

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE & BANSTEAD)

DATE: 3 MARCH 2014

LEAD

OFFICER: SANDRA BROWN, COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS TEAM
LEADER EASTSUBJECT: LOCAL COMMITTEE & MEMBERS' ALLOCATION FUNDING -
UPDATE

DIVISION: ALL REIGATE & BANSTEAD DIVISIONS

**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

Surrey County Council Councillors receive funding to spend on local projects that help to promote social, economic or environmental well-being in the neighbourhoods and communities of Surrey. This funding is known as Members' Allocation.

For the financial year 2013/14 the County Council has allocated £12,876 revenue funding to each County Councillor and £35,000 capital funding to each Local Committee. This report provides an update on the projects that have been funded since May 2013 to date.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Reigate & Banstead) is asked to note:

- (i) The amounts that have been spent from the Members' Allocation and Local Committee capital budgets, as set out in Annex 1 of this report.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The allocation of the Committee's budgets is intended to enhance the wellbeing of residents and make the best possible use of the funds. Greater transparency in the use of public funds is achieved with the publication of what Members' Allocation funding has been spent on.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 The County Council's Constitution sets out the overall Financial Framework for managing the Local Committee's delegated budgets and directs that this funding should be spent on local projects that promote the social, environmental and economic well-being of the area.
- 1.2 In allocating funds councillors are asked to have regard to Surrey County Council's Corporate Strategy 2010-14 Making A Difference that highlights five themes which make Surrey special and which it seeks to maintain:
- A safe place to live;
 - A high standard of education;
 - A beautiful environment;
 - A vibrant economy;
 - A healthy population.
- 1.3 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. It may not be used to benefit individuals, or to fund schools for direct delivery of the National Curriculum, or to support a political party.

2. RECENT COMPLETED PROJECTS:

- 2.1 Several projects have taken place within the last 3 months, here are a couple of the projects

Maintenance of safe highway surfaces in the event of severe winter weather

A £6,200 grant covered the cost of the purchase, installation and filling of 6 grit bins for 4 years.

Following consultations with residents and the local member in each division Surrey Highways installed a grit bin at 6 locations; Fairlawn Drive, Redhill, Orpin Road, Merstham, Downs Wood, Nork, Shawley Crescent, Epsom Downs, Tangier Wood, Burgh Heath and Grantwood Close, Redhill.

Horley Christmas Lights

A £1,000 grant contributed towards the purchase, installation and maintenance of Christmas Lights in Horley Town Centre.

The grant means that Horley has 'proper' Christmas lights to brighten up the town and bring the community together.

access across the Project area, which includes the district of Mole Valley.

3. ANALYSIS:

- 3.1 All the bids detailed in **Annex 1** have been considered by and received support from the local county councillor and been assessed by the Community Partnerships Team as meeting the County Council's required criteria.

4. OPTIONS:

- 4.1 The Committee is being asked to note the bids that have already been approved.

5. CONSULTATIONS:

- 5.1 In relation to new bids the local councillor will have discussed the bid with the applicant, and Community Partnerships Team will have consulted relevant Surrey County Council services and partner agencies as required.

6. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 Each project detailed in this report has completed a standard application form giving details of timescales, purpose and other funding applications made. The county councillor proposing each project has assessed its merits prior to the project's approval. All bids are also scrutinised to ensure that they comply with the Council's Financial Framework and represent value for money.
- 6.2 The current financial position statements detailing the funding by each member of the Committee are attached at **Annex 1**. Please note these figures will not include any applications that were approved after the deadline for this report had past.

7. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

- 7.1 The allocation of the Members' Allocation and Local Committee's budgets is intended to enhance the wellbeing of residents and make the best possible use of the funds. Funding is available to all residents, community groups or organisations based in, or serving, the area. The success of the bid depends entirely upon its ability to meet the agreed criteria, which is flexible.

8. LOCALISM:

- 8.1 The budgets are allocated by the local members to support the needs within their communities.

9. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	No significant implications arising from this report
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	No significant implications arising from this report
Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	No significant implications arising from this report
Safeguarding responsibilities for	No significant implications arising

vulnerable children and adults	from this report
Public Health	No significant implications arising from this report

10. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 10.1 The spending proposals put forward for this meeting have been assessed against the County standards for appropriateness and value for money within the agreed Financial Framework.

11. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 11.1 Payments to the organisations have, or will be paid to the applicants, and organisations are requested to provide publicity of the funding and also evidence that the funding has been spent within 6 months.

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Consulted:

- Local Members have considered and vetted the applications
- Community Partnership Team have assessed the applications

Annexes:

Annex 1 – The breakdown of spend to date per County Councillor, including the breakdown of spend to date per County Councillor of the Local Committee Budget.

Sources/background papers:

- All bid forms are retained by the Community Partnerships Team
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