



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(SPELTHORNE)**

MEMBERS' FUNDS

11 October 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 that Mrs Turner's contributions to Spelthorne Borough Council for hanging baskets within Ashford West & Staines South was £3054 (para 2.1).
- 2 To note that Mrs Nichols contribution to Spelthorne Borough Council for hanging baskets within Upper Halliford was £368 (para 2.2).
- 3 To note funding bids approved under delegated authority since the last Local Committee meeting (para 2.3).
- 4 To consider an application for funding of £250 from Girl Guiding Surrey towards the Brave the Waves project, to be funded from Mr Walsh's allocation (para 2.4).
- 5 To consider an application for funding of up to £1500 from Spelthorne Borough Council for winter hanging baskets and bus stop troughs within Ashford, to be funded from Mrs Coleman's allocation (para 2.5).
- 6 To consider an application for funding of £382 from Shepperton Library for car park line marking, to be funded from Mr Walsh's allocation. (para 2.6).
- 7 To consider an applicaton for funding of £1000 from Surrey Fire & Rescue Young Firefighters Association, to be funded from Mrs Coleman's allocation. (para 2.7).

- 8 To consider an application for funding of £ from Laleham Residents Association for
- 9 To consider an application for funding of £1550 from St Saviour's Centre for furniture for the Church Centre, to be funded from Mr Beardsmore's capital allocation. (para 3.1).
- 10 To consider an application for funding of up to £5687 from Spelthorne Borough Council for the installation of 10 cigarette and gum smartbins on Church Road Ashford, to be funded from Mrs Coleman's capital allocation (para 3.2).

1. 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	3,458
Mr Beardsmore	7,961
Mrs Coleman	3,518
Mrs Nichols	9,868
Mrs Saliagopoulos	6,391
Mrs Turner-Stewart	2,797
Mr Walsh	4,914
Total	36,517

Committee Capital Allocation

Capital	Balance £
Mr Agarwal	6,285
Mr Beardsmore	4,285
Mrs Coleman	6,186
Mrs Nichols	4,285
Mrs Saliagopoulos	7,135
Mrs Turner-Stewart	0
Mr Walsh	2,285
Total	30,461

2. MEMBER'S REVENUE ALLOCATION

2.1 Spelthorne Borough Council (Denise Turner-Stewart)

Funding of up to £5244 was agreed from Mrs Turner-Stewart's allocation for the provision of summer hanging baskets within Staines South and Ashford West. It has now been confirmed that the final figure is £3724 with Spelthorne Borough Councillor contributions of £670, making Mrs Turner-Stewart's contribution to be £3054.

2.2 Spelthorne Borough Council (Caroline Nichols)

Funding of up to £568 was agreed from Mrs Nichols' allocation for the provision of summer hanging baskets and watering of flower beds within Upper Halliford. It was subsequently agreed that the flower beds would be watered by the Residents' Association and Mrs Nichols' contribution for the hanging baskets only was £368.

DELEGATED FUNDING

2.3 Thomas Knyvett School £1000 (Carol Coleman)

A sum of £1000 was approved from Mrs Coleman's capital allocation towards the costs of a rugby posts.

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.

2.4 Surrey Girlguiding £250 (Richard Walsh)

Surrey Girlguiding is seeking funding of £250 towards the costs of the Brave the Waves project which is for a team to swim the English Channel. This will be funded from Mr Walsh's allocation.

2.5 Spelthorne Borough Council £1500 (Carol Coleman)

Spelthorne Borough Council is seeking funding of up to £1500 for hanging baskets and bus stop troughs within Ashford Division. This will be funded from Mrs Coleman's allocation, with the exact amount to be reported to the next Local Committee meeting.

2.6 Shepperton Library £382 (Richard Walsh)

Shepperton Library is seeking funding of £382 for car park line marking. This will benefit library users. This will be funded from Mr Walsh's allocation.

2.7 Surrey Fire & Rescue Service Young Firefighters Association £1000 (Carol Coleman)

The Young Firefighter's Association is seeking funding of £1000 for refurbishments to the YFA Unit, to include a deep clean, repainting

insulation and boarding and soft furnishings, tea/coffee urn and cadet equipment. This will be funded from Mrs Coleman's allocation.

3. CAPITAL ALLOCATION

3.1 St Saviour's Church £1550 (Ian Beardsmore)

St Saviour's Church is seeking funding of £1550 for new furniture for the Centre. This is used by community groups including Age Concern, toy library, Options Pregnancy Drop in Centre and coffee mornings. This will be funded from Mr Beardsmore's allocation.

3.2 Spelthorne Borough Council £5687 (Carol Coleman)

Spelthorne Borough Council is seeking funding of up to £5687 for the purchase and installation of 10 cigarette and gum smartbins on Church Road Ashford as part of the Ashford Regeneration scheme. This will be funded from Mrs Coleman's allocation, with the actual amount to be reported to the next Local Committee meeting.

4. 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.

5. 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.