

MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS – ADDENDUM

Revised Officer Recommendations

The Local Committee (Epsom & Ewell) is asked to:

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

Organisation	Project Title	Amount
1st Cuddington (warspite) Sea Scouts	Secure Scouting At 1st Cuddington	£4,500
Epsom & Ewell Borough Council	Cox Lane Bmx/skate Facility	£10,000
Cuddington Croft Primary School Team	Wraparound/extended Care Provision	£1,000

- (ii) Retrospectively approve a change in the use of funds previously awarded to the Epsom Medical Equipment Fund for the purchase of a Paediatric Echocardiograph Ultrasound Machine that has since been used to fund a Fibroscan machine for patients suffering liver damage, as set out in section 1 of this addendum.
- (iii) Approve the reallocation of £5,000 capital funding previously awarded for the Hook Rd Area BMX project to the Long Grove Park BMX/Skate facility, as set out in section 1 of this addendum.
- (iii) Note the expenditure previously approved by either the Community Partnerships Manager or the Community Partnerships Team Leader under delegated powers, as set out in section 3.
- (iv) Note any returned funding and/or adjustments, as set out within the report and at Appendix 1.

1. ADJUSTMENTS REQUIRING COMMITTEE APPROVAL

1.1 Paediatric Echocardiograph Ultrasound Machine

£5,800 of funding previously awarded to the Epsom Medical Equipment Fund for the purchase of a Paediatric Echocardiograph Ultrasound Machine has instead been used to fund a Fibroscan for the examination of liver damage.

The use of the Local Committee's funds for an alternative purpose without prior notice and approval constitutes a breach of the County's funding conditions to which Epsom Medical Equipment Fund agreed.

As the Committee's funding was used for the purchase of alternative medical equipment that is equally of benefit to residents in the Borough, it is recommended that Members should retrospectively approve the change of use and note that the Community Partnerships Team will write to the Epsom Medical Equipment Fund to inform them of the breach of conditions and appropriate future conduct.

1.2 Long Grove Park BMX/Skate Facility

Funding for the sum of £5,000 capital (£1,000 from each Member) for the Hook Rd Area BMX project was agreed on 8 December 2010. Unfortunately this project is no longer going ahead and has been withdrawn. However, Epsom and Ewell Borough Council have asked whether this funding can be used to fund the project Long Grove Park BMX/Skate facility.

The current BMX/Skate facility in Long Grove Park is in desperate need of a revamp. The current ramps are tired looking, prone to damage and getting to the end of their life-span. The cost of maintaining this facility is increasing each year as a result. This project seeks to completely re-design the BMX/Skate facility at Long Grove Park providing a modern, bespoke concrete design that suits a variety of user groups. The intention is for the local community to design the new facility and help in them 'taking ownership' of it thereby helping to maintain it in the long-term. The new design will allow for a wider range of jumps and equipment which in turn will encourage more users from different ages and abilities. Once the project has been completed, the Council is committed to developing a new club at the site, therefore enhancing the current activities. Coaches will help encourage further use and skill development, as well as respect for the facility and other users. The design of the project will also allow for each discipline to have a preferred area to use which will allow for scootering activities to be undertaken in a safer environment, something that is not currently offered at the existing facility. By redesigning the existing facility to avoid creating 'dens', the project will also help to reduce anti-social behaviour.

On 7th July 2012 Epsom and Ewell Borough Council undertook a consultation exercise at a youth event in Epsom. Over 70 people completed the survey expressing an interest in the project. In addition a significant number of participants

expressed a keen interest in being part of a steering group for the project. This is currently the only BMX/Skate facility in the Borough and is very popular across a variety of ages and disciplines. The Open Spaces Audit (March 2006) highlighted a need to consider further skate and BMX facilities. Consultation with Young People in Sept 2006 also highlighted a need for BMX/skate facilities within the Borough as did the Play Strategy 2007 - 2010. Earlier this year Epsom and Ewell Borough Council were forced to close the Long Grove Park facility temporarily whilst doing repair work to some of the ramps. During this period Epsom and Ewell Borough Council received a number of complaints from local users upset that the facility was not available to them. Surrey Police support the project as do the Court Community Partnership and Rosebery Housing Association. There is overwhelming support to see this project be delivered with the driving force coming from the local users.

The total cost of the project is £182,097. Epsom and Ewell Borough Council have applied for £73,152 from Inspired Facilities (Sport England) and the decision regarding this is due 13 December 2012. Contributions of £35,000 from Linden Holmes/Crest Nicholson, £2,000 from High Sherriff and £66,945 from Epsom and Ewell Borough Council have all been agreed.