



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

MEMBERS' FUNDS

14 March 2011

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 gum and butt bins was £3700 (para 2.1).
- 2 To note that capital funding of £300 has been refunded to Mrs Coleman from Surrey Highways (para 2.2).
- 3 To note funding bids approved under delegated authority since the last Local Committee meeting (para 2.3 – 2.4).
- 4 To consider an application for funding of £315 from Spelthorne Borough Council for grass cutting at Leacroft, to be funded from Mrs Saliagopoulos' revenue allocation (para 2.5).
- 5 To consider an application for funding of £386 from Surrey Highways for tree pruning works at Grosvenor Rd Staines, to be funded from Mrs Saliagopoulos' revenue allocation (para 2.6).
- 6 To consider an application for funding of £762 from Surrey Highways for tree pruning works at Laleham Rd Staines, to be funded from Mrs Saliagopoulos' revenue allocation (para 2.7).
- 7 To consider an application for funding of £500 from Spelthorne Atoms Basketball Club for the purchase of equipment, to be funded from Mrs Saliagopoulos' revenue allocation (para 2.8).
- 8 To consider an application for funding of £2000 from Staines Street

- Angels for the purchase of equipment, to be funded from Mrs Saliagopoulos' revenue allocation (para 2.9).
- 9 To consider an application for funding of £1648 from Spelthorne Borough Council for summer hanging baskets within Staines, to be funded from Mrs Saliagopoulos' revenue allocation (para 2.10)
 - 10 To consider an application for funding of £7135 from Surrey Highways for capital improvements to the street scene in Staines Division, in consultation with the Divisional Member, to be funded from Mrs Saliagopoulos' capital allocation (para 2.11)
 - 11 To consider an application for funding of £2566 from Spelthorne Borough Council for the purchase and installation of a notice board in Shepperton High Street, to be funded from Mr Walsh's revenue allocation (£936) and capital allocation (£1630)(para 2.12).
 - 12 To consider an application for funding of £3600 from Spelthorne Homestart for the project 'Improving the lives of twelve Spelthorne children and their families', to be funded from Mrs Nichols' revenue allocation (para 2.13).
 - 13 To consider an application for funding of £1100 from Spelthorne Borough Council for summer hanging baskets within Halliford Village and Thames Street Sunbury, to be funded from Mrs Nichols' revenue allocation (para 2.14).
 - 14 To consider an application for funding of £1900 from Benwell Day Centre for tables and snooker table, to be funded from Mrs Nichols' revenue allocation (para 2.15).
 - 15 To consider an application for funding of £1200 from Surrey Young Carers for a day trip for carers resident within Spelthorne, to be funded from Mrs Nichols' revenue allocation (para 2.16).
 - 16 To consider an application for funding of £1500 from A2 Housing towards the provision of hardstanding for a play area at Annette Close. This will be funded from Mrs Nichols' revenue allocation (para 2.17).
 - 17 To consider an application for funding of £2600 from Sunbury Sports Association for the installation of a borehole, to be funded from Mrs Nichols' revenue (£568) and capital (£2032) allocation (para 2.18).
 - 18 To consider an application for funding of £2254 from Surrey Highways towards capital works at Oakington Drive and Sutherland Avenue, to be funded from Mrs Nichols' capital allocation (para 2.19).
 - 19 To consider an application for funding of £1000 from Spelthorne Borough Council towards summer hanging baskets within Ashford, to be funded from Mrs Coleman's revenue allocation (para 2.20).
 - 20 To consider an application for funding of £1500 from Spelthorne Tree Wardens towards the purchase of 50 trees within Ashford Division, to be funded from Mrs Coleman's revenue allocation (£117) and capital allocation (£1383) (para 2.21).
 - 21 To consider an application for funding of £1454 from Ashford Library for the purchase of a whiteboard, to be funded from Mrs Coleman's capital allocation (para 2.22).
 - 22 To consider an application for funding of £1000 from Spelthorne Borough Council for the purchase and installation of a bench, to be funded from Mrs Turner-Stewart's revenue allocation (para 2.23).

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 show the amounts remaining for each Member including any amounts for delegated funding.

Member's Revenue Allocation

Revenue	Balance £
Mr Agarwal	0
Mr Beardsmore	0
Mrs Coleman	1117
Mrs Nichols	9,868
Mrs Saliagopoulos	5611
Mrs Turner-Stewart	1372
Mr Walsh	1630
Total	19598

Committee Capital Allocation

Capital	Balance £
Mr Agarwal	564
Mr Beardsmore	0
Mrs Coleman	2486
Mrs Nichols	4,285
Mrs Saliagopoulos	7,135
Mrs Turner-Stewart	0
Mr Walsh	936
Total	15406

2. MEMBER'S REVENUE ALLOCATION

2.1 Spelthorne Borough Council (Carol Coleman)

At the Local Committee on 11 October 2010, funding of up to £5654 from Mrs Coleman's capital allocation was agreed for gum and butt bins for Church Street Ashford. The amount has now been confirmed as £3700.

2.2 Surrey Highways (Carol Coleman)

Mrs Coleman gave capital funding in 2009/10 for road safety works to be carried out in Fordbridge Rd Ashford. This work has now been carried out and £300 has been refunded to Mrs Coleman's capital allocation.

DELEGATED FUNDING

2.3 Surrey Search & Rescue £400 (Richard Walsh)

A sum of £400 was agreed from Mr Walsh's revenue allocation towards the purchase of 30 high visibility jackets including logo printing.

2.4 Spelthorne History Society £350 (Richard Walsh)

A sum of £350 was agreed from Mr Walsh's capital allocation towards a GPS mapping device and a first aid kit.

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.

2.5 Leacroft grass cutting £315 (Denise Saliagopoulos)

Spelthorne Borough Council is seeking funding of £315 for an extra grass cut at Leacroft. This will be funded from Mrs Saliagopoulos' revenue allocation.

2.6 Surrey Highways £386 (Denise Saliagopoulos)

Surrey Highways is seeking funding of £386 towards tree pruning works at Grosvenor Rd Staines. This will be funded from Mrs Saliagopoulos' revenue allocation.

2.7 Surrey Highways £762 (Denise Saliagopoulos)

Surrey Highways is seeking funding of £762 towards tree pruning at Laleham Rd Staines. This will be funded from Mrs Saliagopoulos' revenue allocation

2.8 Spelthorne Atoms basketball club £500 (Denise Saliagopoulos)

Spelthorne Atoms basketball club is seeking funding of £500 towards basketball equipment to help develop players to national league standards and to boost the club profile. The club currently has approximately 200 members of all skill levels. This will be funded from Mrs Saliagopoulos' revenue allocation.

2.9 Staines Street Angels £2000 (Denise Saliagopoulos)

Staines Street Angels is a volunteer organisation established to support vulnerable people following nights out in Staines. They need funding of £2000 for uniforms for volunteers, promotional literature, and equipment to hand out including footwear, bottled water, space blankets/ponchos. torches and hand brushes. This will be funded from Mrs Saliagopoulos' revenue allocation.

2.10 Spelthorne Borough Council £1648 (Denise Saliagopoulos)

Spelthorne Borough Council is seeking funding of £1648 for summer hanging baskets within Staines division. This will be funded from Mrs Saliagopoulos' revenue allocation.

2.11 Surrey Highways £7135 (Denise Saliagopoulos)

Surrey Highways is seeking funding of £7135 for capital improvements to improve the street scene within Staines Division, in consultation with Mrs Saliagopoulos. This will be funded from Mrs Saliagopoulos' capital allocation.

2.12 Spelthorne Borough Council £2566 (Richard Walsh)

Spelthorne Borough Council is seeking funding of £2566 towards the costs of a public notice board in Shepperton High Street. This will enable the public to promote their community events. This will be funded from Mr Walsh's revenue allocation (£1630) and capital allocation (£936).

2.13 Spelthorne Homestart £3600 (Caroline Nichols)

Spelthorne Homestart is seeking funding of £3600 towards their project 'Improving the lives of twelve Spelthorne children and their families'. This will support vulnerable isolated families within the Borough. This will be funded from Mrs Nichols' revenue allocation.

2.14 Spelthorne Borough Council £1100 (Caroline Nichols)

Spelthorne Borough Council is seeking funding of £1100 for summer hanging baskets within Halliford Village and Thames Street Sunbury. This will be funded from Mrs Nichols' revenue allocation.

2.15 Benwell Day Centre £1900 (Caroline Nichols)

Benwell Day Centre is seeking funding of £1900 towards tables and a snooker table. It is hoped that this will help them attract more male visitors. This will be funded from Mrs Nichols' revenue allocation.

2.16 Surrey Young Carers £1200 (Caroline Nichols)

Surrey Young Carers are seeking funding of £1200 towards the costs of a day trip for young carers resident in Spelthorne, subject to receipt of completed application form. This will be funded from Mrs Nichols' revenue allocation.

2.17 A2 Housing £1500 (Caroline Nichols)

A2 Housing is seeking funding of £1500 towards the provision of hardstanding for a play area at Annette Close. The total cost is £3000 and the rest will be met through Borough Councillor contributions and fundraising. Once the hardstanding has been laid, A2 Housing will submit a bid for European monies for equipment. This will be funded from Mrs Nichols' revenue allocation.

2.18 Sunbury Sports Association £2600 (Caroline Nichols)

Sunbury Sports Association is seeking funding of £2600 towards the installation of a borehole Kenton Court Meadow which will provide water for the cricket squares and sports association clubhouse during dry months. This will be funded from Mrs Nichols' revenue allocation (£568) and capital allocation (£2032).

2.19 Surrey Highways £2254 (Caroline Nichols)

Surrey Highways is seeking funding of £2254 towards the installation of posts on Oakington Drive and posts and grass verge infills at Sutherland Avenue. This will be funded from Mrs Nichols' capital allocation.

2.20 Spelthorne Borough Council £1001 (Carol Coleman)

Spelthorne Borough Council is seeking funding of £1001 towards summer hanging baskets in Ashford Town. This will be funded from Mrs Coleman's revenue allocation.

2.21 Spelthorne Tree Wardens £1500 (Carol Coleman)

Spelthorne Tree Wardens are seeking funding of £1500 for the purchase of 50 trees to be planted within Ashford Division, in consultation with Mrs Coleman. This will be funded from Mrs Coleman's revenue allocation (£117) and her capital allocation (£1383).

2.22 Ashford Library £1454 (Carol Coleman)

Ashford Library is seeking funding of £1454 for the purchase of a whiteboard. This will be used to aid the childrens' events. This will be funded from Mrs Coleman capital allocation.

2.23 Spelthorne Borough Council £1000 (Denise Turner-Stewart)

Spelthorne Borough Council is seeking funding of £1000 towards the purchase and installation of a bench within Ashford as part of the Ashford regeneration scheme. This will be funded from Mrs Turner-Stewart'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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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.