



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(Epsom and Ewell)**

LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING

11 MARCH 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 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 (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
Relate Mid Surrey	Young Peoples Counselling at Epsom and Ewell High School	£1,468
Ruxley Church, Ruxley Lane, Ewell, Surrey	Ruxley Church & Community Centre (Fixtures And Fittings)	£2,000
Epsom & Ewell Borough Council	Hogsmill Local Nature Reserve Improvement Project	£1,600
Epsom & Ewell Borough Council	Installation Of Borough Notice Board Outside Post Office In Ewell Court	£2,003.76
Epsom And Ewell Karate Club	Club Equipment	£1,000

Langley Vale Village Hall Association	Langley Vale Village Hall Flat Roof Replacement	£7,000
The Mead Infant School	New Footpath Parallel To Cudas Close	£6,184.24
Epsom Medical Equipment Fund	Funds For An Ultrasound For Epsom General Hospital	£1,317
Peer Productions	The Domestic Abuse Project	£1,300
Epsom And Ewell Business Forum	Ewell Village Christmas Lighting	£3,990
Surrey Highways	Installation Of New Lighting Column In Green Lanes, West Ewell	£3,000
Local Authority – Epsom & Ewell Borough Council	Green Flag Poles	£400

- (ii) Consider whether to fund the Installation of an Epsom and Ewell Borough Council Notice Board outside the Post Office In Ewell Court as detailed in section 3.
- (ii) 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 4.
- (iii) Note any returned funding and/or adjustments, as set out within the report and at Appendix 1.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 At its 25 June 2012 Local Committee (Epsom and Ewell) meeting, councillors agreed that each member should have an equal share of the £35,000 capital budget (£7,000) 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

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

Young Peoples Counselling At Epsom And Ewell High School

Eber Kington	£734 revenue
Jan Mason	£734 revenue

Relate Mid Surrey has submitted an application for a funding contribution of £3,667.20 towards providing 3 hours of counselling at Epsom and Ewell High School during term time. 50 young people aged 11-18 will receive counselling during the school year. Relate Mid Surrey will work with the school's Child Protection Officer and Learning Mentor to ensure that young people are referred or can self-refer.

The total cost of the project is £6,240 part of which is to cover wages and salaries. The remainder of the funding will be met by Relate Mid Surrey's charity shop funds.

Ruxley Church & Community Centre (Fixtures And Fittings)

Eber Kington	£2,000 revenue
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Ruxley Church, Ruxley Lane, Ewell, Surrey has submitted an application for a funding contribution of £2,000 for the estimated cost of an outside noticeboard. The whole project includes the building of a new church in Ruxley Lane, Ewell to offer a service and welcome to the whole community regardless of faith, nationality or ability/disability.

The total cost of the project is £3,034,000. Of the remaining funding required most finance has already been sourced from the sale of surplus land, Congregation Fund Raising, Charitable Trusts, and other donations.

Hogsmill Local nature Reserve Improvement Project

Jan Mason	£1,600 capital
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Epsom & Ewell Borough Council has submitted an application for a funding contribution of £1,600 towards the installation of 2 information boards (1 at the Chessington Road entrance and 1 at the Cox Lane entrance to the Hogsmill Local Nature Reserve). These are well used entrances to the reserve, the information board would contain an interpretive poster with a map and information about the reserve. The other half is available for up to date information about the reserve such as volunteer tasks and events. The Cox Lane board would be adjacent to the new BMX facility and can be used to help inform those using the facility of other local activities promoted by the Epsom & Ewell Leirsure Development Team.

The total cost of the project is £2,000 and the remaining funding is coming from the Epsom & Ewell Borough Council Countryside Team Budget.

Club Equipment

Jan Mason

£1,000 revenue

Epsom and Ewell Karate Club has submitted an application for funding for training aids (punch shields, punch bags, head guards, uniform and competition trophies and tuition) to assist its disadvantaged students to compete at the national level.

The total cost of the project is £5,000. Epsom and Ewell Karate Club have received £2,000 from Youth Small Grants, £500 is coming from Epsom and Ewell Funds.

Langley Vale Village Hall Flat Roof Replacement

Chris Frost

£7,000 revenue

Langley Vale Village Hall Association has submitted an application for a funding contribution of £7,000 towards new roofing, guttering and fascia to prevent rain water entering the building and causing damage to the building and property.

The total cost of the project is £9,505 and the remaining funding is coming from Langley Vale Village Hall Committee.

New Footpath Parallel To Cudas Close

Eber Kington

£4,135.81 revenue
£2,048.43 capital

The Mead Infant School has submitted an application for a funding contribution towards laying a new footpath close to the boundary of the school field and Cudas Close pavement. Alterations will be needed to the existing fence-line to provide access to the footpath from Newbury Gardens. The pavement at the southern side of Cudas Close is currently very narrow and not wide enough for people to pass, particularly those with push chairs, and often requires them to step into the road which is dangerous. There have been a number of 'near miss' incidents. The proposal will offer a much safer route for those entering the school grounds from the Newbury Gardens side of the school.

The total cost of the project is estimated at £16,000 and the remaining funding is coming from within the school's existing balances and subject to confirmation, a contribution from Auriol Junior School who will also benefit from the works. The School's Finance Committee has yet to formally agree to releasing funds. Confirmation of any contribution from Auriol Junior School is also yet to be received.

Funds For An Ultrasound For Epsom General Hospital

Chris Frost

£1,317 capital

Epsom Medical Equipment Fund has submitted an application for a funding contribution of £1,317 towards the purchase of an ultrasound for Epsom General Hospital. The machine covers everything from pregnancy, baby assessments, and muscle tears for children and adults.

The total cost of the project is £82,000. £30,000 of the remaining funding has been raised so far and they anticipate that the target will be reached in 2013.

The Domestic Abuse Project

Jan Mason £1,300 revenue

Peer Productions has submitted an application for a funding contribution of £1,300 to devise and deliver a new production, The Domestic Abuse Project, to secondary schools across Surrey. The support of the Local Committee of £1,300 will ensure the project is delivered to two local secondary schools that would not otherwise have access to it. These schools are Blenheim High School and Epsom & Ewell High School. These schools have both expressed a desire to have the production but do not have the resources to fund it directly.

The total cost of the project is £30,588.08 and forms part of a wider Surrey tour and it is impossible to break down the cost on a 'per show' basis. However, £1,300 will help to directly fund two performances at Blenheim High & Epsom & Ewell. A full budget for the tour has been provided with confirmed funding contributions from Woodward Charitable Trust, 8 schools paying for productions, Peer Productions funding in kind and pending funding contributions from Surrey Heath Local Committee Allocation, Safer Surrey Heath Partnership and Surrey Educational Trust.

Ewell Village Christmas Lighting

David Wood £630 revenue
£3,360 capital

Epsom And Ewell Business Forum has submitted an application for funding of £3,990 to install Christmas lighting on lamp posts in Ewell Village to a similar standard to those of Epsom, Stoneleigh, Cheam and Ashstead. This is intended to support traders through encouraging greater footfall in the Village during a key trading period, resulting in greater trade for our shops, restaurants and service providers.

The total cost of the project is £3,990.

Installation of New Lighting Column In Green Lanes, West Ewell

Jan Mason £33.93 revenue
Jan Mason £2,966.07 capital

Surrey Highways has submitted an application for funding of £3,000 for the installation and connection of a lighting column in Green Lanes, West Ewell to make it safer for pedestrians to use an unlit section of the road.

The total cost of the project is £3,000.

Green Flag Poles

Eber Kington

£400 revenue

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council has submitted an application for funding of £1,200 to erect flag poles in 3 award winning parks, Ewell Court, Nonsuch and Alex Rec. This will share with the community that these parks have reached the highly acclaimed Green Flag status and will promote a sense of pride in the Borough.

The total cost of the project is £1,200.

3. BIDS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION

Installation of Borough Notice Board Outside Post Office In Ewell

Eber Kington

£2,003.76 revenue

- 3.1 Epsom and Ewell Borough Council has submitted a bid for funding to replace one of its existing notice boards. Epsom & Ewell Borough Council has submitted an application for funding to remove and install a new Borough notice board. The existing notice board is in a state of disrepair and the new board will benefit from the installation of concrete posts to support it. The notice board provides information to residents of the Borough on various issues, consultations and events occurring in the Borough. The total cost of the project is £2,003.76.
- 3.2 In granting this funding, members are requested to consider whether the cost of the Borough Council's notice board should be met by Surrey County Council; or whether the notice board installed should be a shared County and Borough Council notice board complete with the Surrey CC logo.

4. DELEGATED AUTHORITY APPROVED BIDS

- 4.1 The Community Partnership Manager or Community Partnership Team Leader (East Surrey) has already approved the following bids under delegated authority since the last committee meeting:

COUNCILLOR	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Jan Mason	Eleanor Avenue Community Garden	£1,000
Eber Kington	Ewell Court House Bowls	£400
Eber Kington	2 night residential for young people with ASD	£463.43
David Wood	2 night residential for young people with ASD	£463

David Wood	Inner Courtyard Refurbishment Service Wing Nonsuch Mansion	£1,000
Jan Mason	Lighting - Hyperion Place	£1,000
Jan Mason	Verge Protection And Renovation	£972

- 3.2 Members are requested to note that a portion of the funding previously awarded to Epsom and Ewell Borough Council to fund highway improvements in Jan Mason's Division has been returned. The project costs decreased from £2,795.20 to £2,776. Therefore an amount of £19 has been returned to Jan Mason's allocation.

Members are requested to note that, in respect of the funding previously awarded to All Saints Church West Ewell to fund its Parish 'Big Lunch', the project cost decreased from £500 to £478.09. Therefore an amount of £21.91 has been returned to Jan Mason's allocation.

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 of 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 are set out in the Chart 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 currently 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.
- 7.2 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 are 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.

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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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