



## OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (SPELTHORNE)

### MEMBERS' FUNDS

17 January 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 Coleman's contributions to Spelthorne Borough Council for winter hanging baskets and bus stop troughs was £1400 (para 2.1).
- 2 To note that the location of streetlights funded by Mr Agarwal has changed (para 2.2).
- 3 To note funding bids approved under delegated authority since the last Local Committee meeting (para 2.3 – 2.7).
- 4 To consider an application for funding of £1000 from Laleham Church of England School for storage for the outdoor classroom, to be funded from Mr Walsh's revenue allocation. (para 2.8).
- 5 To consider an application for funding of £9407 from Spelthorne Borough Council for the purchase and planting of trees at Sunbury Cross, to be funded from Mr Beardsmore's capital allocation (£2736) and revenue allocation (£6671) (para 2.9).
- 6 To consider an application for funding of £9618 from Surrey Highways towards the resurfacing of Bedfont Road Stanwell, to be funded from Mr Agarwal's capital allocation (£6285) and revenue allocation (£3333) (para 2.10).
- 7 To consider an application for funding of £580 from Laleham Residents Association for the improvement of the common areas of Laleham

Village, to be funded from Mrs Saliagopoulos' revenue allocation (£260) and Mr Walsh's revenue allocation (£260) (para 2.11).

- 8 To consider an application for funding of £1290 from Surrey Highways for hatched markings on Heathcroft Avenue, to be funded from Mr Beardsmore's revenue allocation (para 2.12).

## 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	3333
Mr Beardsmore	7,962
Mrs Coleman	1517
Mrs Nichols	9,868
Mrs Saliagopoulos	5891
Mrs Turner-Stewart	1872
Mr Walsh	3162
Total	33605

### Committee Capital Allocation

Capital	Balance £
Mr Agarwal	6,285
Mr Beardsmore	2735
Mrs Coleman	560
Mrs Nichols	4,285
Mrs Saliagopoulos	7,135
Mrs Turner-Stewart	0
Mr Walsh	1286
Total	22286

## 2. MEMBER'S REVENUE ALLOCATION

### 2.1 Spelthorne Borough Council (Carol Coleman)

At the Local Committee on 11 October 2010, funding of up to £1500 from Mrs Coleman's revenue allocation was agreed for winter hanging baskets and bus stop troughs in Ashford. The amount has now been confirmed as £1400.

**2.2 Surrey Highways (Victor Agarwal)**

At the Local Committee on 15 March 2010, funding of £3000 from Mr Agarwal's capital allocation was agreed for the purchase and installation of two streetlights in Caledonia Rd Stanwell. This was to alleviate antisocial behaviour. Due to the streetlight replacement scheme currently being undertaken by Surrey County Council, the location of the new streetlights has been moved slightly onto the adjoining road, Explorer Avenue Stanwell.

**DELEGATED FUNDING****2.3 Burma Star Veteran's Association £500 (Denise Saliagopoulos)**

A sum of £500 was approved from Mrs Saliagopoulos' revenue allocation towards the costs of a Christmas party.

**2.4 Spelthorne Borough Council CCTV upgrade £500 (Richard Walsh)**

A sum of £500 was approved from Mr Walsh's capital allocation towards the costs of an upgrade for the CCTV camera in Greeno Park Shepperton.

**2.5 1<sup>st</sup> Laleham Scout Group £500 (Richard Walsh)**

A sum of £500 was approved from Mr Walsh's capital allocation towards the costs of an industrial cooker for the Scout Headquarters.

**2.6 Shepperton Horticultural Society £320 (Richard Walsh)**

A sum of £320 was approved from Mr Walsh's revenue allocation towards the costs of venue hire for the Shepperton Horticultural Society.

**2.7 Christmas Lights £800 (Denise Turner-Stewart)**

A sum of £800 was approved from Mrs Turner-Stewart's revenue allocation towards the costs of hire of Christmas lights for Stainash Parade.

**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.

**2.8 Laleham Church of England School £1000 (Richard Walsh)**

Laleham Church of England School is seeking funding of £1000 towards the costs of storage for the outdoor classroom area. This will be funded from Mr Walsh's revenue allocation.

**2.9 Spelthorne Borough Council £9407 (Ian Beardsmore)**

Spelthorne Borough Council is seeking funding of £9407 towards the purchase, planting and maintenance of trees in Vicarage Avenue, Sunbury Cross as part of the regeneration project. This will be funded from Mr Beardsmore's capital allocation (£2736) and revenue allocation (£6671).

**2.10 Surrey Highways £9618 (Victor Agarwal)**

Surrey Highways is seeking funding of £9619 towards the resurfacing of Bedfont Road Stanwell. This will be funded from Mr Agarwal's revenue allocation (£3333) and his capital allocation (£6285).

**2.11 Laleham Residents Association £560 (Denise Saliagopoulos/Richard Walsh)**

Laleham Residents Association is seeking funding of £560 for the improvement of common areas within Laleham Village including the Heritage centre site and the paving outside the Church. The project will include a bench to be installed on prepared ground. The total costs of the project is £1050 and the balance will be met from the Association's funds. This bid will be subject to Surrey Highways granting the necessary approvals for the installation of the bench. This will be funded from Mrs Saliagopoulos' (£280) and Mr Walsh's (£280) revenue allocations.

**2.12 Surrey Highways £1290 (Ian Beardsmore)**

Surrey Highways is seeking funding of £1290 for yellow hatched markings in Heathcroft Avenue Sunbury to alleviate parking problems. This will be funded from Mr Beardsmore's revenue allocation.

**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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**Background Papers:** None

**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.