



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(Surrey Heath)

**Allocating Local Committee Funding:
Members Allocations 2010/11**

15 July 2010

KEY ISSUE

To set out the funding available for County Councillors' allocations for 2010/11, and consider the requests received.

SUMMARY

This report lists and makes recommendations on bids received for Members' Allocations that have been sponsored by at least one Member.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) is asked to agree:

- (i) To pool £2,250 from each member's revenue allocation into a central revenue fund for 2010/11 and to pool the £30,000 capital allocation.
- (ii) A maximum level of funding per project for revenue allocations of £3,000, and that capital projects over £3,000 may be considered by the Local Committee.
- (iii) That when considering bids the presumption is that the Local Committee will not fund 100% of schemes, and that it is not in favour of funding organisations which are already receiving Surrey County Council funding.
- (iv) To delegate the power to approve bids of up to £1,000 to the Area Director, with the following criteria being met:
 - a. The decision being required before the next formal meeting
 - b. The bid has the sponsorship of the local member and the agreement of the majority of the county local committee members
 - c. Funding comes from the individual member's pot, or each member can have no more than two bids in between each meeting from the pooled pot.
- (v) The allocations detailed in paragraphs 11-13.
- (vi) To note the allocations agreed under delegated powers as set out in paragraph 14 of this report

CONTACT DETAILS

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INTRODUCTION

1. The County Council's budget for 2010/11 made available £49,500 of revenue funding to be spent on local projects to promote the social, environmental or economic well-being of the people of Surrey Heath. This amounts to £8,250 revenue for each county member of the committee. Members are asked to agree to pool £2,250 from each member's revenue allocation into a central pooled fund of £13,500 for 2010/11.
2. An additional capital allocation of £30,000 has been made available to each Surrey County Council Local Committee. Members are asked to agree to pool the £30,000 capital allocation.
3. In previous years Members agreed a maximum level of funding of £3,000 for each project. Members are asked to agree to this maximum level of £3,000 for revenue funded projects. Members are asked to agree that projects over £3,000 may be considered for capital funding.
4. The Area Director has the delegated authority to approve member allocations up to £1,000 subject to certain criteria. The Local Committee is asked to agree some additional criteria as set out in recommendation (iv).
5. The allocations being considered at this meeting plus the ones agreed under delegated powers since 18 February 2010 are set out in Annex A to this report. The meeting of the Surrey County Council Cabinet on 29 June 2010 agreed the members allocation revenue underspend from Surrey Heath of £22,615.06 could be carried forward to be spent on projects during 2010/11. Annex A also includes details of the total amount of funding left to be allocated, including the agreed carry forward from 2009/10.
6. Member allocation funding is made to organisations on a one-off basis, so that there should be no expectation of future funding for the same or similar purpose. Where organisations have received funding in previous years for a similar purpose as currently proposed, this is indicated below the proposal details.
7. Member allocation funding may not be used to benefit individuals, or to fund schools for direct delivery of the National Curriculum, or to support a political party.
8. When considering bids, members are asked to highlight to those applying that the presumption is that the Local Committee will not fund 100% of schemes, and that it is not in favour of funding organisations which are already receiving SCC funding.
9. In allocating funds, members are asked to have regard to Surrey County Council's Corporate Strategy 2010-14 Making A Difference, and the Sustainable Community Strategy for Surrey Heath.

ANALYSIS

10. Each project detailed below has completed a standard application form giving further details of timescales, purpose and other funding applications made. The member proposing each project assesses its merits, before the project can be included as a proposal for funding in the report to Committee.

OPTIONS

11. PROPOSALS FROM INDIVIDUAL REVENUE ALLOCATIONS

11.1 Title: Seating for waiting area - Crawley Ridge Infant School

Members Name: Bill Chapman
 Project Cost: £1,276.00
 Amount Requested: £957.00 (75%)

Costs towards purchasing community seating for parents in a safe and secure waiting area away from the busy road. It is hoped that this will encourage parents to leave their cars at home and walk to school. For information, Crawley Ridge Junior School was given £1,500 funding from the Local Committee to help build the secure area in 09/10.

Crawley Ridge Infant School received funding of £320 for large outdoor lego bricks for playground activities in February 2009 and £1,500 in May 2006 for developing the Foundation stage outdoor area.

11.2 Title: Golden Years Christmas Lunch – The Beacon Church

Members Name: Bill Chapman
 Project Cost: £ 150.00
 Amount Requested: £ 150.00 (100%)

Costs to provide a Christmas lunch for a number of elderly residents and church members attending the “Golden Years” club, a weekly meeting organised by the Church.

The Beacon Church has not received funding from the Local Committee before.

11.3 Refer also to proposal under paragraph 14.3.

12. PROPOSALS FROM POOLED REVENUE BUDGET

12.1 Title: Surrey Heath Young Musician of the Year 2010 – Surrey Heath Arts Council

Members Name: Bill Chapman
 Project Cost: £3,000.00
 Amount Requested: £1,000.00 (33%)

Costs towards hiring Camberley Theatre for the heats and final of the competition open to aspiring young musicians from the Surrey Heath area aged between 12 and 18 years. The heats take place in October and the final is on 13th November 2010.

Surrey Heath Arts Council received £1,000 in March 2008 for cost towards launching the Young Musician of the Year competition in Surrey Heath.

12.2 Title: Practise Mesh Tennis Wall – Chobham & District Lawn Tennis Club

Members Name: Lavinia Sealy
 Project Cost: £4,500.00
 Amount Requested: £975.00 (21%)

Costs towards installing and erecting a mesh practise tennis wall which will assist and enhance coaching sessions for club members (especially the junior section) from the Surrey Heath area. The practise wall will also be open to members of the public to use on a pay and play basis and the club hopes it will provide benefits to the fitness and wellbeing of the local population over many years.

As a number of the members come from the Woking area, the Club has applied for £525.00 of funding towards this project from the Local Committee (Woking).

Chobham & District Lawn Tennis Club has not received funding from the Local Committee before.

13. PROPOSALS FROM POOLED CAPITAL BUDGET

13.1 Title: New Kitchen – The Beacon Church

Members Name: Bill Chapman
 Project Cost: £30,000.00
 Amount Requested: £2,000.00 (6%)

Costs towards installing a fit for purpose community kitchen at the newly built Beacon Church in Camberley. Once completed, the Church will play an active role in community life on the Old Dean Estate.

The Beacon Church has not received funding from the Local Committee before.

14. TO NOTE THE FOLLOWING ALLOCATIONS MADE UNDER DELEGATED POWERS SINCE 18 FEBRUARY 2010

14.1 Title: 2 Mobile Vertex radios and 1 encrypted handset – Heathland Conservation Society

Members Name: Bill Chapman & Stuart MacLeod
 Project Cost: £ 725.00
 Amount Requested: £ 725.00 (100%) *

* Cllrs. Chapman & MacLeod will each give £362.50 from their individual allocations

Costs to purchase vital communication equipment for the conservation team who work along side law enforcement agencies and the probation service to keep the heathlands around the Old Dean area and Bagshot Woods safe for members of the public to visit.

The Heathland Society has not received funding from the Local Committee before.

14.2 Title: Floor renovation – Bagshot Methodist Church

Members Name: Stuart MacLeod
 Project Cost: £ 1,800.00

Amount Requested: £900.00 (50%)

Costs towards repairing the wooden floor in the church hall. At present, the surface is permeable and soaks up any spillages, which is a health and safety issue for users of the hall (mainly Bagshot Pre-School, Bagshot Brass Band and church members). This funding will be used towards sanding the floor down, repairing where necessary and then sealing and polishing.

The Bagshot Methodist Church has not received funding from the Local Committee before.

14.3 Title: Bisley Youth Olympics – Bisley Youth Parish Council

Members Name: Lavinia Sealy
 Project Cost: £ 2,000.00
 Amount Requested: £ 1,000.00 (50%) *

* £722 will come from Lavinia Sealy's individual revenue pot with the balance of £278 coming from the pooled pot if Members agree at Local Committee.

Costs towards a day of sporting activities for young people between 10 and 15 years. This will give participants the chance to get involved in new sports and physical activities, contributing to a healthier lifestyle. There will be opportunities to work with specialist coaches and equipment. This money will be used to pay for portable toilets, presence of St. Johns Ambulance and medals.

Bisley Youth Parish Council has not received funding from the Local Committee before.

14.4 Title: 4 editions of Heathwatch newsletter – Surrey Heath Neighbourhood Watch Support Group

Members Name: David Ivison
 Project Cost: £ 960.00
 Amount Requested: £ 960.00 (100%) *

* This money will be taken from the pooled revenue pot, if Members agree at Local Committee.

Costs to produce and distribute 4 editions of the Heathwatch newsletter, which goes out to over 10,000 registered households in the Surrey Heath area. This newsletter contains articles from Surrey Police, the Neighbourhood Watch Group and other parties promoting crime reduction and community participation.

Surrey Heath Neighbourhood Watch Support Group has not received funding from the Local Committee before.

14.5 Title: Day trip and lunch for elderly residents – The Older & Bolder Group

Members Name: Bill Chapman
 Project Cost: £ 900.00

Amount Requested: £ 900.00 (100%)

Costs to provide a coach trip to Hampton Court with lunch for 36 elderly residents living in sheltered accommodation in Camberley. The Group have very limited outing opportunities and this provides a much needed day out for them.

The Older & Bolder Group have had funding from the Local Committee:
 £900 in 09/10 for coach transport to Windsor castle and lunch
 £700 in 08/09 for coach transport to the seaside and a canal cruise
 £920 in 07/08 for a Christmas pantomime outing and Christmas lunch

14.6 Title: Summer play scheme places for 15 disabled children from Surrey Heath – Disability Challengers

Members Name: David Ivison
 Project Cost: £ 1,245.00
 Amount Requested: £ 1,000.00 (80%)

Costs towards 15 disabled children from the Surrey Heath area having a day of outdoor activities at a summer play scheme during July and August 2010.

Disability Challengers received £3,000 funding from the Local Committee in December 2005 towards a Saturday play scheme for disabled children in Bagshot.

RETURNED FUNDING

12. £100 of funding was returned by Cross Farm School for their Science & Technology project in 2008/09. The cost of hiring the science bus was less than was originally quoted to the school and so funds were returned. This money will go back into Cllr. Chris Pitt's individual revenue pot for 2010/11.
13. £105 of funding was returned from Watchetts Bowling Club for their club house renovation project in 2009/2010. Money was saved by floor covering for the bar area being donated by one of their members. This money will go back into Cllr. Denis Fuller's individual revenue pot for 2010/11.

CONCLUSION AND REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

14. The spending proposals put forward for this meeting have been assessed against the criteria and also against County standards for appropriateness and value for money and it is recommended that they should be approved.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

15. The Local Partnerships Team will write to all of the organisations that have made applications to the committee to advise them of the committees decision, with a copy of the Funding Agreement form for them to sign as appropriate. When this has been signed and returned, the funding will be

released, and a monitoring report will be requested three months subsequent to that date.

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Annex A

Allocations for 2010/11

Note:

The Cabinet has considered and agreed carry forward amounts for revenue member allocations. These are reflected in the table below.

	Project	Allocation £	Date agreed	Paid ?
Capital				
£30,000	New Kitchen – The Beacon Church	2,000.00		
	Total	2,000.00		
(Total left to allocate: £28,000)				
Pooled				
£13,500.00	Surrey Heath Arts Council – SH Young Musician	1,000.00		
(if agreed)	Bisley Youth Council – Bisley Youth Olympics	278.00	15.04.2010	Y
	SH Neighhd Watch Support Grp – newsletter	960.00	19.04.2010	Y
	Chobham & Dist Tennis Club – practise wall	975.00		
	Disability Challengers – summer playscheme	1,000.00	29.06.2010	
	Total allocated	4,213.00		
(Total left to allocate: £9,287 plus £4,924.93c/f)				
Mr Chapman				
£6,000	Crawley Ridge Infant Sch – seating for holding area	957.00		
	Heathland Con. Soc. – handsets and radio	362.50	21.05.2010	Y
	Older & Bolder Group – day trip for elderly	900.00	21.06.2010	Y
	Christmas lunch for elderly – The Beacon Church	150.00		
	Total	2,369.50		
(Total left to allocate: £3,630.50 plus £2,850.00 c/f)				
Mr Fuller				
£6,000.00				
	Total			
(Total left to allocate: £6,000 plus £5,484 c/f plus £105 returned)				
Mrs Sealy.				
£6,000				
	Bisley Youth Council – Bisley Youth Olympics	722.00	15.04.2010	Y
	Total	722.00		
(Total left to allocate: £5,278 plus £722 c/f)				
Mr Ivison.				
£6,000				
	Total			
(Total left to allocate: £6,000 plus £636.13 c/f)				

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Mr MacLeod				
£6,000				
	Bagshot Methodist Church – floor renovation	900.00		
	Heathland Con. Soc. – handsets and radio	362.50	21.05.2010	Y
	Total	1,262.50		
(Total left to allocate: £4,737.50 plus £3,798 c/f)				
Mr Pitt.				
£6,000				
	Total			
(Total left to allocate: £6,000 plus £4,200 c/f plus £100 returned)				