

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL'S SELECT COMMITTEES**SCRUTINY OF:**

- **YOUR FUND SURREY UPDATE**

Date Considered: 5 December 2022**Select Committee: Communities, Environment and Highways**YOUR FUND SURREY UPDATE

As part of regular scrutiny and monitoring process, Community, Environment and Highways Select Committee received an update report on 'Your Fund Surrey.'

The Select Committee, inter alia, noted:

- A summary of the work that had taken place following the constructive suggestions and recommendations provided by the Communities, Environment and Highways Select Committee (CEHSC) in March 2022 as highlighted by the Cabinet Member for Communities and Community Safety.
- That Members and their input would be included in marketing campaigns and events organised by Community Link Officers.
- Request to ensure that the most deprived communities would not be disadvantaged against the least deprived communities when using deciles in the Your Fund Surrey Framework.

After detailed discussion and noting the responses to its key lines of enquiry, the Select Committee agreed the following recommendations for Cabinet to consider.

Resolved:

The Communities, Environment and Highways Select Committee:

1. Welcomes the accelerated pace of Your Fund Surrey (YFS) approvals over recent months albeit the totals are somewhat short of original estimates.
2. Strongly supports the introduction (within the YFS Framework) of the new regime designed to encourage smaller capital bids by providing an allocation of £50,000 (over two years) to each Member for this purpose, with encouragement to spend on Greener Futures initiatives should they wish.
3. Urges consideration of the possibility of increasing this Member allocation up to £100,00 to facilitate larger but not complex community projects.
4. Commends the efforts of the Community Link Officers (CLOs) to raise awareness of YFS in the more deprived areas but other actions may be necessary to secure successful funding for community projects in Deciles one and two. The Committee regards this as a high priority

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