



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)**

MEMBER ALLOCATIONS FUNDING

3 DECEMBER 2012

KEY ISSUE

To set out the funding available to the Local Committee for County Councillors' allocations in 2012/13 and to give consideration to the funding requests received.

SUMMARY

Surrey County Council's Local Committees receive funding to spend on locally determined purposes that help to promote social, economic or environmental well-being. This funding is known as Member Allocations.

For the financial year 2012/13, the County Council has allocated £12,615 revenue funding to each County Councillor and £35,000 capital funding to each Local Committee.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) is asked to:

- (i) Agree the items presented for funding from the Local Committee's 2012/13 **revenue** funding, as set out in section 2 of this report and summarised below:

Organisation	Project	Amount
Us in a Bus	Wheels for Us in a Bus	£3,000
Reigate & Banstead Winter Night Shelter	Reigate & Banstead Winter Night Shelter	£2,500

- (ii) Note that the item for approval from the Local Committee's 2012/13 **capital** budget, as set out in section 2 of this report and summarised below:

Organisation	Project	Amount
Pathfinder Scout Group	Renovations to Scout Hall in Salfords	£22,600

- (iii) Note the expenditure previously approved by the Community Partnerships Manager and the Community Partnerships Team Leader under delegated authority, as set out in section 3.
- (iv) Note any returned funding and/or adjustments, as set out within the report and also in the financial position statement at **Appendix 1**.

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. The underlying principle being that Members Allocations should be spent on local projects to promote the social, environmental and economic well-being of the area, as required by the Local Government Act 2000.
- 1.2 In allocating funds, Members 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 generally made to organisations on a one-off basis, so that there should be no expectation of future funding for the same or similar purpose.
- 1.4 Member Allocation funding will not usually be granted for purposes that benefit one individual, nor to fund schools for the direct delivery of the National Curriculum, nor to support a political party.
- 1.5 When considering bids, organisations applying are advised against assuming that the Local Committee will meet the total cost of their project.

2. BIDS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL – REVENUE/CAPITAL FUNDING

- 2.1 The proposals for revenue and capital funding for consideration and decision at this Committee are set out below.

Wheels for Us in a Bus

£3,000 revenue

Mr Peter Lambell

An application for funding has been received from Us in a Bus for a contribution towards the cost of purchasing, fitting out and running a nearly-new van. Us in a Bus (UIAB) visits people with profound learning disabilities and/or complex needs living in their own homes, residential care homes or supported living accommodation in Surrey. UIAB's clients are all adults, many of which are elderly and have additional physical or sensory disabilities. These residents do not use words and are often thought of as unable to communicate with the outside world which offers a huge challenge in caring for them. Without specialist assistance they may be locked inside their own world, unable to interact with others, unable to communicate their needs, or to simply talk, joke or play with another person. A new van is needed to ensure that UIAB can continue to tailor their service to the needs of each individual and give them one to one time. UIAB also seeks to involve and encourage the use of its techniques with those caring for or supporting its clients to ensure the benefits of its service can have a wider impact. The total cost of the project is £11,310 and UIAB already has a £5,000 pledge from The Wolfson Foundation towards it. UIAB also has an application to The Concertina Trust outstanding and more applications to make in the next few months. Last year UIAB received local committee funding for a computer database and a youth project totalling £1,960.

Reigate & Banstead Winter Night Shelter**£2,500 revenue****Mr Peter Lambell**

The Salvation Army has made an application for funding to provide a floating night shelter for twelve weeks from the 1 December 2012, for rough sleepers, people of no fixed abode and the homeless in the Reigate and Banstead Borough. The shelter will operate in church halls across the borough, providing up to fifteen guests per night with a meal, a bed and a nourishing breakfast. Each day guests will be able to attend lunchtime drop in, access laptop computers to apply for jobs, be helped to acquire permanent housing and obtain assistance with any legal issues and welfare benefits. The Committee's funding will contribute towards the cost of clothing, toiletries and food for the floating shelter. The total cost of the project is £19,000 with the remainder of the funding coming from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council, donations from churches, quiz night fund raising, Rotary and other donations from local businesses. In March 2012, the Reigate and Banstead Local Committee also provided £2,000 funding towards a Salvation Army-run shelter.

Renovations to Scout Hall in Salfords**£22,600 capital****Mrs Kay Hammond
Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin**

An application for funding has been received from Pathfinder Scout Group to renovate and refurbish the Scout Hall to enable it to be fully utilised and benefitted by the community. This project will replace the main roof that is leaking and also contains asbestos which causes a Health and Safety issue. It will also replace the old kitchen and its appliances providing new cupboards and worktop and a fridge/ freezer and cooker so it can become fully functional again. This will enable the user groups to prepare drinks and meals as required. Modern and safe facilities will allow young people to be taught basic cooking skills. The toilets will be modernised, refurbishing the ceilings damaged by heavy rain water and also replacing the rotten main and side fire exit doors to improve security and safety. This work will ensure that the building is water tight and reduce the risk to health and safety by disposing of the asbestos. The possibility of introducing insulated sheet tiles will also be explored to improve the thermal efficiency of the building. The geographical area covered by the Hall is Salfords and the neighbouring villages. The main users of the hall are young people aged between 6 and 24 years of age belonging to the Salfords and NV Youth Club, Scout groups including Beavers and Cubs and Young Farmers. In addition the hall is used for training adults in scouting to provide activities to young people across the Reigate and Banstead Area. Currently the hall is used on 3 nights a week with approximately 70-80

young people attending weekly. By improving the facilities and condition of the hall, Pathfinder Scout Group will be able to allow access to a wider range of people from the community, with young people having somewhere to go it will benefit the wider community by involving the young people. The building is owned by the Scout Association and there are no plans to close the hall. Pathfinder Scout Group has consulted with Salfords and Sidlow Parish Council, Scouts Group, Youth Club and Young Farmers, as well as neighbours and occasional users of the hall. The total cost of the project is estimated to be £28,440, broken down as follows:

- £10,440 Main Roof
- £7,200 Kitchen replacement and appliances
- £8,400 Toilet refurbishment and new ceilings
- £2,400 Entrance and fire door replacement

Estimates have been received from local builders to carry out the work including a full re-plaster and the renovation of rooms. Some work will be undertaken by volunteers, such as stripping out the kitchen and painting to help keep costs down. The kitchen will be secured at cost from a local kitchen supplier. The remainder of the funding is coming from Scout Group funds. The ongoing costs will be met through fees and charges for the hall, as well as subscriptions from Scouts, the Youth Club and Young Farmers.

3. DELEGATED AUTHORITY APPROVED BIDS

- 3.1 The Community Partnerships Manager or the Community Partnerships Team Leader (East Surrey) have already approved the following **revenue** bids, in consultation with all county councillors, under delegated authority, since the last committee meeting:

COUNCILLOR	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Mrs Angela Fraser	Home-Start Epsom, Ewell and Banstead	£1,000
Mrs Angela Fraser	Banstead History Centre ('BHC') Computer Project	£935

4. OPTIONS

- 4.1 The Local Committee may choose to approve all, part or none of the funding proposals under discussion in this report.

5. CONSULTATIONS

- 5.1 In relation to new bids, consultation, where appropriate, may have been undertaken by the organisation receiving the funding, the local Member or the Community Partnerships Team as required.
- 5.2 The appropriate Surrey County Council services and partner agencies are consulted when bids are submitted, 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 inclusion as a proposal for decision by the Committee.
- 6.2 All bids are also scrutinised to ensure that they comply with the Council's Financial Framework and represent value for money.
- 6.3 There are sufficient monies to fund all of the proposals contained within this report. If the above recommendations are approved the remaining balances are set out in the Local Committee's financial position statement attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 6.4 Please note these figures will not include any applications submitted for approval after the deadline for this report or that are currently pending approval under delegated authority. They also do not include any funding that is in the process of being returned to the Local Committee.

7. EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The allocation of the 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.
- 7.2 The Local Committee funding can be allocated to projects that benefit a diverse range of community safety needs.

8. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1. 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 and the locally agreed criteria, which is available from the Community Partnerships Team.

- 8.2 The Local Committee is asked to consider the items submitted for funding from the 2012/13 Local Committee delegated budgets as detailed in the report.

9. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 The Committee is being asked to decide on these bids so that the Community Partnerships Team can process the bids in line with the wishes of the Committee.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 10.1 If approved by the Local Committee, organisations will be approached to sign funding agreements for their projects based on the bids submitted.
- 10.2 Any changes to an approved bid will be discussed with the local Members and the Chairman, and if the changes are considered to be significant, an amended bid will be brought back to the Committee for approval. In all other circumstances, the Community Partnerships Team will process the payments as soon as possible once the signed agreement has been received.
- 10.3 All successful applicants will be contacted for details of how the funding was spent and will be asked to supply evidence in support of this.

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Background Papers:

- SCC Constitution: Financial Framework
- Local Committee Protocol
- Criteria and Guidance for Members Allocations
- Local Committee Funding Bids

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