



**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL  
COMMITTEE IN SPELTHORNE  
12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 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, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6)
2. To consider making a contribution of £1000 towards The Revellaires to be drawn equally from the allocation to individual Members.
3. To consider making a contribution of £4000 towards the costs of an A-Z directory for Spelthorne residents, to be drawn equally from the allocation to individual Members.
4. To consider making a contribution of £800 towards the costs of a digital image projector and laptop computer for Ashford Camera Club, to be drawn equally from the allocation to individual Members.
5. To consider making a contribution of £2000 towards CCTV for Shepperton High Street, to be drawn equally from the allocation to individual Members.

6. To consider making a contribution of £2500 for an interactive whiteboard at Echelford Primary School, to be drawn equally from the allocation to individual Members.
7. To consider making a contribution of £6000 to the Youth Service for provision of a Youth Café in Staines, to be drawn equally from the allocation to individual Members.
8. To consider making a contribution of £1000 to the Youth Service to provide Life Skills and Self-Esteem Courses, to be drawn equally from the allocation to individual Members.
9. To consider making a contribution of £3000 towards Surrey Young Enterprise, to be drawn equally from the allocation to individual Members.
10. To consider making a contribution of £4000 towards a temporary Project Development Coordinator, to be drawn equally from the allocation to individual Members.
11. To consider making a contribution of £10000 towards tree and hedgerow replacement and a sum to be specified for tree maintenance and to agree how this will be funded.
12. To note that the previous funding payment of £500 paid to the Sunbury and Shepperton Arts Association has been returned as it is not now needed and is reflected in para 1.1.
13. To consider making a contribution of £1500 from the capital allocation for a greenhouse at Clarendon Primary School.
14. To consider making a contribution of £1500 from the capital allocation for CCTV at St Peter's Church in Staines.

## 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	8991
Ms Turner	9818
Mr Agarwal	10211
Mr Beardsmore	9961
Mr Burrell	9351
Mrs Coleman	10013
Mr Davies	10211

**Total £ 68556**

**Committee Capital Allocation – Balance Remaining**

**Total £ 15,251**

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

**2.0 MEMBER'S REVENUE ALLOCATION**

**Delegated authority**

**2.1 Link-up Kids (Mrs Coleman )**

A sum of £198 from Mrs Coleman's allocation was agreed for the costs of two storage bins for the Link-up kids after school club at Clarendon Primary School.

**2.2 Staines Guides (Mrs Turner)**

A sum of £393.05 was agreed under delegated authority taken from Mrs Turner's allocation for display boards and a carry bag.

**2.3 Staines Health Centre (Mrs Saliagopolous)**

A sum of £247 was agreed under delegated authority taken from Mrs Saliagopolous' allocation towards the costs of play table of the waiting room.

**2.4 Advertisement for Local Committee meeting (Mrs Saliagopolous)**

A sum of 573.36 was agreed under delegated authority taken from Mrs Saliagopolous' allocation to pay for the Local Committee meeting to be advertised in the Staines & Ashford News and the Informer.

**2.5 Charlton Residents Association (Mr Beardsmore )**

Charlton Residents Association carry out maintenance of shrub beds and small trees on the highway within Charlton Village. A sum of £250 was agreed under delegated authority taken from Mr Beardsmore's allocation to pay for the Public Liability Insurance to allow the volunteers to continue this work.

**2.6 Riverside Path (Mrs Saliagopoulos)**

A sum of £400 was agreed under delegated authority taken from Mrs Saliagopoulos' allocation to pay for the widening of two cycle barriers on the Riverside Road to Thames Side. This was agreed at the Local Committee on 12 July 2005.

**FUNDING BIDS**

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.

**2.7 The Revellaires £1,000 (Mrs Coleman)**

The Revellaires are an amateur revue company who put on variety shows and old time music hall shows to senior and disabled citizens throughout Surrey, Middlesex and London. The company have ongoing costs of £2700 to cover costumes and music, insurance, scenery and hiring of venues. They have asked to Local Committee to fund £1000 towards these costs. The rest will be raised through a public show and other fundraising activities. Members are asked whether a contribution should be made and whether all Members would be willing to contribute equally to any payment.

**2.8 Spelthorne A-Z booklet £4,000 (Mrs Saliagopoulos as Chairman)**

Spelthorne Borough Council, in conjunction with Surrey County Council, North Surrey Primary Care Trust and the Local Strategic Partnership are producing an A-Z booklet of services. The booklet will be sent to all residents within Spelthorne. It is proposed that the Local Committee gives £4000 towards the costs of producing the booklet, to be drawn equally from individual Members allocations.

**2.9 Ashford Camera Club £800 (Mrs Coleman)**

Ashford Camera Club wish to purchase a digital image projector and laptop computer to enable group members to develop digital imaging skills and compete in interclub and club competitions. The club considers that this equipment will help attract younger members of the community to the club. The total cost of the equipment is £1600 and the club are seeking funding of £800 towards these costs. The rest of the funding will be met from club funds (£600) and Spelthorne Arts Association (£200). Members are asked whether a contribution should be made and whether all Members would be willing to contribute equally to any payment.

**2.10 Shepperton CCTV System £2,000 (Mr Burrell)**

The scheme, to be installed this year, will provide 5 CCTV cameras in Shepperton Town Centre, which will be monitored 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The capital costs are approximately £70,000 with annual running costs of £25,000. Spelthorne Borough Council is funding the scheme with a contribution of £13,000 from the Shepperton Chamber of Commerce and community groups, and contracts are in the process of being prepared. It is proposed that the Local Committee gives £2000 towards these costs, to be drawn equally from individual Member's allocations.

**2.11 Echelford Primary School £2500 (Mrs Coleman)**

Echelford Primary School currently has 7 interactive whiteboards, one in each year group. The school considers that whiteboards enrich the skills of the teachers and they have embarked on a project to raise funds to enable every classroom to benefit from this technology. The total cost of the project is £35000 for 2005/6, and £12500 for 2006/7 and they are seeking funding of £2500 (the cost of 1 whiteboard) from the Local Committee. The rest of the funding will be met from Formula Capital monies (£30000) and Government Funds (£5000), although £12500 is still to be raised. Members are asked whether a contribution should be made and whether all Members would be willing to contribute equally to any payment.

**2.12 Staines Youth Café £6000 (Mrs Saliagopoulos as Chairman)**

In the last financial year the Local Committee gave £10,000 towards this venture which has proved highly successful and the youth service would like to continue to provide this service.. The Youth Café is a Friday night drop-in facility in Staines town centre for young people aged between 13 and 17 years old. The Youth Service has advised that it would cost £5200 to pay for youth workers, coffee bar staff and door staff to maintain the café for 26 weeks, and £800 for resources. It is proposed that the Local Committee gives £6000 towards this venture, to be drawn equally from individual Member's allocations.

**2.13 Life Skills and Self-Esteem courses £1000 (Mrs Saliagopoulos as Chairman)**

The Youth Service have asked for funding of £1000 to facilitate Life Skills and Self-Esteem Courses for young people experiencing difficulties at school and at home. This would be used to purchase materials and resources for the participants and would also be used to support some off-site activities. It is proposed that the Local Committee gives £6000 towards this venture, to be drawn equally from individual Member's allocations.

**2.14 Young Enterprise £3000 (Mrs Saliagopoulos as Chairman)**

Surrey Young Enterprise facilitates a programme within primary schools called "Our Nation". The programme is designed specifically for children aged 4-11 years old and helps children learn about the world of work through practical, fun activities. They are seeking funding of £3000 (£300 per class) to carry out this programme in Spelthorne. Surrey Young Enterprise previously worked with 5 local schools (Kingscroft, Buckland, Town Farm, Clarendon and Laleham CofE) and, if successful in this bid, would seek to expand this programme and invite two more schools from within the Spelthorne area. It is proposed that the Local Committee gives £3000 towards this venture, to be drawn equally from individual Member's allocations.

**2.15 Stanwell Children's Centre £4000 (Mr Agarwal)**

The Stanwell Children's Centre Steering Group are seeking to appoint a temporary part-time Project Development Co-ordinator for 3 months to oversee and advance the development project for the Children's Centre.

Members are also asked to note that, should the Phase 2 bids for DfES funds be successful, the Children's Centre would be seeking further funding from the Local Committee of 1) £10,000 towards the overall cost of £21,000 for a permanent Project Co-ordinator, and 2) £10,000 from the capital allocation towards the cost, estimated to be £35,000-£40,000, to refurbish the redundant kitchen area at Stanwell Fields school for the Children's Centre. It is proposed that the Local Committee gives £4000 for the temporary Co-ordinator post to be drawn equally from individual Member's allocations.

It had originally been thought that the self reliance monies secured for Stanwell of £150,000 over three years from April 2005 would have funded the development of the Children's Centre in Stanwell but these monies have currently been put on hold pending the Business Development Review and the review of the County's self reliance policy and funding.

**2.16 Replacement of Trees and Hedgerows in Spelthorne £10,000 (Ms Turner and Mrs Saliagopoulos) Tree Maintenance – sum to be decided in principle approved (Mrs Saliagopoulos as Chairman)**

At the last Local Committee meeting it was suggested that a contribution be made to the Thriving Spelthorne programme part of the Local Strategic Partnership to create a fund to replace diseased trees and hedgerows in Spelthorne. Such action would help bio-diversity and help improve air quality in the Borough. The proposal was that the fund could be held by the Area Transportation Director and matched with any funding which could be obtained from other sources. Nominations for replacement trees could be made by Members, local organisations or the Borough's Tree Wardens. It was also hoped that the BAA might be willing to contribute to such a fund if set up.

Members sought more information on this proposal but were also concerned in the context of having received information that there were 98 jobs on the assessment based schedule used to prioritise arboricultural maintenance works for existing trees. It was agreed that a further report be made to this meeting with more information about the tree planting proposal and the tree maintenance position.

BAA have now confirmed to Ms Turner that if SCC made a contribution to a tree replacement fund they would be likely to make a donation too. Discussions have also taken place with Spelthorne Borough Council who are seeking to develop a Tree Management Plan. The Borough Council have indicated that they could allocate some small amounts of funding for the purchase of plants.

If Members wished to support this proposal there could be a tri-partite arrangement between SCC, the Borough Council and BAA possibly under the heading of the Thriving Spelthorne Group and the administrative arrangements would need to be resolved.

In relation to the concerns about maintaining existing trees, Members were informed previously that the estimated value of the 98 jobs on the schedule was £71,200. The position now is that there are currently 111 separate tree maintenance jobs on the priority list and the estimated total cost is £79,000. If the Local Committee are minded to make a contribution to the tree maintenance list the Area Transportation Director has given two possible options:

- £10,000 would enable the four most urgent jobs to be carried out – two in Ashford and two in Shepperton
- £20,000 would enable the above to be carried out and a further 19 jobs at locations across the Borough.

Members are asked to consider this additional information and decide whether to make a contribution to tree replacement and tree maintenance and if so whether any monies agreed should be funded by all Members.

### **RETURNED FUNDS**

- 2.17** Previous funding of £500 given in July 2005 to the Sunbury & Shepperton Arts Association to underwrite the costs of the annual Art Festival has been returned, as it was not needed.

### **3. CAPITAL ALLOCATION**

#### **3.1 Clarendon Primary School £1500 (Mrs Coleman)**

The school wish to expand their gardening club and have asked for funding of £1,500 towards the purchase of a greenhouse and landscaping of the area surrounding the greenhouse. The total cost of the project is £2,500. Parents contribute their time to the garden facility at the school and it is believed that the project brings additional learning opportunities for children. The vegetables produced will be distributed to the Family Learning Centre and hospitals.

#### **3.2 St Peter's Church £1500 (Mrs Saliagopoulos)**

Following recent spates of arson and vandalism, the Church Council wish to install CCTV cameras to protect the site. The project will cost £3500 in total and the Committee are being asked to contribute £1500 towards this. The additional funding will be provided through fundraising, of which £500 has already been pledged. This will benefit both regular churchgoers and those who attend the many public and community events held at the church.

### **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 before any decisions are taken by the Local Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> December. Not including any contribution for tree maintenance, if all the bids in this report are approved the total cost would be £34,300 leaving £34,256.
- 5.2 £15,251 remains of the capital allocation, from which items in paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 could be funded. If agreed this would leave £12,251 capital allocation.

## **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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.