

The balance of the £35,000 initially allocated to support capital projects through voluntary organisations will be used for any suitable project promoting well being in Spelthorne and agreed by the Committee. These funds are not allocated to individual Members but are to allocated by Committee decision.

The following is a definition for “capital” in these circumstances:

Capital expenditure is defined as the acquisition, construction, enhancement or replacement of an asset. An asset can be land & buildings, vehicles, plant, furniture & equipment or infrastructure. In order for an asset to be capitalised it should yield benefits for a period of more than one year.

It is proposed that the following criteria should apply to this fund:

- Any proposal to be considered by Committee must be put forward by at least one Member.
- Priority will be given to proposals attracting an element of match funding.
- Proposals must be of a local nature and be for the benefit of the people of Spelthorne.