



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

MEMBER ALLOCATIONS FUNDING

17 SEPTEMBER 2012

KEY ISSUE

To set out the funding available to the Local Committee for County Councillors' allocations in 2012/13 and to give consideration to the funding requests received.

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
Parish of Kingswood	St Andrew's Room Appeal	£3000
Whitebushes Village Hall	Activities for Children	£2000
Redhill Redstone Rotary Club / Reigate and Banstead Borough Council	Redhill Twenty7 Fun Day retrospective bid	£2500

- (ii) Note that there are no items for approval from the Local Committee's 2012/13 **capital** budget.
- (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.

St Andrew's Room Appeal

£3,000 revenue

Mr Michael Gosling

An application for funding has been received from the Parish of Kingswood for work to the Church Room. The proposal is for new double glazed aluminium windows, a new toilet and basin, new units in the tea and coffee making facility, making good and decoration of the room. The room is used for art groups, church groups, NSPCC committee meetings and youth group. It is anticipated that there will be additional bookings when the renovation is complete. The total cost of the project is estimated at £13,925, with £5000 already raised from donations and events. Other applications have been made for the balance.

Whitebushes Village Hall

£2,000 revenue

Mrs Frances King

An application for funding has been received to provide activities for children during school holidays. This will benefit approximately 20-30 children, between the ages of 8-15. It will enable them to be taken out during the summer 2013 holidays. This addresses the needs of the local community by reducing anti social behaviour and by giving them a sense of community. Activities already planning are estimated at £2,576 and more will be added when the money is raised. There is already some money available, residue from this year.

Redhill Twenty7 Fun Day (retrospective)**£2,500 revenue****Dr Lynne Hack**

A retrospective application for funding has been received to contribute to the total cost of organising Redhill Twenty7 – a sports and fun day in Memorial Park which took place on the afternoon that the Olympic Torch passed through Redhill town centre (Friday 20 July 2012). The community event in the park included sports-based activities including a climbing wall, bouncy castle and trampoline, and there was a range of stalls run by local charities and community groups. The sports and fun day supported the Borough Council's Corporate Plan objective to regenerate Redhill, and gave the town centre a boost on a special day, ensuring that people had somewhere to go and have fun after the Olympic Torch had left Redhill. This is a retrospective application; Reigate and Banstead Borough Council forward funded the project as it was not possible to secure Local Committee approval for the bid prior to the event. The total cost of the project was £6,000, with the remainder being met by the Borough Council, private sector partners and voluntary sector in-kind contributions.

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 Kay Hammond	Chairs for Wi-Fi at Horley Library	£972

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 Within 6 months of receipt, 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