

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL
JOINT COMMITTEE (RUNNYMEDE)



DATE: 18 JULY 2018

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SUBJECT: JOINT COMMITTEE COMMUNITY SAFETY FUNDING

DIVISION: All

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

The Joint Committee has a delegated budget of £3000 for community safety projects in 2018/19. This report sets out the process by which this funding should be allocated to the Community Safety Partnership and/or other local community organisations that promote the safety and wellbeing of residents.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Joint Committee (Runnymede) is asked to agree that:

- (i) The committee's delegated community safety budget of £3000 for 2018/19 be retained by the Community Partnership Team, on behalf of the Joint Committee, and that the Community Safety Partnership and/or other local organisations be invited to submit proposals for funding that meet the criteria and principles set out at paragraph 2.4 of this report.
- (ii) Authority be delegated to the Community Safety Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Joint Committee, to authorise the expenditure of the community safety budget in accordance with the criteria and principles stated at paragraph 2.4 of this report.
- (iii) The committee receives updates on the project(s) funded, the outcomes and the impact it has achieved.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The report sets out a process for allocating the committee's delegated community safety budget of £3000 to local organisations.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 Prior to 2016, the then Local Committee had historically chosen to passport its delegated community safety funding to the local Community Safety

Partnership (CSP) to assist in their efforts to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour on behalf of residents.

- 1.2 Following countywide analysis of the projects that were funded through CSPs and the outcomes achieved, the local committee agreed that its local CSP should firstly be invited to provide an outline of any prospective projects that could be supported from the committee's funding for approval. This aimed to provide greater oversight of the committee's expenditure. In the context of the County's Medium Term Financial Plan and the requirement upon all county services to contribute to significant savings, the process would also help to achieve better value for money from projects in support of the County Council's wider community safety priorities.

2. ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 In 2017/18, the committee awarded £1800 to the 'Respect the Water' plan and £1200 for the Safe Drive Stay Alive theatre-based education programme. Further details about the project(s) funded are contained in Annex 1.
- 2.2 As in the previous year, a clear and simple process designed to support CSPs will be adopted in order that funds can be processed efficiently this year.
- 2.3 Local CSPs will be invited to submit a brief outline of the projects that they would like to put the committee's funding towards, using a simple template designed for this purpose.
- 2.4 To assist CSPs in identifying suitable projects, the following criteria will be provided as a guide:
- (a) Results in residents feeling safer
 - (b) Has clear outcomes that align with the priorities of the Joint Committee and/or the CSP
 - (c) Is non-recurrent expenditure
 - (d) Does not fund routine CSP activities (e.g. salaries, training)
 - (e) Is not subsumed into generalised or non-descript funding pots
 - (f) Does not duplicate funding already provided (e.g. domestic abuse services, youth work, transport costs, literature which could be co-ordinated across all CSPs).
- 2.5 To ensure funds can be utilised within the current financial year, it is suggested that a deadline of **14 September 2018** is imposed for the submission of outline projects by CSPs and/or local organisations. This deadline will be communicated widely to local CSPs and partner organisations.
- 2.6 To ensure that funds can be distributed speedily and efficiently, it is recommended that authority is delegated to the Community Safety Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Joint Committee, to authorise the expenditure of the committee's funds outside the formal quarterly committee meeting cycle. This should allow local organisations to obtain approval, initiate and implement projects with the minimum of delay.

2.7 Once implemented, the CSP and any other recipients of this funding will be required to provide the joint committee with a short update on each project, outlining how the funding was used and the difference and impact it has made in the local community.

3. OPTIONS:

- 3.1 All viable options were considered and appraised when forming the recommendations to the Joint Committee. The previous arrangement, whereby the committee transferred both its funding and the decision-making about how the funding could be used to the CSP was not considered to provide sufficient information on the impact that the funding or the outcomes it had achieved.
- 3.2 The recommended funding arrangements will employ a simple process for the commitment of funds by the committee to enable greater scrutiny over the use of this funding.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 Local and Joint Committee chairmen were collectively consulted about the process for allocating community safety funding, as recommended in this report.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 The costs of the recommendations in this report are contained within existing revenue budgets. Early scrutiny of proposed projects by CSPs and local organisations will help to achieve better value for money for the Committee's funding.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 There are no direct equalities or diversity implications. However, through its membership of the local CSP, the County Council can help to ensure that local services are accessible to harder to reach groups. The CSP also maintains ongoing monitoring of hate and domestic abuse crimes.

7. LOCALISM:

- 7.1 The proposals contained in this report will enable CSPs and/or other suitable local organisations to submit projects that support the County Council's strategic goal of enhancing resident experience.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	Set out below

Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	No significant implications.
Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	No significant implications.
Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	No significant implications.
Public Health	No significant implications

8.1 Crime and Disorder implications

The committee's funding for local community safety projects enables the CSP and/or other local organisations to help to promote safety, reduce crime, and tackle antisocial behaviour and raise awareness of safer practices and behaviours.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

9.1 The recommendations contained in this report are intended to secure greater oversight of the committee's community safety expenditure and achieve better value for money through projects that help to achieve the County's community safety priorities.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

10.1 The CSP will be advised of the funding process agreed by the Joint Committee and invited to access this funding.

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Consulted:

Surrey's local and joint committee chairmen and local and joint committee members.

Appendices and Annexes:

Appendix 1 – Details of Funded Projects in 2017/18
Annex A – Safe Drive Stay Alive report

Sources/background papers:

Not applicable.

DETAIL OF FUNDED ORGANISATIONS

Name of Organisation:	Runnymede Community Safety Partnership
Amount Awarded:	£1800
Project Aims & Purpose of Funding:	<p>Respect the Water Campaign</p> <p>Following the tragic death of 15-year-old Dominick Naylor in the Summer of 2016, the Elmbridge Community & Safety Partnership in partnership with the RNLI and Environment Agency produced a Respect the Water Plan in the Spring of 2017. Various action and greater joined up work has already been achieved.</p> <p>The Respect the Water plan is a live document that the EC&SP retain responsibility for and review on a quarterly basis.</p> <p>Elmbridge has made significant progress with a joined approach to respect the water and raising awareness. Elmbridge officially launched its Respect the Water plan publicly in May 2017 and managed to bring Spelthorne and Runnymede Councils on board with their respective plans.</p> <p>Funding was allocated to be used to purchase and install three emergency throw lines with signage in high risk areas along the River Thames assessed by Surrey Fire and Rescue. This informative signage and its design is seen as best practice by the Local Government Association.</p>
Outcomes to Date:	<p>Possible location for new throwline identified at Bridge Hotel & Boathouse Restaurant, Chertsey, and others at Runnymede Pleasure Grounds.</p> <p>Another Water Safety Awareness Day took place on Sunday 27th May 2018 at Runnymede Pleasure Grounds which included residents being able to receive water safety advice delivered by the RNLI, live demonstrations of how to use equipment appropriately and how to administer first aid. Agencies that supported the event were Fire and Rescue Service, RNLI, Ambulance Service, Surrey Search and Rescue and fellow borough representatives. Mayor Dolsie Clark</p>

	attended as did Elmbridge borough council's Mayor.
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Name of Organisation:	Surrey Fire & Rescue Service
Amount Awarded:	£1200
Project Aims & Purpose of Funding:	<p>Safe Drive Stay Alive</p> <p>Safe Drive, Stay Alive is an emotionally engaging and thought provoking theatre based education production, coordinated by Surrey Fire & Rescue Service, working with emergency services partners and members of the public, which aims to raise road safety awareness amongst young people and positively influence their attitudes to driving. Performances are designed to engage an audience of new and novice young drivers who are a high risk group on the UK's roads. Safe Drive Stay Alive aims to make young people aware of their responsibilities as road users and the wide ranging and potentially devastating consequences should these not be taken seriously. The ultimate aim is to reduce the number of road traffic collisions involving young people and the number of deaths and injuries amongst this at risk driver group.</p> <p>Funding requested for £1 per young person in Runnymede booked to attend Safe Drive Stay Alive, based on bookings for the November 2016 performances.</p>
Outcomes to Date:	<p>1072 pupils from Runnymede attended from the following schools: ACS Egham, Fullbrook School, Salesian Roman Catholic School, Sir William Perkins School, St George's College and Strode's College.</p> <p>In total 11,800 people attended the 19 performances in late October and early November, bringing the total audience since April 2005 to just under 138,000. The audience comprised 11,700 students and teachers/tutors/instructors from over 90 schools, colleges, youth groups and the British Army, and over 100 invited VIP guests. Feedback from those attending was positive. More information can be found at https://www.safedrivesurrey.org/</p>