

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE & BANSTEAD)****DATE: 17 JUNE 2013****LEAD OFFICER: SANDRA BROWN, COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP TEAM LEADER****SUBJECT: LOCAL COMMITTEE CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS****DIVISION: HORLEY****SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

The Local Committee is asked to consider whether or not it wishes to fund the 1st and 2nd Horley Scout Group's building refurbishment project from the Local Committee's Capital Allocation of £35,000. This is being considered as an urgent agenda item.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Reigate & Banstead) is asked to agree that:

- (i) The sum of £9,650 is approved from the Local Committee's Capital Allocation towards the refurbishment of the 1st and 2nd Horley Scout Group's building.
- (ii) To note the projects funded from the Local Committee's Capital Allocation between 2009 and 2013 detailed at Annex A.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Funding from the Local Committee will enable the Scout Group to undertake the necessary refurbishment work during the 2013 summer break. The building work is required to enable the Group to meet a growth in demand across all of its sections and to have a building that is fit for this purpose.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

1.1 Each Surrey County Council Local Committee receives £35,000 to enable it to respond to local needs in accordance with the County Council's General Power of Competence (as set out within the Localism Act 2011) or other relevant statutory powers.

1.2 As in previous years, the Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) has decided to continue to pool its Capital Allocation and to make a collective decision regarding which local projects should be funded from it.

2. ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 The 1st and 2nd Horley Scout Group has growing numbers in all of its sections and would like to accommodate more young people. However, its building is old and was not designed to absorb the levels of noise that the increased demand for its services and activities bring.
- 2.2 The planned refurbishment will provide a new ceiling (£3000), new flooring (£3950) and new blinds, as well as upgrading of the boys' toilets and other additional repairs to the porch and parts of the building (£2,700). This work will increase the use of the hall for young people providing the opportunity for them to attend movie nights and potentially, sleepovers in the hall, for which blinds would be necessary. If the hall is made a more welcoming place, it would be more attractive to older Scouts and Explorer Scouts enabling them to feel more comfortable in its modern environment.
- 2.3 The Local Committee has funded Guide and Scout activities in the past, as detailed in Annex A of this report.

3. OPTIONS:

- 3.1 The Local Committee can choose to either fund this project (in full or in part) or to reject the application outright.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 Consultations have been undertaken with the Divisional member, the Reigate and Banstead District Scout Council and the parents who form the Scout Group's Executive Committee.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 The cost of the project is £9,650, all of which is being requested from the Local Committee. Quotations have been sought and provided for the cost of this work.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 The Local Committee's Capital Allocation exists to meet local needs. All sections of the community are able to apply to the fund and each project is judged on its own merit.

7. LOCALISM:

- 7.1 The Local Committee's Capital Allocation exists to meet local needs in accordance with the County Council's power of general competence as detailed in the Localism Act 2011.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	No significant implications arising from this report/ Set out below.
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	No significant implications arising from this report/ Set out below.
Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	No significant implications arising from this report/ Set out below.
Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	No significant implications arising from this report/ Set out below.
Public Health	No significant implications arising from this report/ Set out below.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

9.1 The committee should consider the approval of the 1st and 2nd Horley Scout Group's refurbishment project bid for funds.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

10.1 Following its decision, the Community Partnership Team Leader (East Surrey) will either approve or reject the application for funding. If the Committee wishes to fund the project, once approved, payment will be made to the bidder.

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Consulted:

Divisional Member

Annexes:

Annex A: Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) Capital Allocations 2009/10 – 2012/13

Sources/background papers:

- Financial Framework for Members' Allocations and Local Committees.
- Local Committee Capital Funding Application form

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