

Financial Framework for Members' Community Allocation

A. Purpose

Members' Community Allocation grant funding will help support the council's Organisation Strategy focus areas, and the implementation of the wider Community Vision for Surrey in 2030 in making the county a uniquely special place where everyone has a great start to life, people live healthy and fulfilling lives, are enabled to achieve their full potential and contribute to their community, and no one is left behind.

MCA will support the Strategy's approach in working with partners and residents to strengthen and improve communities to become more resilient to future challenges; helping to tackle inequality of life expectancy and improve quality of life for everyone to ensure no one is left behind; and assisting in improving how we engage with residents, and work in more agile ways, at the heart of our communities.

B. Essential Funding criteria

Projects receiving MCA funding will be expected to demonstrate how they contribute to, and help make a difference in, one or more of the county council's eight planned areas of focus, as detailed below:

- **Tackling inequality** – Work with Surrey's residents to identify and address causes of inequality, especially in life expectancy;
- **Supporting independence** – Help residents help themselves and each other within their communities;
- **More joined up health and social care** – Help integrate health and council services so they're more effective, efficient and seamless for residents;
- **Creating a greener future** – Tackle the causes of climate change to help Surrey become a carbon neutral county as soon as possible;
- **Embracing Surrey's diversity** – Recognise the benefits of a diverse workforce and population to ensure Surrey is a place full of opportunity for everyone;
- **Partnership** – Work with residents, businesses, partners and communities to collectively meet challenges and grasp opportunities;
- **Supporting the local economy** – Invest in the infrastructure Surrey needs to build a strong and resilient economy;
- **Digital revolution** – Make the most of new technology to innovate and improve local services, and how we work together, to help Surrey and residents thrive.

C. Exclusions

There are legal and other organisational considerations that limit how MCA funding will be used. Funding political organisations and/or political activities; teaching national curriculum subjects and/or learning-related activities contained in the annual School and Early Years Finance Regulations; supporting contentious planning matters or disputes; activities causing reputational damage; and conflicts of interest for SCC, including campaigns against the council or its statutory partners.