



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (Spelthorne)

LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING

21st JANUARY 2013

KEY ISSUE

To give consideration to the funding requests received that have been sponsored by at least one County Councillor.

SUMMARY

Surrey County Council's Local Committees receive funding to spend on locally determined purposes that help to promote social, economic and/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 (Spelthorne) 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
Richard Walsh	Shelter for the Storm St Nicholas Church	£1400
Denise Saliagopoulos	Community space for Staines Library	£1920.88
Victor Agarwal	Replacement minibus for Spelthorne Mental Health Association	£2600

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

ORGANISATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Richard Walsh	Shelter for the Storm St Nicholas Church	£1600
Victor Agarwal	Replacement minibus for Spelthorne Mental Health Association	£7400

- (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 At its 9 July 2012 Local Committee (Spelthorne) meeting, councillors agreed that each member should have an equal share of the £35,000 capital budget (£5,000) alongside their individual £12,615 revenue allocations.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 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 political parties.
- 1.4 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

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

2.1 Shelter for the Storm, St Nicholas Church £1400 revenue, £1600 capital

Richard Walsh

St Nicholas Anglican Church, Shepperton has submitted an application to restore the south transept wall of the church, which is currently collapsing.

www.surreycc.gov.uk/spelthorne

The works will ensure that the church does not become unstable and will benefit all those in the community who use the church. The organisation has consulted with the Diocese of London, with a firm of inspecting architects, with several firms who restore ancient buildings and with electricians and lighting consultants.

Richard Walsh has offered £3000 towards the expected £80,000-100,000 cost from his revenue and capital allocations. The Lafarge Infill Trust and the Grafeld Weston Foundation have each contributed £5000.

2.2 **Community space for Staines Library**

£1920.88 revenue

Denis Saliagopoulos

An application has been submitted by Staines Library to purchase new furniture to create a comfortable seating area, housing newspapers and local information. The library is well-used with an average of 520 visitors per open day, many of whom access the newspapers and other local information available. The creation of this community space would help to raise the profile of the library and its range of services. The area could also be used by visitors waiting to attend computer courses as well as those waiting to see Voluntary Action in Spelthorne and to have their bus pass applications processed.

The total cost of the project is £1920.88 and will be funded from Denis Saliagopoulos' revenue allocation.

2.3 **Replacement minibus for Spelthorne Mental Health Association**

£2600 revenue, £7400 capital

Victor Agarwal

An application has been submitted by Spelthorne Mental Health Association to purchase a replacement minibus to replace the older of their two vehicles. The Association runs a day centre for people recovering from mental illness and offers therapeutic classes in art and crafts, including woodwork. Most of the Association's clients do not have cars and many lack the confidence to use public transport, or live far from bus routes. Transport to and from the centre is considered essential.

Victor Agarwal has offered £10,000 towards the expected £16-17,000 total cost from his revenue and capital allocations.

3 **DELEGATED AUTHORITY APPROVED BIDS**

- 3.1 Either the Community Partnerships Manager or the Community Partnerships Team Leader (East Surrey) has already approved the following revenue bids under delegated authority since the last committee meeting:

www.surreycc.gov.uk/spelthorne

COUNCILLOR	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Richard Walsh	SCC Shepperton Library	£169.99
Richard Walsh	Big Tree Night 2012, Shepperton	£999.00
Richard Walsh	Wildflower Meadow in Shepperton	£200.00
Denise Turner -Stewart	Spelthorne Borough Council - purchase of 12 Christmas trees for shop parades	£465.00
Victor Agarwal	Citizens advice Bureau: Freedom Programme	£1000.00

- 3.2** The Committee is asked to note that £2,400 was returned to Victor Agarwal's allocation as a result of the Explorer Avenue street lighting project being cancelled.

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.
All bids are also scrutinised to ensure that they comply with the Council's Financial Framework and represent value for money.
- 6.2 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.

- 6.3 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 END OF FINANCIAL YEAR & DEADLINES

- 8.1 Owing to the forthcoming County Council elections and the Purdah period associated with it, the Committee is asked to note the following deadlines for the receipt of applications for funding from the 2012/13 member allocations budget:

Over £1,000:	22 February 2013 (for approval at 18 March committee)
£1,000 or under:	15 March 2013 (for delegated approval)

9 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 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 local agreed criteria, which is available from the Community Partnerships Team.
- 9.2 The Local Committee is asked to consider the items submitted for funding from 2012/13 Local Committee delegated budgets, as detailed in the report.

10 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 The Committee is being asked to decide on how it uses the funding allocated to it so that the Community Partnerships Team can process the bids in line with the wishes of the Committee.

11 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

11.1 If approved by the Local Committee, organisations will be approached to sign funding agreements for their projects based on the bids submitted.

11.2 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.

11.3 All successful applicants will be contacted for details of how the funding was spent and will be asked to supply evidence.

Lead Officer:	Sandra Brown Community Partnership Team Leader (East)
Telephone Number:	01737 737 420
E-mail:	sandra.brown@surreycc.gov.uk
Report Contact:	Adele Seex Local Support Assistant
Telephone Number:	01737 737 420
E-mail:	communitypartnershipseast@surreycc.gov.uk
Background Papers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCC Constitution: Financial Framework • Local Committee Protocol: Criteria and Guidance for Members Allocations • Local Committee Funding Applications