



Members' Allocations 2006/07 Overview

**Surrey County Council
Local Committee (Woking)
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KEY ISSUE:

To review the allocations made by the Local Committee for the year 2006/07.

SUMMARY:

For 2006/07 each of the seven Members had an individual allocation of £11,000. This was pooled to give a total amount of £77,000 to spend on projects to benefit the people of Woking. An amount of £342.00 revenue funding was returned from allocations made in previous years for reallocation.

In addition each Surrey County Council Local Committee received a capital allocation of £35,000.

This report brings together the allocations for the year, providing a summary and analysis of the wide range of projects and schemes in different local communities that have been supported throughout the year.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to note this report

Member allocations 2006/07

1. The Surrey County Council Local Committee (Woking) had £77,000 in 2006/07 to enable local members to support and enable projects that promote the social, economic or environmental well being in Woking. This amounts to £11,000 per member of the committee. In addition there was £342 revenue funding returned as unspent from previous years giving a total revenue budget of £77,342.
2. An additional amount of £35,000 capital funding was also allocated to each Surrey County Council Local Committee.

Criteria for allocations

3. Members' Allocations can only be used for purposes that fall under Surrey County Council's legal powers. In summary, this means that money must be used either for a Surrey County Council service, or under the power to promote the social, economic or environmental well being of the area contained in the Local Government Act 2000.
4. In spending the budgets the Local Committee must do so in accordance with the administrative guidelines. In spending these sums the Committee must ensure that in doing so it does not commit to on-going funding. Annex 1 set out the criteria to be considered when allocating to this budget and the procedure that groups who wish to apply for funding should follow.

Analysis of Members' Decisions

5. Members committed 100% of the £77,342 revenue funding and 100% of the £35,000 capital funding available to it in 2006/07.
6. The charts below show the breakdown of how the funding was allocated. The table in Annex 2 sets out the list of projects funded from the revenue funding, whilst Annex 3 sets out the projects funded from the capital funding.

Chart 1

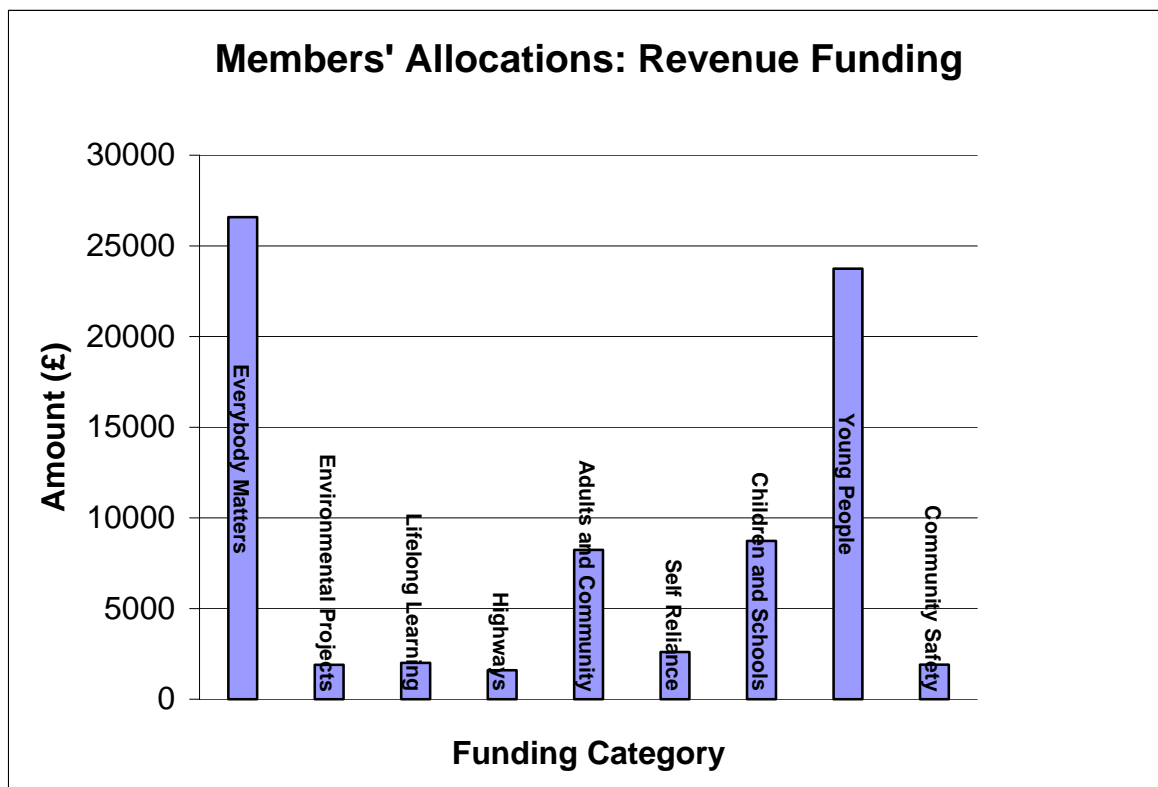


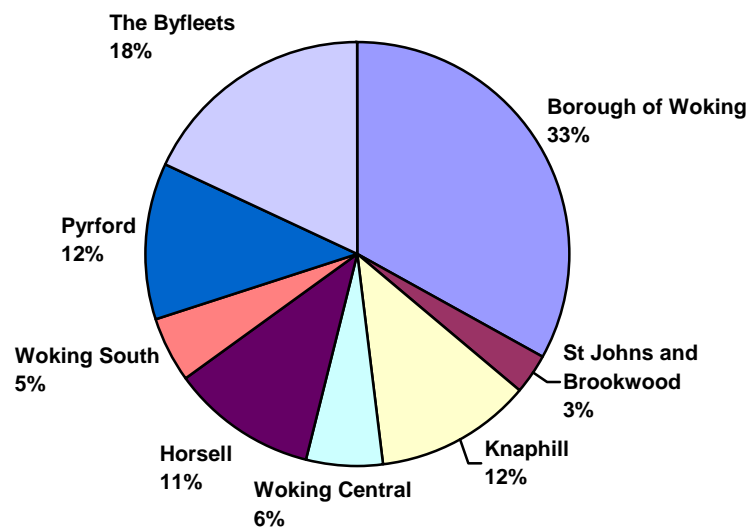
Chart 1 above shows the breakdown of the revenue funding. The Local Committee approved a total of 29 revenue projects.

Everybody Matters	35%
Environmental Projects	2%
Lifelong Learning	3%
Highways	2%
Adults and Community	11%
Self Reliance	3%
Children and Schools	11%
Young People	31%
Community Safety	2%

7. This paragraph sets out some examples of the allocations made by the Committee. The YPOD received £10,000 for a Youth Café and stage equipment, which will benefit a large number of young people in Woking. Allocations were also made to groups which deal with a number of communities of interest, Goldsworth Park Community Centre which received £8,400, The Generation Centre, Guide and Scout HQ which received £3,000, the St John Ambulance which received £1,397 and a community speed watch in Horsell which cost £1,200.
8. Only 5 of the 29 allocations were under £1,000 and only 1 was under £500.

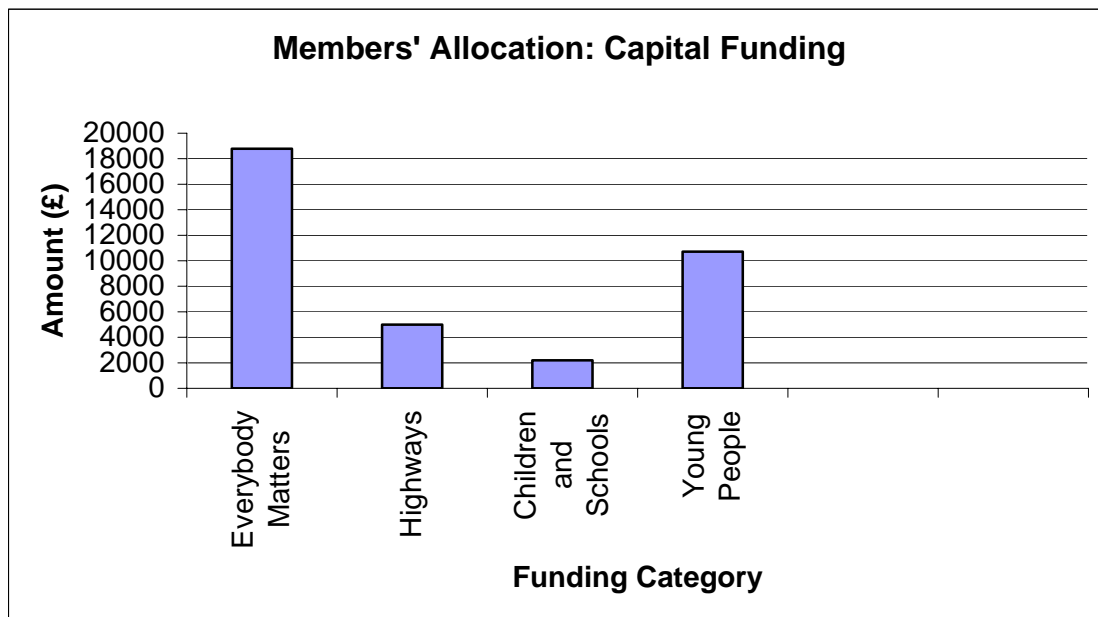
9. Chart 2 below sets out a crude analysis showing the breakdown of whether Members' Allocations have been spent on initiatives that benefit the whole borough, or primarily one division. For the purposes of this chart the capital and revenue funding have been taken together. It shows that a third of the funding was used for the benefit of people living within the borough Woking, with the remaining two thirds focussed more locally within each of the Members' divisions. These geographical spends include £13,660 to St Johns Cornerstone Centre for double glazing, £4,500 for Sutton Green Village Hall, £5,000 for a vehicle activated speed sign in Horsell, £1,100 for Pyford Cricket Club shower repair and £2,000 to set up a Friends of Knaphill Library.

Chart 2



10. Chart 3 below shows the breakdown of the capital funding. The Local Committee spent 51% on Everybody Matters, 29% on Young People, 14% on Highways and 6% on Children and Schools. Allocations were approved for 11 projects. The Committee allocated £13,660.77 to St Johns Cornerstone centre for double-glazing and £5,000 for a Vehicle Activate speed sign for Horsell High Street. £2,664.23 was awarded to the Woking Sea Cadets for a new dinghy. The Local Committee received a commendation from the Woking Sea Cadets for 'Exemplary Service and Diligence to Woking Sea Cadets aims and objectives'.

Chart 3



Financial Implications

11. The County Council decides on the local member allocations annually and projects are required to have no on-going financial implications.

Conclusion

12. The Local Committee was able to meet the criteria it set for the use of the Members' Allocations budget and have supported a range of local projects and organisations.

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Annex 1

Local Committee (Woking) Members Allocation Criteria

Criteria to be considered should include whether projects:

1.
 - a. Support the priorities of Making Surrey a Better Place:
 - To learn and develop
 - To live and do business
 - To travel
 - Where vulnerable people are more independent
 - Where people feel safe
 - Where everybody matters
 - b. Support the priorities of the Community Strategy for Woking:
 - A strong community spirit with a clear sense of belonging and responsibility
 - A clean, healthy and safe environment
 - A transport system that is integrated and accessible, recognising Woking's potential as a transport hub
 - Access to housing that is decent and affordable for local people and key workers
 - A community which values personal health and well being
 - Integrated and accessible local facilities and services
 - c. Meet demonstrable local needs
 - d. Be possible to implement within the time and budget, offer value for money and have a clear audit trail.

2. To be eligible for consideration for funding a project should be able to demonstrate that:
 - a. The funding needed is "one-off". All payments are made on a one off basis. There is no expectation of future funding. Consequently any organisation that uses funding from this source will have to make arrangements for securing any future ongoing funding necessary for their project. If the project involves ongoing costs such as maintenance, repair etc. there must be confirmation that an organisation has agreed to take on those costs
 - b. The project will commence within 12 months of Local Committee approval.
 - c. The project will demonstrate its impact within 12 months of receiving funding.
 - d. The project will give long-term benefit and be preventative in purpose.
 - e. The project targets more disadvantaged areas or communities.
 - f. Local Committee funding will unlock much more funding from other sources.
 - g. There is no other probable alternative source of funding

3. The funding must not:

- be used to fund schools for the direct delivery of the National Curriculum as this is already resourced on a formula basis by the County Council
- be used as a “grant” to an individual
- sponsor a political party, including contributing to the expenses of any conference, meeting or other event organised by or on behalf of the party. NB Some Surrey residents’ associations and local societies have to register as political parties because they have candidates standing in District, County or General Elections.

Capital Funding

4. The £35,000 capital is primarily allocated for support to the voluntary sector, however this funding may be used for other functions. It must meet the following criteria:
 - a. it must be applied to physical assets with life of more than one year
 - b. it must not be used to meet staffing costs or other routine running costs.

Additional Guidelines:

5. In choosing what to fund, the Local Committee aims for a portfolio which overall:
 - a. includes at least one comparatively large project of benefit to Woking;
 - b. benefits a variety of communities of interest (for example, young people, old people, ethnic minorities, disabled people), and different areas of Woking;
 - c. includes a mix of large and small projects, but not a lot of very small ones.
 - d. A large project that benefits a lot of people will take priority over a project that benefits only a few people.

Annex 2 Revenue Funding

Project summary	Member sponsor	Date approved by Local Committee	Agreed
Marjorie Richardson Centre – Renewal of Carpet	Diana Smith	£3,500	15 th June 06
Holiday Classes for Muslim Girls	Shamaz Tabrez	£1,500	15 th June 06
Woking Dance Festival Radiance Glow	Elizabeth Compton/Diana Smith	£5,000	15 th June 06
The Generation Centre - Guide and Scout HQ	Shamaz Tabrez/Diana Smith	£4,000	15 th June 06
Lakeview Play scheme	Shamaz Tabrez/ John Doran	£2,690	15 th June 06
Community Speed watch – Horsell	John Doran	£909.60	15 th June 06
Display Case for West Byfleet Library	Geoff Marlow	£610.95	2 nd November 06
Girls Venture Corps – French War Graves	Geoff Marlow	£4,000	2 nd November 06
Pyrford CC – Shower Repair	Val Tinney	£1,100	2 nd November 06
St Peters Day Centre	Andrew Crisp	£1,232.88	2 nd November 06
Refurbishment of Goldsworth Park Community Hall	Shamaz Tabrez/ Diana Smith	£8,400	2 nd November 06
Woking Sea Cadets - New Training Dinghy	Andrew Crisp	£2,794.44	28 th February 07
Equipment for Youth Café and stage equipment	Val Tinney	£10,000	28 th February 07
Woking High School - Purchase of new minibus	John Doran	£3,785.21	28 th February 07
Renewable energy project	John Doran	£2,250	28 th February 07
Costs towards summer festival 07	Shamaz Tabrez	£1,100	28 th February 07
Feasibility study of Brampton Way Bus Stop	Val Tinney	£1,500	28 th February 07
Members Local Transport Plan Trip	Val Tinney	£100	28 th February 07

New Trailer for Garden Project	Val Tinney	£2,500	28 th February 07
New Fencing for Cricket Club	Val Tinney	£6,907.31	28 th February 07
New Chairs for Horsell Village Hall	John Doran	£3,864	28 th February 07
Supporting young people to take part in nature conservation	Val Tinney	£1,000	28 th February 07
Printing of directory of local amenities	Diana Smith	£700	28 th February 07
Costs towards Byfleet Youth Event	Geoff Marlow	£2,000	28 th February 07
To erect 10x Badger Posts	Geoff Marlow	£500	28 th February 07
To set up friend of Knaphill Library	Diana Smith	£2,000	28 th February 07
To establish a community care scheme	Elizabeth Compton	£1,000	28 th February 07
Basic Life Support Aids for St John Ambulance	Val Tinney	£1,397.50	28 th February 07
Automatic number plate recognition service in Woking Town Centre	Val Tinney	£1,000	28 th February 07
Total		£77,342.00	
Underspend from Youth Development Service returned for re-allocation		£-342	
Total		£77,000.00	

Annex 3 Capital Funding

Project summary	Member sponsor	Date approved by Local Committee	Agreed
Attitude Youth Group	Val Tinney	15 th June 06	£1,300
Woking Sea Cadets	Val Tinney	15 th June 06	£3,100
Vehicle Activated Sign for Horsell High Street	John Doran	15 th June 06	£5,000
Brookwood Planters	Elizabeth Compton	15 th June 06	£625
Birchmere Campsite	John Doran	15 th June 06	£850
Chill and Chat	Diana Smith	15 th June 06	£2,800
St Johns Cornerstone Centre Double Glazing	Geoff Marlow	2 nd November 06	£13,660.77
Sutton Green Village Hall	Andrew Crisp	2 ND November 06	£4,500
Local & Global Community Business Enterprise Project	Shamas Tabrez	2 nd November 06	£500
Woking Sea Cadets – New Training Dinghy	Andrew Crisp	28 th February 07	£2,664.23
TOTAL			£35,000.00