

OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (WOKING)

MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS 2007/08 OVERVIEW – ANNUAL SUMMARY

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KEY ISSUE:

To review the allocations made by the Local Committee for the year 2007/08.

SUMMARY:

For 2007/08 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.

In addition each Surrey County Council Local Committee received a capital allocation of £35,000. An amount of £667 of capital funding was returned from allocations made in 2006/07 for reallocation.

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. And includes annexed diagrams that illustrate capital and revenue spend by theme and by geographical area.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to note this report

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Surrey County Council Local Committee (Woking) had £77,000 in 2007/08 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.
- 1.2 An additional amount of £35,000 capital funding was also allocated to each Surrey County Council Local Committee. There was £667 capital funding returned as unspent from previous years giving a total capital budget of £35,667
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 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.

2 ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

- 2.1 Members committed 100% of the £77,000 revenue funding and 100% of the £35,667 capital funding available to it in 2007/08.
- 2.2 Surrey County Council's Corporate Plan 2007-8 One Outstanding Council: Making Surrey a better place, set out the following four priorities for the year:
 - Improving highways and maintaining roads;
 - Ensuring that looked after children grow up better equipped for life, in particular through education;
 - Increasing the number of vulnerable adults able to live independently;
 - Increasing waste minimisation and recycling.

All member allocation expenditure (whether revenue or capital) is coded to reflect broad subject categories. The codes are:

Lifelong Learning; Transport; Adults and Community Care; Self Reliance; Children and Schools; Young People; Environment; Everybody Matters; Community Safety.

Spend by Theme

- 2.3 The bar chart (**Annex 1**) shows how both capital and revenue funds have been allocated across these different subject areas, and indicates that the category Young People received the largest amount of revenue and capital allocation funding.
- 2.4 Projects in the category of Young People included a wide range of activities, for example:
 - Funding was given to Attitude Youth Club for equipment for games consuls, indoor sports as well as some arts and crafts supplies. The youth club were also given funds to run a first aid course for young people who act as babysitters to provide extra safety in looking after children.
 - Funding was allocated to the 1st St Johns Scout Group towards an Equipment Store for camping equipment.
 - Funding was given to the Inside out Youth Project to set up taster events to reach across a range of interests to engage young people. They were aimed particularly at 12-18 year olds who were not taking part in more traditional clubs. Its aim was to draw out young people to become project leaders, mentors and empower themselves and others.
 - To pay for the purchase and installation of floodlights at Meadow Sports Football Club. This improved the floodlighting to the football training area so that the 28 teams (both boys and girls, between 5 and 18 years old) benefited from a safe environment in which to train at their own clubhouse.
 - Funding was provided towards the costs of the Woking & Maybury Sports Centre. Just over £41,000 was allocated to this project.
- 2.5 Adults and Community Care also received a large proportion of revenue spend including:
 - Funding was allocated to Surrey PCT for "Cracking Up"; a comedy show to raise awareness about mental well-being for hard to reach men. A show comprising of stand up comedy, sketches and poetry took place at Woking Football Club on April 24th 2008.
 - Coldharbour Lunch Club received a small amount of funding towards the costs for a Christmas lunch for members.
 - South-West Woking Assisting Neighbours (SWAN) received funds for Artwork and publicity leaflets to be printed to address the shortfall in

volunteers and client awareness of the services provided. SWAN offers assistance to members of the community who need help with everyday tasks such as shopping and transport for medical appointments.

- 2.6 Allocations were also made to groups within the Self Reliance areas of Maybury and Sheerwater and Lakeview.
 - Relate pilot project in Sheerwater/Maybury. To cover start up costs of a relationship counselling service in the Maybury/Sheerwater area based at the sure-start centre.
 - Family Craft Club-Lakeview Community Action Group
 This was a project to run a weekly craft group (2 hour sessions) for local
 parents and young children between 4 and 10 years old to enable them to
 engage in creative play together. The beneficiaries of this project were
 mainly young single parents who needed help with parenting skills.
- 2.7 The category marked 'Other' covers £9,081 of revenue funding, no capital funding, which includes:
 - CAB waiting Room refurbishment £966
 - St Andrews Church refurbishment £1,100
 - Byfleets Bowls Club Security Fencing £7,015

Spend by Geographical Area

- 2.8 The table in **Annex 2** sets out the list of projects funded from the revenue funding, whilst **Annex 3** outlines the geographical areas awarded revenue funding.
 - All areas of the Borough have benefited from a proportion of the revenue funding, with the largest majority of residents also benefiting from investment in the centre.
 - Woking Central, accessed by the biggest majority of the Borough residents, received the greatest proportion total with £42,994.
 - Each of the other 6 areas benefited from total awards between £1,250 and £8,820.
 - Borough-wide allocations accounted for approximately one sixth of the total revenue allocation.
- 2.9 The table in **Annex 4** sets out the projects funded from the capital funding, while the chart in **Annex 5** details the capital funding by geographical area.
 - The greatest proportion of allocations (£16,005) went borough-wide, including £12,000 used to fund the Vehicle Activated Signs.
 - St Johns and Brookwood benefited from a total of £12,582, which supported the Scout Groups Equipment Store.

- The Byfleets and Pyrford also benefited from total allocations of £6,000 and £1,080 respectively.
- No other area received capital funding.

Financial Implications

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

Conclusion

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

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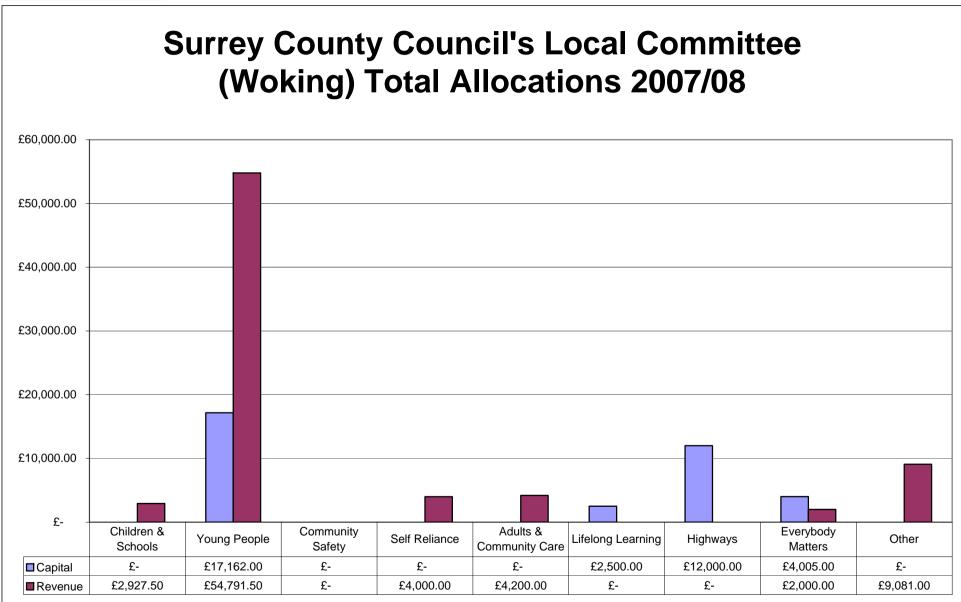
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BACKGROUND PAPERS: The listed bids for Members' Allocations 2007/08



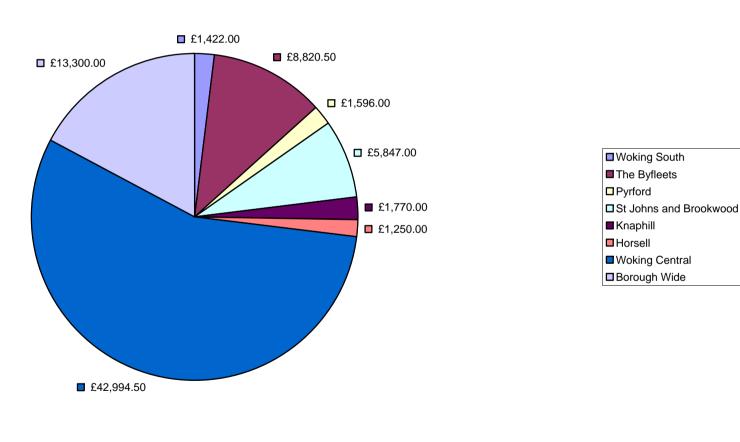
Annex 2 Revenue Funding

Project summary	Member sponsor	Date approved by Local Committee	Agreed
Monthly Farmers Market	Geoff Marlow	21 st June 2007	£1000
SWAN (South- West Woking Assisting Neighbours) Recruitment for Volunteers and clients	Andrew Crisp	21 st June 2007	£500
Byfleet Community Action Recruitment Campaign Byfleet Care	Geoff Marlow	21 st June 2007	£500
Can U Claim It	Shamas Tabrez	21 st June 2007	£1000
Relationship Counselling Service	Shamas Tabrez	31 st October 2007	£4000
Inside Out Youth Project	Diana Smith	31 st October 2007	£520
Knaphill Care Volunteer Recruitment	Diana Smith	31 st October 2007	£150
Parenting Puzzle – Family Links Nurturing Course	Andrew Crisp	25 th September 2007 under delegated powers	£922
Coldharbour Lunch Club - Christmas Lunch	Val Tinney	31 st October 2007	£250
Attitude Youth Club - Activities for Young people	Val Tinney	31 st October 2007	£380
Surrey PCT - Cracking up show	Diana Smith	20 th February 2008	£2800
Byfleet Bowls Club- Security fencing	Geoff Marlow	20 th February 2008	£7015
Improvement to Children's Corner in West Byfleet Library	Geoff Marlow	20 th February 2008	£305.50
Lakeview Family Craft Club	Shamas Tabrez	20 th February 2008	£1700
St Andrews Church Refurbishment	Diana Smith	20 th February 2008	£1100
Replacement Equipment 1 st Horsell Scouts	John Doran	20 th February 2008	£1250

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Woking & Maybury Sports Centre	Shamas Tabrez	20 th February 2008	£41294.50
Floodlighting at Meadow Sports FC	John Doran	20 th February 2008	£5500
CAB Waiting room Refurbishment	Val Tinney	20 th February 2008	£966
1 st St Johns Scout Group Equipment Store	Elizabeth Compton	20 th February 2008	£5847
TOTAL			£77,000

Surrey County Council's Local Committee (Woking) Allocations 2007/08 by Geographical Area Revenue Expenditure



Annex 4 Capital Funding

Project summary	Member sponsor	Date approved by Local Committee	Agreed
Friends Of Byfleet Library Social Seating	Geoff Marlow	21 st June 2007	£2500
1 st St Johns Scout Group Equipment Store	Elizabeth Compton	20 th February 2008	£12,582
Woking Salvation Army – Community Kitchen	Shamas Tabrez	21 st June 2007	£4005
1 st Byfleet Scouts – Box Trailer	Geoff Marlow	31 st October 2007	£3500
Attitude Youth Club- Activities for Young people	Val Tinney	31 st October 2007	£1080
Vehicle Activated signs	Val Tinney	31 st October 2007	£12,000
Total			£35,000
Returned for Re-allocation			£667
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