



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(Spelthorne)**

LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING

18TH 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 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
Spelthorne Borough Council	Christmas lighting project	£5,714.12
Surrey County Council – Highways	Peregrine Road streetlight	£3,800.00
Surrey County Council – Highways	Tree works in Shepperton	£3,200.00
Unique	ADHD support group	£3,000.00
Home-Start Spelthorne	Volunteer training and family support group	£2,300.00
Spelthorne Borough Council	Hanging baskets – Halliford and Lower Sunbury	£1,800.00
Spelthorne Borough Council	Hanging baskets – Leacroft	£1,232.00
Spelthorne Boxing Club	Provision of boxing classes	£1,500.00
Spelthorne Borough Council	Rubber mats at Skate Park	£1,500.00
Stanwell HUB	Teenage families project	£1,500.00

- (ii) 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.
- (iii) 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

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

- 2.2 **Spelthorne Borough Council: Christmas lighting project**
£5714.12 capital

Denise Saliagopoulos

An application has been submitted by Spelthorne Borough Council for funds towards the Christmas lighting project. This is a three year project in which the Festive Lighting Company will both provide and store the Christmas lighting equipment. At the end of the project, ownership of the lighting equipment and other associated assets will pass to Spelthorne Borough Council.

The total cost of this project is estimated at £30,000. Denise Saliagopoulos intends to contribute £5,714.12 from her capital allocation, which will be combined with a £5,000 contribution from Spelthorne Borough Council. The remaining funds will be sought as donations from local businesses and stakeholders.

- 2.3 **Surrey County Council: installation of a streetlight on Peregrine Road**
£3,800 revenue

Caroline Nichols

An application has been received to support the installation of a streetlight on Peregrine Road in Sunbury-on-Thames. It will be placed between 80 Peregrine Road and 2 Falcon Way, to enhance visibility and improve the safety and security of residents and their visitors. Consultation has taken place between the Member, residents and relevant officers from the County Council.

The cost of this project will be £3,800 which Caroline Nichols intends to fund it from her revenue allocation.

2.4 Surrey County Council: tree works around Shepperton
£3,200 revenue

Caroline Nichols

An application has been received in order that various tree works can be undertaken around Shepperton. It is proposed that a tree will be removed and replaced in Meadows End, trees that have recently been removed in Harfield Road will be replaced and trees will be placed in the pavement near St Ignatius Church on Green Street. Consultation has taken place with local residents, St Ignatius Church and Surrey County Council Highways.

The cost of this project will be £3,200 which Caroline Nichols intends to fund from her revenue allocation.

2.5 Unique: ADHD support group meetings for young people and adults
£3,000 revenue

Caroline Nichols

An application has been submitted by Unique to provide financial support to meetings of groups of adults and young people with ADHD. It is believed that there are currently no other groups that provide support to people with ADHD in Spelthorne. Financial support from the Committee would enable the group, which makes extensive use of volunteer staffing, to offer high quality services to its expanding membership base.

The total cost of weekly hall hire for 12-24 months, advertising, speakers' expenses and workshop activities will be £3,000. This will be funded from Caroline Nichols' revenue allocation and it has been agreed that the funds will be held and administered by the Richmond Fellowship.

2.6 Spelthorne Borough Council: hanging baskets in Lower Sunbury and Halliford
£1,800 revenue

Caroline Nichols

An application has been received to fund the installation of hanging baskets on Thames Street in Lower Sunbury and in Halliford Village.

The cost of installation is expected to come to £1,800 and Caroline Nichols intends to fund this entirely from her revenue allocation.

2.7 Spelthorne Borough Council: hanging baskets in Leacroft
£1232

Denise Saliagopoulos

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An application has been received to fund the installation of hanging baskets in Leacroft in Staines.

The provision of 24 half baskets is expected to come to £1,232 and Denise Saliagopoulos intends to fund this entirely from her revenue allocation.

2.8 HomeStart Spelthorne: volunteer training and family support group
£2,300 revenue

Ian Beardsmore

An application has been submitted by HomeStart to continue the work of their Family Group. The organisation, which covers the Spelthorne area, trains and supports volunteers who make home visits to families in order to boost their confidence and help them find solutions to their problems. The Family Group provides a fun and supportive environment that enables self-development and furthers the self-esteem of its participants.

The total cost of continuing the work of the Family Group for 38 weeks is £5,323. Richard Walsh has given the project £1,000 from his revenue allocation under delegated authority. Ian Beardsmore intends to contribute another £2,300 from his revenue allocation.

2.9 Spelthorne Boxing Club: provision of boxing classes
£1920.88 revenue

Denise Turner-Stewart

An application has been submitted by Spelthorne Boxing Club for funding to provide boxing tuition to a minimum of 20 children and young people aged 8-16. The intention is to improve the health and fitness of the participants and to help reduce the incidences of antisocial behaviour by offering an organised activity with a professional coach. The community has expressed an interest in boxing, the classes are open to everyone in Spelthorne and publicised in a variety of ways.

The project began in February 2013. Denise Turner-Stewart intends to contribute £1,500 from her revenue allocation.

2.10 Spelthorne Borough Council: rubber matting at Skate Park
£1,500 revenue

Richard Walsh

An application has been received from Spelthorne Borough Council for funding to equip the Skate Park with protective rubber matting. Discussion has taken place between Members, Spelthorne Borough Council staff and the young people who use the site and it has been identified that the

current surfaces are inadequate and additional matting would protect both those using the ramps and spectators.

Richard Walsh intends to contribute £1,500 from his revenue allocation.

2.11 Stanwell HUB: provision of teenage families project

£1,500 revenue

Victor Agarwal

An application has been received from the Stanwell HUB. The funding would support the coordinated work to support teenage parents and reduce teenage pregnancy, including the production of a short film and development of peer education sessions. The project would work with 'at risk' young people in the Stanwell area and has come about as a result of engagement with young people and Spelthorne BC.

Victor Agarwal intends to contribute £1,500 from his revenue allocation.

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:

COUNCILLOR	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Denise Turner-Stewart	Victoria Parade and Kingston Road improvements	£1,000
Victor Agarwal	New circular seat for Stanwell Village Green	£1,000
Richard Walsh	HomeStart Spelthorne: volunteer training and family support group	£1,000
Richard Walsh	Littleton Studio estates improvements	£800
Richard Walsh	Shepperton Brownies secure equipment storage	£660
Denise Saliagopoulos	Richmond Road Coronation lunch	£500
Carol Coleman	SAFFA office equipment	£83

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 final date for the receipt of bids of £1,000 and under for this financial year was 15 March 2013.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 Members are asked to note that the funding arrangements agreed at the last meeting of the Committee relating to the funding of a new minibus for the Spelthorne Mental Health Association have been amended to reflect a £5,000 contribution from Denise Saliagopoulos, a £9,000 contribution from Victor Agarwal and a £3,000 contribution from Ian Beardsmore.
- 9.2 The spending proposals put forward for this meeting have been assessed against the County Council's 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.
- 9.3 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.

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Background Papers:

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

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