

## **Item 12**

### **Members Allocations**

#### **SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S LOCAL COMMITTEE (SURREY HEATH)**

**8<sup>th</sup> December 2005**

**KEY ISSUE:** To update Members on this financial years Allocations.

#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the Local Committee in Surrey Heath agree the allocations detailed in paragraphs 8 to 14.

#### **INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND**

1. Members allocations for 2005 / 06 are £11,500 per Member. At the last Local Committee meeting Members agreed to pool £6,500 from each Member into a central fund.
2. Individual Members can propose to sponsor projects that they have been approached about and have identified as meeting the requirements listed below. However, Members Allocations are for the Local Committee to agree as a whole.
3. The agreed criteria are that:
  - The project is legal and is able to show a clear audit trail.
  - The project will be completed **before** the end of the financial year.
  - The funding needed is a "one-off".
  - The funding will support the priorities of the Surrey County Council Corporate Plan, the Surrey Heath insert of the Corporate Plan or the Surrey Heath Community Strategy. (See below)
  - The project will give long-term benefit.
  - The project will be preventative in nature.
  - The project will be of benefit to the wider community
  - The project targets disadvantaged areas or groups.
  - Surrey County Council funding will unlock more funding opportunities.
4. Surrey County Council's Corporate Plan lists the main challenges to be met under the key areas of:
  - Making Surrey a better place to learn and develop.
  - Making Surrey a better place to live and do business.
  - Making Surrey a better place to travel.
  - Making Surrey a better place where vulnerable people are more independent.
  - Making Surrey a better place where people feel safe.
  - Making Surrey a better place where everybody matters.

5. The key issues identified by the Surrey Heath Local Strategic Partnership are:
  - Health
  - Housing and Employment
  - Transport
  - Safety
  - Community Support
  - Education
  - Environment
  
6. Members will have received a report in 2004 entitled “Mid-Term review – The Way Forward”. This suggested that for the next two years County Council priorities should be:
  - Improving the local street scene.
  - Working with Young People to develop facilities for them.
  - Making every pound count, and keeping the Council Tax rises as low as possible.
  - Demonstrating we are able to be both truly local, and big enough to handle the major issues, standing up for Surrey’s residents.
  - Ensuring that people know what we are doing.

## **ALLOCATIONS**

### **Pooled Allocation**

7. The Youth Development Service have put together a tailor made package of support for the young people in the St Michael’s area. The total cost of this 12 week Duke of Edinburgh / OCN introduction to Outdoor Sporting Activities course is £1,933.32. Mr Chipperfield wishes to support this project but has only £1,740 remaining. It is suggested that the shortfall of £193.32 be allocated from the pooled fund. This project supports the wider self-reliance work in the St. Michael’s area.

### **Voluntary Service Capital Budget**

8. Surrey Heath Care and Support has requested £300 for display board to assist them in publicity and information provision for SHC&S. SHC&S are a local charity dedicated to offering support and information to carers in Surrey Heath. Registered charity No. 1082800. They are a voluntary organisation for carers, run by carers, offering:
  - a FREE service to carers in Surrey Heath
  - information and advice
  - support groups
  - social activities
  - a regular newsletter
  - training opportunities
  - free membership
  
9. Bisley and West End Churches have requested support for the rewiring work at these two churches. It is suggested to allocate £3,000 towards this.

### **Members individual allocations**

10. Mrs Sealy wishes to allocate £3,000 towards the work of the Rural Housing Trust.  
(Please see Annex 2 for further information on this project)
11. Mr Alan Peirce wishes to allocate £250 to Lightwater Village Design Statement Steering group as a contribution towards running costs.
12. Mr Chipperfield wishes to allocate £600 towards the Watchetts School fottball club for equipment and kit, £350 towards a secure cycle parking facility at St Mary's Church.
13. Mr Chipperfield also wishes to support the Duke of Edinburgh / OCN introduction to Outdoor Sporting Activities course in St. Michael's as outlined in para 7.
14. Mr David Ivison wishes to allocate £1,000 to The Grove Primary School for remarking of the playground, £1,000 to Prior Heath Infant School for remarking of the playground, £1,000 to Heather Ridge Infant School as a contribution towards an interactive white board and £1,000 to Carwarden House School for Hall display boards.

### **CONSULTATION**

15. None at this stage.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

16. There is the need for a clear audit trail of Members' Allocations.

### **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS**

17. None.

### **CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

18. None.

### **EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

19. The funding for the Duke of Edinburgh / OCN introduction to Outdoor Sporting Activities course for the St Michael's area will support the self-reliance work going on in the area.

### **It is recommended that:**

That the Local Committee in Surrey Heath agree the allocations detailed in paragraphs 8 - 14.

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## Annex

Pooled			Date agreed	Paid?
<b>£39,699.37</b>	MyHood Leaflets	<b>350</b>	21.07.05	
	PCSOs	<b>15,000</b>	21.07.05	
£18,731.05 remaining	Old Dean Advice Centre running costs	<b>5,000</b>	21.07.05	
	Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme in Surrey Heath	<b>425</b>	21.07.05	
	St Michael's youth project.	193.32		
	Total	20,968.32		
<b>Voluntary Services</b>				
<b>£35,000</b>	Old Dean fit club and community athletics club equipment	<b>1,000</b>	21.07.05	
	RAF building works	<b>1,500</b>	22.09.05	
	Surrey Heath Care and Support – display boards.	300		
	Bisley and West End Churches – rewiring work.	3,000		
	St. Martin's Church and Parity	3,000		
£26,200 remaining	Total	8,800		
<b>Mr Neighbour</b>				
<b>£5,000</b>	Contribution to the running costs for the Old Dean Fun Day.	<b>350</b>	21.07.05	
£3,850 remaining	Leaflet shelving for the Old Dean Advice Centre.	<b>300</b>	21.07.05	
	Pine Ridge School hall curtains	<b>500</b>	22.09.05	
	Total	<b>1,150</b>		
<b>Mr Chipperfield.</b>				
<b>£5,000</b>	Lakeside Primary School	<b>2,310</b>	22.09.05	
	Watchetts school football club	600		
	Cycle parking facilities at St Mary's Church	350		
	St Michael's youth project.	1,740		
£0 remaining	Total	5,000		
<b>Mrs Sealy.</b>				
<b>£8,398.24</b>	Rural Housing Trust – contribution towards running costs and work in Surrey Heath.	3,000		
£5,398.24 remaining	Total	3,000		
<b>Mr Ivison.</b>				
<b>£5,000</b>	The Grove Primary School - remarking of the playground.	1,000		
	Prior Heath Infant School - remarking of the playground.	1,000		
	Heather Ridge Infant School - contribution towards an interactive white board.	1,000		
	Carwarden House School – display boards	1,000		
£1,000 remaining	Total	4,000		

Mr Peirce.				
<b>£5,000</b>	Bagshot Funday	<b>60</b>	22.09.05	
	Lightwater Village Design Statement	250		
£4,690 remaining				
	Total	310		
Mr Pitt.				
<b>£5,000</b>				
	Total	<b>0</b>		
	Total expenditure by all Members out of a total of £108,097.61	28,728.32		
	27% spent			

Approved expenditure is listed in bold.

## Annex 2

### **WHY THE RURAL HOUSING TRUST NEEDS SOME HELP WITH FUNDING ITS WORK IN SURREY**

*October 2005. Moira Constable*

The Rural Housing Trust has been working throughout England for the last 30 years and started work in Surrey in 1989. The Trust's objects are to increase the supply of affordable housing for local people in small villages. We pursue these objects in a variety of ways, according to our perception of what is needed at the time. Sometimes we simply chivvy and assist other agencies so that they provide the housing; often we work with Parish and District Councils to provide the housing ourselves. We promote and publicise examples of good practice and we were the first organisation to pioneer the practice of conducting housing needs surveys to identify small scale housing needs that are otherwise overlooked.

We employ locally-based fieldworkers who are the first point of contact whenever Parish Councils want to explore the possibility of providing affordable housing in their village. The advice and support we provide at this point usually leads to our carrying out a housing needs survey that the Parish Council helps to deliver. All the printing, return postage, analysis and report-writing is undertaken by RHT – at no charge to the PC.

If a need is shown as a result of this survey, the fieldworker works with the Parish Council to identify suitable sites, which are then investigated by one of our Development Managers. We commission extensive technical studies to discover what development problems may arise and, after consultation with planners and highways, prepare a comprehensive report on the suitability and availability of the suggested sites.

All of this work is carried out by RHT without any cost to PCs, Borough or County Councils. We have to undertake fundraising in order to maintain the service and to make our expertise widely available. Some Local Authorities make small contributions towards our fieldworker costs; others contribute to the printing and postage costs of our housing needs surveys. In Surrey, the County Council made a grant to RHT of £15,000 a year for three years, which helped cover the cost of our local fieldworker. This ended in 2004 and we understand there is nothing in the budget to allow it to continue. We have been unable to employ a fieldworker to cover Surrey and all current fieldwork in the county is being undertaken by the Chief Executive of RHT.

From the organisation's point of view this is unsatisfactory, although the Parish Councils are benefiting from the attention of a highly experienced expert in the subject. We have now decided to recruit two new fieldworkers, each working three days a week cover Kent and Surrey. We expect them to be in post by January 2006. The new office (yet to be identified) will be somewhere on the Kent/Surrey border to enable easy access to both counties.

RHT Trustees have agreed to this proposal in recognition of the severe housing difficulties faced by so many people in rural Surrey and Kent. However, we have to fund these posts and we are seeking contributions from bodies in both counties.

*To date RHT has built in the following Surrey villages: Bramley, Capel, Chiddingfold, Dunsfold, Elstead, Ewhurst, Gomshall, Hambledon, Headley, Newdigate, Ockley, Tilford, Milford, Witley. RHT is currently working with PCs in the following villages: Chobham, Ripley, East Horsley, West Horsley, Leigh, Ockley*

We intend that our new Fieldworker for Surrey will take this work forward and encourage other Parish Councils to become involved in providing affordable housing. Our long-term activity and impact on the problem we try to solve depends on our being able to fund our fieldwork.