



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(WOKING)**

**MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS 2008/09 OVERVIEW – ANNUAL
SUMMARY**

8th July 2009

KEY ISSUE:

To review the allocations made by the Local Committee for the year 2008/09.

SUMMARY:

For 2008/09 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 £2258 was returned from allocations made in 2007/08 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. Annexes 1-5 illustrate capital and revenue spend by theme and by geographical area.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to note this report.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Surrey County Council Local Committee (Woking) had £77,000 to spend in 2008/09. This amounts to £11,000 per member of the Committee. There was £2,258 revenue funding returned unspent from previous years giving a total revenue budget of £79,258.
- 1.2 An additional amount of £35,000 capital funding was also allocated to each Surrey County Council Local Committee.
- 1.3 The revenue and capital funding made available can be used to promote community well-being in the locality covered by the Committee. Individual Members bring forward proposals for approval by the Committee, and may choose to combine the sums where a project covers more than one division. The Committee may not apply any individual member's allocation against his or her wishes. The basis of the funding is to enable local members to support projects that will support the County Council's corporate priorities, and/or promote the social, economic or environmental well being of people in the area.
- 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 83% of the £79,258, revenue funding and 100% of the £35,000 capital funding available to it in 2008/09. At the end of the financial year £13,474 revenue funding remained unallocated and was added to budget savings made by the County Council.
- 2.2 Surrey County Council's Corporate Plan 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 Children & Schools received the largest amount of revenue allocation funding. The Everybody Matters category received the largest capital allocation funding.
- 2.4 Just over £24,000 was spent on projects within the category of Children and Schools including:
- A large chunk of the funding was allocated to the Bikeability project- This is a national accredited cycling course which has replaced cycling proficiency and is run in local schools. The funding enabled level 1/2 (Year 5/6) bikeability training for approx 750 Woking children unable to pay the full cost (based on free school meals criteria).
 - Lightbox- Leonardo Education programme:
This project was set up to deliver an educational programme to accompany the Leonardo exhibition at the Lightbox. The total cost of the exhibition was £70,000. Part funding of £4,470 was allocated to purchase materials for workshops, for activity packs and for an education corner at the exhibition.
 - Tour Series Schools events:
A Cycle event took place on 2nd June 2009. A series of school cycle races took place involving all school ages as well as a disabled race. Funds were used to buy trophies, medals, certificates and cycle bells to be awarded to participants.
- 2.5 Projects within the Everybody Matters category also received a large proportion of revenue and capital spend including:
- Homestart – support thousands of parents who are struggling to cope, due to many reasons including post-natal illness, disability or bereavement. This project was allocated £3,000 to create a Woking Home Start website, and a volunteer recruitment and training drive.
 - York Road Project: This is a direct access shelter and daytime drop in centre, it is operated in the aid of single homeless persons and other vulnerable persons. Just over £2,200 were allocated to the project to purchase and install washing machines and to install four new CCTV camera's to make the shelter safer for users.
 - Surrey Care Trust received over £4,500 capital funding to spend on STEPS which is an alternative education centre. Funding was used to refurbish the kitchen, which is used by staff and young people to produce lunches, it is also used for practical work by the young people as part of their courses in food preparation, cooking, food hygiene and health and safety.

2.6 Allocations were also made to groups within the priority community areas of Maybury and Sheerwater.

- Sheerwater Community Forum received £650 to produce a forum newsletter.
- Holiday classes for muslim girls received £2,000 for cultural and leisure classes which will be held daily for three weeks at the Maybury Centre and outings will take place to enhance the girls' self image and enjoyment of their leisure time.
- Asian elders luncheon club received £1,000 to hold social gathering events to invite asian elders to a meet and greet function. Funding was given for advertising the events and to provide catering for the events.

Spend by Geographical Area

2.7 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.

- More than half of the revenue allocations were used to benefit projects serving residents from across the borough. Allocations which benefited residents borough-wide included:
 - Funding to improve storage of clothes and toys for Jigsaw which is a regular drop in based at Woking vineyard church, offering practical support for parents with children 0-5 on very low income and or difficult personal circumstances.
 - Funding towards producing a DVD for Safe Drive Stay Alive (SDSA). This enabled the initiative to access hard to reach youths throughout the Borough who were not exposed to the SDSA performances at school or sixth-form college.
- Residents from Woking South, Pyrford, The Byfleets, Woking Central and St John's and Brookwood benefited from total awards between £525 and £6,000 including funding to hold a meet and greet morning to publicise Goldsworth Care group, funding to pay for training materials for parenting classes, and funding to purchase blackout blinds, and stage lighting to provide a free cinema experience to local users at the St Mary's Centre in West Byfleet.
- Knaphill and Horsell areas did not receive any area specific revenue expenditure, but benefited from the borough wide allocations.

2.8 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.

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- The greatest proportion of allocations (£16,320) were used to benefit projects serving residents in The Byfleets area. Projects that benefited include:-
 - Double glazing for the St John's Cornerstone centre in West Byfleet.
 - St Mary's Church of England Primary School – New changing facilities for a refurbished swimming pool (funded by the Parent Teacher Association), for both school and community use.
- Projects benefiting residents borough wide received £12,962, and included the following projects:-
 - Woking Active Retirement Club- Bowls Group received funding to replace the bowls mats.
 - Birchmere, Woking District Scouts Campsite received funding to replace weather damaged felt roofing of indoor accommodation block at the campsite.
- Woking Central and Pyrford also benefited from total allocations of £1,152 and £3,566 respectively.
- The Knaphill, Horsell and St Johns and Brookwood areas did not receive any area specific capital funding.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

4 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The applications for member allocations benefited people of different ages, race and gender. A few examples include:

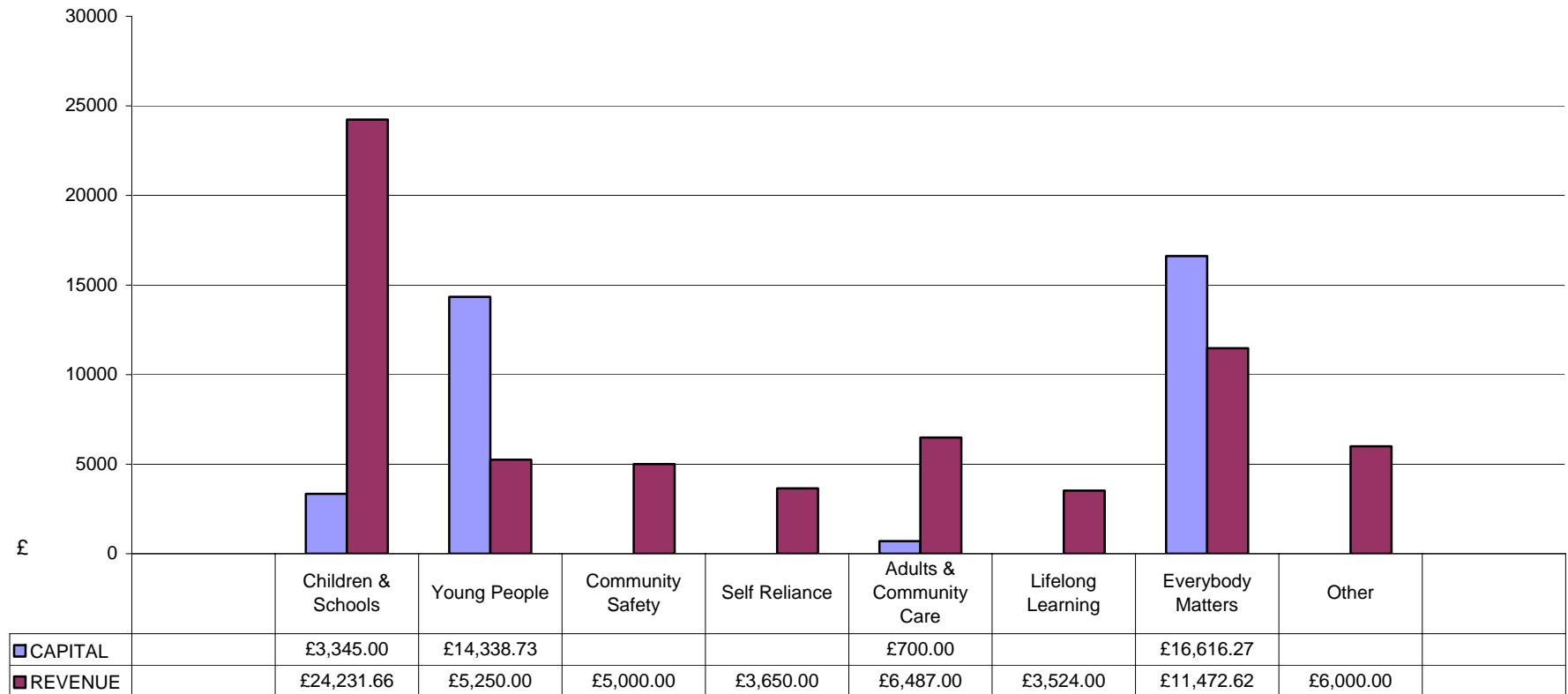
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| • Sheerwater Community Forum | £650 |
| • Goldsworth Care | £466 |
| • The Evergreens | £2,000 |
| • Holiday Classes for Muslim Girls | £2,000 |
| • Ozone Youth club | £1,250 |
| • Birchmere campsite | £1,200 |

5 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 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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BACKGROUND PAPERS: The listed bids for Members' Allocations 2008/09

Surrey County Council's Local Committee (Woking) Total Allocations 2008/09



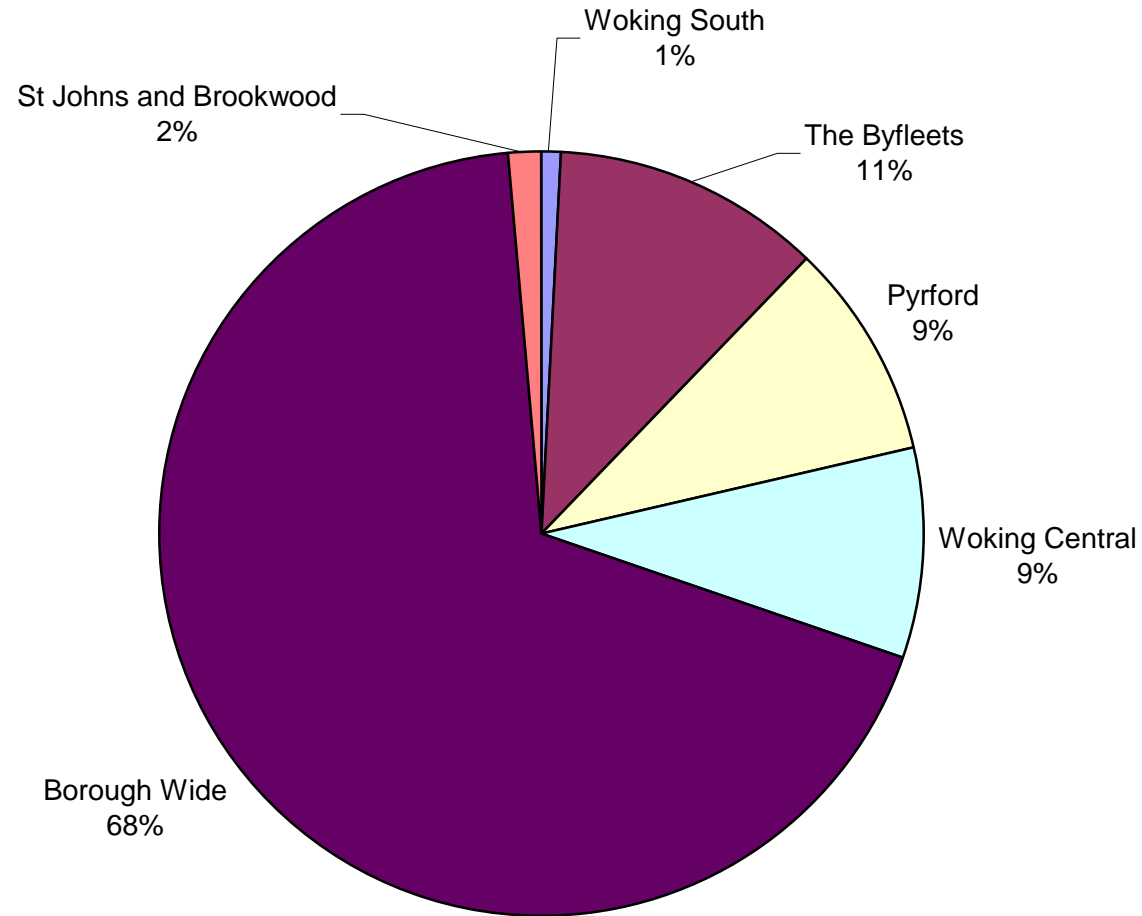
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Annex 2 Revenue Funding

Project summary	Member sponsor	Date Approved	Agreed
Safe Drive Stay Alive	Elizabeth Compton	23 rd June 2008	£5000
Byfleet Art Group	Geoff Marlow	23 rd June 2008	£600
Jigsaw	Diana Smith	23 rd June 2008	£2398.95
Sheerwater Community Forum	Shamas Tabrez	23 rd June 2008	£650
Woking Contemporary Art Fair	Shamas Tabrez	23 rd June 2008	£110
Goldsworth Care- Publicity and Recruitment Campaign	Shamas Tabrez	23 rd June 2008	£466
Woking Children's Centre – Family Links	Andrew Crisp	23 rd June 2008	£525
Home Start - Woking	Geoff Marlow	20 th October 2008	£3000
Dance for Health	Geoff Marlow	20 th October 2008	£1000
Ockenden Project	Geoff Marlow	20 th October 2008	£2000
The Evergreens	Geoff Marlow	20 th October 2008	£2000
Youth Engagement Scheme	Val Tinney	20 th October 2008	£1000
Creating something DeVyne in the Community-	Diana Smith	3 rd December 2008	£750
Christmas Street Lighting in West Byfleet –	Geoff Marlow	3 rd December 2008	£515
Bikeability	Elizabeth Compton	3 rd December 2008	£10,000
Birchmere Scout Campsite	John Doran	16 th February	£1200
York Road Project	Andrew Crisp	16 th February 2009	£2235
Woking CAB	Andrew Crisp	16 th February 2009	£612.62
Woking Swimming Club	Val Tinney	16 th February 2009	£1250
Holiday Classes for Muslim Girls	Shamas Tabrez	16 th February 2009	£2000
The Lightbox – Leonardo Education programme	Shamas Tabrez	16 th February 2009	£4470
Pyrford Village War Memorial Hall	Val Tinney	16 th February 2009	£6000

St Mary's Centre: Entertainment Project	Geoff Marlow	16 th February 2009	£1311
Ozone Youth Club	Geoff Marlow	16 th February 2009	£1250
Easter Community Radio Trail	Geoff Marlow	16 th February 2009	£750
Tour Series Schools Event	Val Tinney	16 th February 2009	£4000
Bikeability	Elizabeth Compton	16 th February 2009	£5000
Holiday at Home	Diana Smith	Under Delegated Powers	£960
St John's Youth Centre	Elizabeth Compton	Under Delegated Powers	£1000
Asian Elders Luncheon Club	Shamas Tabrez	Under Delegated Powers	£1000
Freemantles School Music Technology project	Andrew Crisp	Under Delegated Powers	£761.66
Bicycle Ballet	Andrew Crisp	Under Delegated Powers	£1000
Lakers Youth Committee	Diana Smith	Under Delegated Powers	£800
Total			£65,615.23

Surrey County Council's Local Committee (Woking) Allocations 2008/09 by Geographical Area Revenue Expenditure



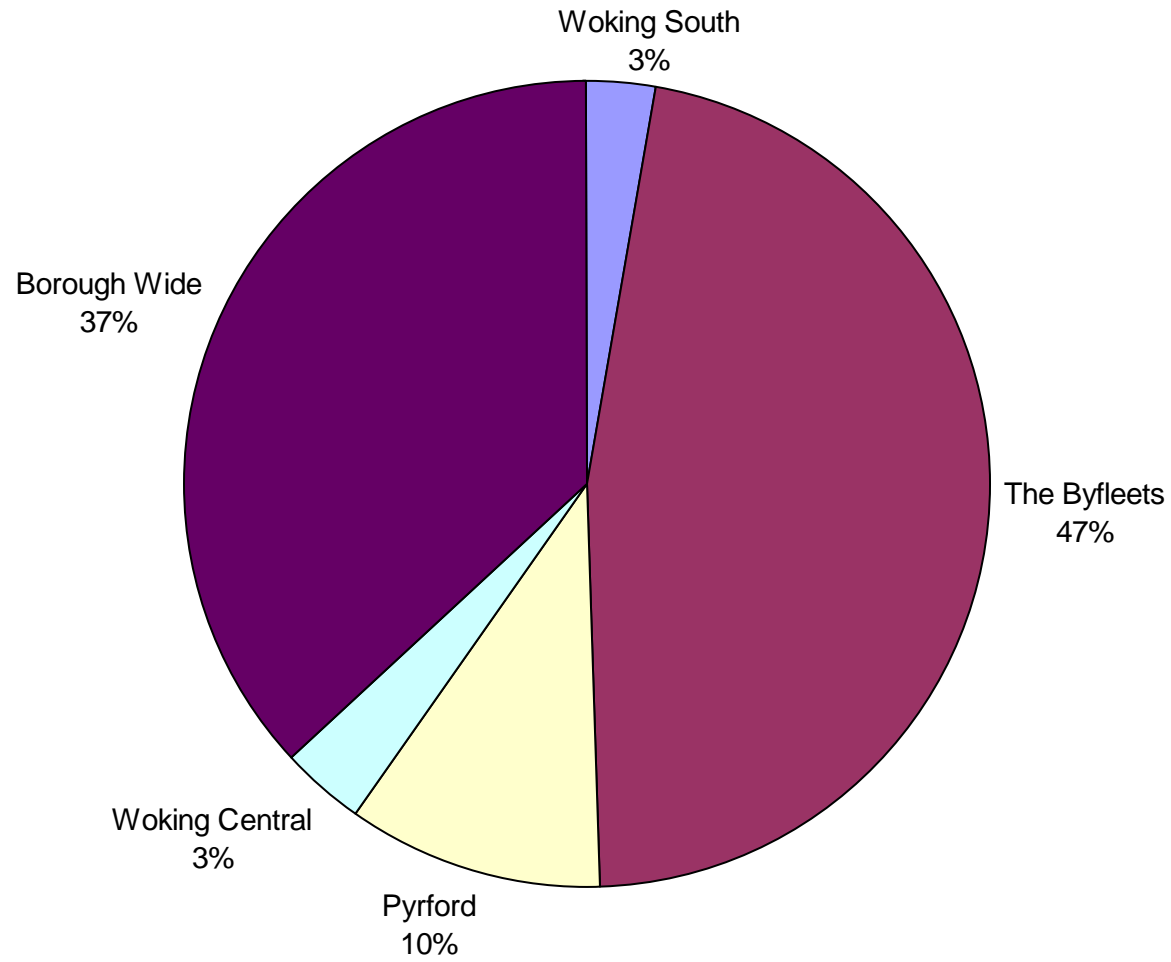
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Annex 4 Capital Funding

Project summary	Member sponsor	Date approved by Local Committee	Agreed
Computers for children in Domestic Abuse Refuge	Val Tinney	23 rd June 2008	£1152
Pyrford Scout Group- Tents	Val Tinney	23 rd June 2008	£1050
Replacement VHS radios for Woking Air Cadets	Andrew Crisp	23 rd June 2008	£1000
Birchmere, Woking District Scouts Campsite	John Doran	23 rd June 2008	£2200
Double Glazing-St Johns Cornerstone (Deferred from June and October 2007 and February 2008)	Geoff Marlow	23 rd June 2008	£6858
Surrey Care Trust - STEPS	Diana Smith	23 rd June 2008	£4765.73
Woking Active Retirement Club- Bowls Group	Val Tinney	23 rd June 2008	£700
Arbor Centre	Val Tinney	23 rd June 2008	£2171
Byfleet Fire Station	Geoff Marlow	20 th October 2008	£5000
St Mary's Church of England Primary School – Changing Facilities	Geoff Marlow	3 rd December 2008	£3000
Woking Sea Cadets – Canoes	Andrew Crisp		£2000
Christmas Street Lighting in West Byfleet –	Geoff Marlow		£1462
Pyrford Playgroup	Val Tinney		£345
Woking CAB	Andrew Crisp		3296.27
Total			£35,000

Annex 5

Surrey County Council's Local Committee (Woking) Allocations 2008/09 by Geographical Area Capital Expenditure



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