



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (SPELTHORNE)

MEMBERS' FUNDS

12 July 2010

KEY ISSUE

To make decisions on funding proposals.

SUMMARY

The report makes recommendations on a number of proposals.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Spelthorne) is asked:

- 1 To note funding bids approved under delegated authority since the last Local Committee meeting (para 2.1).
- 2 To consider an application for funding of £2000 from Surrey SATRO towards the provision of science workshops at two primary schools within Ashford, to be funded from Mrs Coleman's allocation (para 2.2).
- 3 To consider an application for funding of £6000 from Surrey Highways for flooding alleviation measures within Long Lane, Clare Road and Hadrian Way, Stanwell, to be funded from Mr Agarwal's allocation (para 2.3).
- 4 To consider an application for funding of £1000 from Surrey Wildlife Trust towards the costs of a minibus for volunteers, to be funded from Mrs Coleman's allocation (para 2.4).

- 5 To consider an application for funding of up to £6070 from Surrey Highways for the upgrade of streetlights (2 in Edinburgh Drive and 2 in Kingston Road) to enable festive decorations and lights to be added. This will be funded from Mrs Turner-Stewart's capital allocation (£4285) and revenue allocation (£1785) (para 2.5).

1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1.1 The budget for 2010/11 made the following funds available - £8250 per Member and £30000 capital allocation. The tables below shows the amounts remaining for each Member including any amounts for delegated funding.

Member's Revenue Allocation

Revenue	Balance £
Mr Agarwal	9529
Mr Beardsmore	7961
Mrs Coleman	5661
Mrs Nichols	8668
Mrs Saliagopoulos	7611
Mrs Turner-Stewart	2892
Mr Walsh	6264
Total	48586

Committee Capital Allocation

Capital	Balance £
Mr Agarwal	6285
Mr Beardsmore	4285
Mrs Coleman	7186
Mrs Nichols	4285
Mrs Saliagopoulos	7135
Mrs Turner-Stewart	4285
Mr Walsh	2285
Total	35746

2.0 MEMBER'S REVENUE ALLOCATION

DELEGATED FUNDING

2.1 Spelthorne Choral Society (Carol Coleman)

A sum of £500 was approved from Mrs Coleman's allocation towards the costs of a taster day event.

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.

2.2 Surrey SATRO £2000 (Carol Coleman)

Surrey Science and Technology Regional Organisation is an educational charity that organises maths and science workshops within Surrey. They have submitted a bid for funding of £2000 to provide interactive science workshops in two primary schools within Ashford, namely Clarendon and Ashford Park Schools. This will provide an exciting and interactive day for 540 pupils and will involve volunteer scientists, engineers or technologists. This will be funded from Mrs Coleman's allocation.

2.3 Surrey Highways £6000 (Victor Agarwal)

Surrey Highways are seeking funding of £6000 for flooding alleviation measures in Long Lane, Clare Road and Hadrian Way, Stanwell. This will be funded from Mr Agarwal's allocation.

2.4 Surrey Wildlife Trust £1000 (Carol Coleman)

Surrey Wildlife Trust are seeking funding of £1000 towards the costs of a minibus for volunteers. This will enable the charity to widen the geographic area, increase the number of donated volunteer days and engage with the more socially or economically challenged volunteers. This will be funded from Mrs Coleman's allocation.

2.5 Surrey Highways £6070 (Denise Turner-Stewart)

Surrey Highways are seeking funding of up to £6070 for four street light upgrades to accept festive lights and decorations. This will be funded from Mrs Turner-Stewart's capital allocation (£4785) and revenue allocation (£1785).

3. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

Paragraph 1.1 sets out what remains of the individual Members revenue and capital allocations. There are sufficient funds for the proposals to be funded.

4. CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

The proposal meets the proposed criteria agreed by the Local Committee for financial support.

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APPENDIX A

CRITERIA FOR USE OF FUNDS

1. MEMBER'S ALLOCATIONS

- a) Support for any one project will not normally exceed £10,000.
- b) 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.
- c) The funds will not be used to cover revenue costs – expenditure must be of a one-off nature or serve as “pump-priming”.
- d) Contributions will not normally be made to cover funding gaps arising from budget reduction decisions.
- e) Priority will be given to proposals attracting an element of match funding.
- f) Proposals will be considered from SCC services, other statutory bodies and voluntary organisations.

2. FUNDING PAID UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The decision to pay funding of not more than £1000 can be delegated to the Area Director, in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Committee. Funding paid under delegated authority is subject to the criteria laid down in paragraph 1 above, **and** the following additional criteria:

- a) the application must have been endorsed by the appropriate local Member
- b) the application should be for a maximum of £1000
- c) applications from private clubs or other membership organisations must clearly demonstrate the wider community benefit of the project
- d) projects must not contravene any of the Council's agreed policies or priorities
- e) the application should be for a future project, not a retrospective request.
- f) the application should not be to cover ongoing revenue costs.

3. COMMITTEE CAPITAL ALLOCATION

The balance of the £30,000 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 will be divided equally between Members.

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:

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

GUIDANCE

This guidance is designed to assist in the consideration of applications for requests for funding from Members’ Allocations, and should be used in conjunction with the formal criteria laid down for funding.

RETROSPECTIVE FUNDING

- i) As a general rule, it is not considered good practice to fund projects retrospectively and funding will not be considered for projects where the group has already committed, or decided to commit, funds.
- ii) Applications that are retrospective due to the timing of the Local Committee meetings may be considered provided that the proposed allocation has been brought to the attention of the Area Director before the event/purchase/expenditure takes place. However the group should be advised by the proposing Member that the Local Committee decision is a not a ‘rubber stamping’ exercise and that any expenditure they commit in the hope of receiving funding is entirely at their own risk.

Applications for retrospective projects cannot be funded under the delegated authority powers.

FUNDING FOR INDIVIDUALS

Funding bids which would benefit an individual or an individual’s property will not be considered.

REPEAT REVENUE FUNDING

There is a general presumption against requests for repeat funding for the same project, as over time this would reduce the scope to fulfil the original aim of allocations which was to enable Members to respond to local issues. However, the Local Committee reserves the right to vary this rule where it is felt that the project is making an exceptional contribution to the community and more time may be required to secure alternative funding.

