



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

MEMBER ALLOCATIONS FUNDING

4 MARCH 2013

KEY ISSUE

To give consideration to funding requests that have been received and are 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 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
SCC Highways	Footpath Resurfacing Yardley Close, Reigate	£6,000
Relate Mid Surrey	Counselling Young People 11-15	£2,000
SCC Highways	Balcombe Road, Horley VAS	£4,000
SCC Countryside Access Team	Copt Hill Lane surface improvements	£1,500
Sovereign Youth Club	Skate Park Improvements	£8,000
Mynthurst Cricket Club	Pavilion Repair	£2,500
Orbit Shed	Inclusive Theatre Workshops	£7,365
St Paul's Church Hall	Roof Repair	£6,115
Surrey Crime Stoppers	Awareness	£5,750
SCC Highways	Manor Drive	£3,000

- (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
3 rd Banstead Scout Group	Increase meeting room capacity	£5,000

- (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.

SCC Highways

Footpath Resurfacing in Yardley Close **£6,000 revenue**

Dr Zully Grant-Duff

An application has been received to remove the existing footpath surface and replace it with new bitumen to allow pedestrian access in Yardley Close. This will benefit local residents. The total cost of the scheme is £11,213.57.

Relate Mid Surrey

£2,000 revenue

Dr Zully Grant-Duff

An application has been received to provide counselling for young people between 11 and 15 years old from Reigate and Redhill whose families have emotional and behavioural problems. This will help approximately 26 young people whose mental health is being affected by family-related issues. They will each be offered an average of four counselling sessions of 45 minute duration. The total cost of the project is £4,056 with the remaining funding coming from the charity shop's contributions.

SCC Highways**Vehicle Activated Sign****£4,000 revenue****Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin**

An application has been received for the provision of a Vehicle Activated Sign on the B2036 Balcombe Road north of the Coppingham Arms PH for northbound traffic, showing speed limit and message 'Slow Down'. This will highlight the change of speed limit in order to reduce vehicle speeds and the number/severity of personal injury accidents. The amount will cover the cost of the sign and electrical connections. Any underspend will be re-allocated to Orbit Shed in memory of Frances King.

SCC Countryside Access Team**£1,500 revenue****Copt Hill Lane****Mr Michael Gosling**

An application has been received for surface improvements to Copt Hill Lane in Kingswood. This work will facilitate better access to the properties of two households by vehicle. Copt Hill Lane is a public bridleway that is accessible to walkers, cyclists and horse riders. The total cost of the work is estimated at £5,500. The remaining money is to come from Legal and General (£2,000), Borough Councillor Ros Mill (£500) and Surrey County Council's Countryside Access Team (£1,500).

Raven Housing Trust**£8,000 revenue****Sovereign Youth Club**

Raven Housing Trust has submitted an application to fund an extra skate ramp to improve the skate park. The late Mrs Frances King worked with young people at the Sovereign Youth Club to design the project and supported this application. The funding will also be used to help repair and paint the young people's shelter in the park. Mrs King also helped the youth of Woodhatch and South Park to achieve planning permission for the shelter. The total cost of the project is £8,000 which is to be met from the late Mrs King's allocation.

Mynthurst Cricket Club Pavilion**£2,500 revenue****Mrs Kay Hammond**

Mynthurst Cricket Club is seeking funding to replace rotting window frames and to re-clad the rear wall of the pavilion to make it weatherproof. These repairs are intended to reinstate the cricket pavilion as fully functioning

facility for its members. The pavilion was built in the 1930s but since the current club rescued it approximately 12 years ago, their funds have been applied to the square and playing surfaces and the pavilion has not had the attention it deserves. The total cost of the project is £2,931, exclusive of VAT.

Orbit Shed Workshops

£7,365 revenue

Dr Zully Grant-Duff

Mr Peter Lambell

The Orbit Shed is seeking funding from the Local Committee to run weekly workshops for children and teach them performing arts skills in an inclusive environment to develop their confidence. The workshops will provide an affordable, creative outlet and children will be given the opportunity to interact with people with and without disabilities, those from low income households, as well as children from varied cultural backgrounds. The workshops will also offer volunteering opportunities for teenagers and adults of all ages. There will be regular public performances in the local area and opportunities for the wider community to take part in all-day performing arts workshops. The late Mrs Frances King was one of the founding members of the Orbit Shed and was supportive of this project. £2,115 of this funding is to be met from her remaining allocation. In memory of Mrs King, Mr Lambell is contributing £4,615 and Dr Grant-Duff, a further £635 to the Orbit Shed. Other councillors have also expressed their desire to support this project in Mrs King's memory.

St Paul's Church Roof, Nork

£6,115 revenue

Mr Nick Harrison

St Paul's Church Hall's roof is in need of repair and this application is for a contribution toward that work. The project will re-cover the roof with elastomeric felt, on top of the existing felt shingles. The flat roof of the side room will also be renewed. Unless the roof is repaired, the Hall will shortly become unusable, denying the community many more years of service from the Hall. The hall is currently used for pre-school play group, a youth club, Judo and Zumba classes, donor sessions to the Blood Transfusion Service, amongst many other uses. The total cost of the project is £14,400. The All Churches Trust, Residents Association and Banstead Borough Councillors are being approached to assist with the remainder.

Surrey Crimestoppers Awareness**£5,750 Revenue****Dr Lynne Hack**

An application for funding to help raise public awareness of Surrey Crimestoppers and the work it undertakes to reduce crime has been received. Surrey Crimestoppers is a branch of the national charity, the Crimestoppers Trust and provides the public with a telephone number and online secure form where information about crime can be left anonymously by anyone. The funding will enable Surrey Crimestoppers to promote awareness of its Prison Pin project enabling the anonymous reporting of crime by prisoners at High Down and across other prisons in Surrey; to re-run the previously successful 'Rat on a Rat' Facebook advert in March 2013; and to pay for 9,500 call for action leaflets for the Gypsy and Traveller community. The total cost of the project is £5,750.

SCC Highways**Ramps and Bollards, Manor Drive****£3,000 Revenue****Mrs Kay Hammond**

An application for funding to provide eight bollards and construct two pram ramps at the junction of Manor Drive and Manor Close in Horley has been received. The work will help to prevent parking on the footpath at the junction and also allow safer pedestrian and disabled access to Manorfield Primary and Nursery School. The total cost of the project is £3,000.

**3rd Banstead Scouts
capital****£5,000****Mrs Angela Fraser**

An Application has been received to increase the meeting room capacity at Scout Ridge by applying additional sound attenuation to the Sports Hall and converting a store area to an additional meeting room. This will enable them to cope with the increasing demand for scouting in the area. This will be Phase 1 of the enlargement of Scout Ridge. Phase 1 is estimated to cost £8,000. The Group have £2,000 and have plans to raise the additional £1,000.

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	"From Rags to Riches"	£1,000
Dr Zully Grant-Duff	SATRO Science Workshop	£500
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Mr Nick Harrison	Salt Bin Tumblewood Road	£1,000
Mr Nick Harrison	Salt Bin Uplands Way	£1,000
Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin	Winter Wonderland	£1,000
Dr Zully Grant-Duff	Zoofari Yattendon School	£995
Dr Zully Grant-Duff	Zoofari Horley Infant School	£995
Mrs Angela Fraser	Woodmansterne Village Hall	£1,000
Mrs Angela Fraser	Local History Cine Film Project	£273.50
Mrs Kay Hammond	Horley Carnival 2013	£1,000
Mrs Angela Fraser	Walpole Avenue Grit Bin	£1,000
Mr Peter Lambell	SATRO Science Workshop	£1,000
Mr Peter Lambell	Ladies that do Lunch	£1,000
Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin	Horley Carnival 2013	£1,000
Dr Zully Grant-Duff	Kids Need Mud!	£980

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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