



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (Spelthorne)

LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING

8th OCTOBER 2012

KEY ISSUE

To set out the funding available for Local Committee County Councillors' allocations for 2012/13, and to give consideration to the funding requests received.

SUMMARY

Surrey County Council's Local Committees receive funding to spend on locally determined purposes that help to promote social, economic and/or environmental well-being. This funding is known as Member Allocations.

For the financial year 2012/13, the County Council has allocated £12,615 revenue funding to each County Councillor and £35,000 capital funding to each Local Committee.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Spelthorne) is asked to:

- (i) Agree the items presented for funding from the Local Committee's 2012/13 **revenue** funding as set out in section 2 of this report and summarised below:

| ORGANISATION | PROJECT | AMOUNT |
|-----------------------------|--|---------------|
| The Festive Lighting Co Ltd | Staines Christmas Lighting | £1289.60 |
| SCC – Highways | Parking Space Improvement For Laburnham Crescent | £2350 |
| Spelthorne School | External playground improvements | £6000 |

- (ii) Agree the items presented for funding from the Local Committee's 2012/13 **capital** funding as set out in section 2 of this report and summarised below:

| ORGANISATION | PROJECT | AMOUNT |
|----------------------------|--|---------------|
| Spelthorne School | External playground improvements | £5000 |
| Spelthorne Borough Council | Sunbury Skate Park Additional Security | £4000 |
| SCC – Highways | Parking Space Improvement For Laburnham Crescent | £1000 |

- (iii) Note the expenditure previously approved by the Community Partnerships Manager and the Community Partnerships Team Leader under delegated authority, as set out in section 3.
- (iii) Note any returned funding and/or adjustments, as set out within the report and also in the financial position statement at Appendix 1.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 At its 9 July 2012 Local Committee (Spelthorne) meeting, councillors agreed that each member should have an equal share of the £35,000 capital budget (£5,000) alongside their individual £12,615 revenue allocations.
- 1.2 Member Allocation funding is generally made to organisations on a one-off basis, so that there should be no expectation of future funding for the same or similar purpose.
- 1.3 Member Allocation funding will not usually be granted for purposes that benefit one individual, nor to fund schools for the direct delivery of the National Curriculum, nor to support political parties.
- 1.4 When considering bids, organisations applying are advised against assuming that the Local Committee will meet the total cost of their project.

2 BIDS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL – REVENUE/CAPITAL FUNDING

- 2.1 The proposals for revenue and capital funding for consideration and decision at this Committee are set out below.

Staines Christmas Lighting

£1289.60 Revenue

Denise Turner-Stewart

An application has been submitted by the Festive Lighting Company to install Christmas Lighting in 3 locations in Staines. The locations are Edinburgh Drive, Victoria Parade & Stainash Parade. This project has been funded by Denise Turner-Stewart for the past 2 years.

The total cost of the project is £1289.60 and will be funded from Denise Turner-Stewart's revenue allocation.

Sunbury Skate Park Security

£4000 Capital

Caroline Nichols

Spelthorne Borough Council has submitted an application to install security fencing around Sunbury Skate Park. The Skate Park has proved extremely popular with young people since it was opened in 2011 but there have been reports of anti-social behaviour in the surrounding woodland areas which are easily accessible from the skate park. The fencing will be installed to try and prevent the users of the park accessing the surrounding woodland area.

The total cost of the project is £11,929, this also includes the cost of installing security lighting. Spelthorne Borough Council has also applied to the Community Improvement Fund to secure the remaining funds needed. £3250 of this money will be allocated to provide the security fencing **only**.

If Spelthorne Borough Council are successful in their application to the Community Improvement Fund the amount allocated to them from Caroline Nichols capital allocation will be reduced to **£3250**.

Parking Improvements Laburnham Crescent£2350 Revenue
£1000 Capital

Caroline Nichols

Surrey Highways department has submitted an application to reduce the corners of the green in Laburnham Crescent where parking has damaged the grass. This will improve the visual amenity and access. The work undertaken will also paint white lines in parking bays for better distribution of parked cars to improve access.

The total cost of the project is £3350.

Spelthorne School External Playground Improvements

£6000 Revenue

£5000 Capital

Ian Beardsmore

Spelthorne School has submitted an application for £11,000 to update the school's external facilities to enable our children to have a safe and enjoyable playtime experience in addition to utilising the grounds during teaching times.

Children in Key Stage 2 do not have quality playground apparatus or grounds in which to play healthy and purposeful games and activities. The existing trim trail apparatus is of a low quality and is not challenging for the children.

Pupils would like new playground markings so that they can play games together rather than a bland tarmac area. A basketball court is also requested by the children.

The total cost of the project is £46,500 with the remainder coming from the Parent Teacher Association and the School Budget.

3. DELEGATED AUTHORITY APPROVED BIDS

- 3.1 Either the Community Partnerships Manager or the Community Partnerships Team Leader (East Surrey) has already approved the following revenue bids under delegated authority since the last committee meeting:

| COUNCILLOR | PROJECT | AMOUNT |
|-----------------------|---|---------------|
| Carol Coleman | Bi Annual Art Exhibitions | £350 |
| Denise Turner-Stewart | Staines Upon Thames Charity Duck Race | £438 |
| Caroline Nichols | Sunbury Regatta Bunting | £1000 |
| Denise Turner-Stewart | Make It Happen | £1000 |
| Denise Saliagopoulos | Grass cutting in Leacroft | £352 |
| Denise Saliagopoulos | Grass cutting in Garrick Close | £1000 |
| Denise Saliagopoulos | Winter Hanging Baskets in Leacroft | £256 |
| Carol Coleman | Distraction Burglary Initiative | £171 |
| Richard Walsh | Winter Hanging Baskets in Shepperton & Laleham Village | £768 |
| Carol Coleman | Winter Hanging Baskets in Ashford | £384 |
| Denise Saliagopoulos | Band Development | £800 |
| Denise Turner-Stewart | Targeted Support Funding | £1000 |

4. OPTIONS

- 4.1 The Local Committee may choose to approve all, part or none of the funding proposals under discussion in this report.

5. CONSULTATIONS

- 5.1 In relation to new bids, consultation, where appropriate, may have been undertaken by the organisation receiving the funding, the local Member or the Community Partnerships Team, as required.
- 5.2 The appropriate Surrey County Council services and partner agencies are consulted when bids are submitted, as required.

6. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Each project detailed in this report has completed a standard application form giving details of timescales, purpose and other funding applications made. The County Councillor proposing each project has assessed its merits prior to the project's inclusion as a proposal for decision by the Committee.
All bids are also scrutinised to ensure that they comply with the Council's Financial Framework and represent value for money.
- 6.2 There are sufficient monies to fund all of the proposals contained within this report. If the above recommendations are approved, the remaining balances are set out in the Local Committee's financial position statement attached at Appendix 1.
- 6.3 Please note these figures will not include any applications submitted for approval after the deadline for this report or that are currently pending approval under delegated authority. They also do not include any funding that is in the process of being returned to the Local Committee.

7. EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The allocation of the Committee's budgets is intended to enhance the wellbeing of residents and make the best possible use of the funds. Funding is available to all residents, community groups or organisations based in, or serving, the area. The success of the bid depends entirely upon its ability to meet the agreed criteria, which is flexible.
- 7.2 The Local Committee funding can be allocated to projects that benefit a diverse range of community safety needs.

8. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The spending proposals put forward for this meeting have been assessed against the County standards for appropriateness and value for money within the agreed Financial Framework and the local agreed criteria, which is available from the Community Partnerships Team.
- 8.2 The Local Committee is asked to consider the items submitted for funding from 2012/13 Local Committee delegated budgets, as detailed in the report.

9. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 The Committee is being asked to decide on these bids so that the Community Partnerships Team can process the bids in line with the wishes of the Committee.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 10.1 If approved by the Local Committee, organisations will be approached to sign funding agreements for their projects based on the bids submitted.
- 10.2 Any changes to an approved bid will be discussed with the local Members and the Chairman, and if the changes are considered to be significant, an amended bid will be brought back to the Committee for approval. In all other circumstances, the Community Partnerships Team will process the payments as soon as possible once the signed agreement has been received.
- 10.3 All successful applicants will be contacted for details of how the funding was spent and will be asked to supply evidence.

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Background Papers:

- SCC Constitution: Financial Framework
- Local Committee Protocol: Criteria and Guidance for Members Allocations
- Local Committee Funding Applications