

Report to Beaconsfield Forum

Title: LOCAL AREA FORUM BUDGETS

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Summary

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This paper **describes**;

- a) The arrangements for the allocation of the funding delegated to Local Area Forums in 2010/11.
- b) Delegated budgets for Local Area Forums
- c) Delegated funding for 2010/2011 approved prior to the formation of the Beaconsfield Forum.
- d) Proposals for use of remaining delegated budgets for the Beaconsfield Local Area for 2010/11

1.2 Beaconsfield Forum Members are requested to **note**:

- a) The arrangements for the allocation of the funding delegated to Local Area Forums in 2010/11 as described in the report
- b) The details of the Positive Activities For Young People (PAYP) delegated budget funding approved for 2010/2011 prior to the formation of the Beaconsfield Forum



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1.3 Summary of 2010/2011 Delegated Budget Expenditure/Proposals

POSITIVE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE BUDGET	£5,000
Approved Projects	
Sound Studio; Youth Voice' Radio & DJ Project	£2,298
Balance Remaining	£2702
Project Proposal for Approval	
Holtspur Youth Club Equipment	£2700

LOCAL PRIORITY BUDGET	£20,000
Proposal for Approval	
Beaconsfield Town Council All Age Fitness Trail	£10,000
Total	£10,000
Balance Remaining To Be Committed	£10,000

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Beaconsfield Forum is recommended to **approve**;
- a) £2,700 Positive Activities Funding to Holtspur Youth Club
 - b) £10,000 Local Priorities Funding to Beaconsfield Town Council All Age Fitness Trail
- 2.2 Beaconsfield Forum is recommended to **determine**;
- a) Its preferred use of the remaining Local Priority Delegated budget for 2010/11

3. Background

- 3.1 A key element of the Locality Services vision is "Genuine and increased influence by residents over local decisions and budgets". Local Area Forums are central to achieving this (although this is not the only mechanism for working at a more local level).
- 3.2 This vision has led to an increased range of decisions, services and budgets that can be influenced within the framework of the 19 community areas and via the Local Area Forums. In line with the County Council's aim to increase local decision making, the Local Area Forums Local Priorities budget has been substantially increased from £8,000 in 2009/10 to £20,000 per Local Area Forum in 2010/11.

4. Non Transport Budgets Delegated to Local Area Forums in 2010/11

The delegated budgets for 2010/11 are set out in the table below.

Service area	County-wide total	Beaconsfield
Positive Activities for Young People	£95,000	£5,000
"Early Years" grant	£95,000	£5,000
Local Priorities budget	£380,000	£20,000
Total	£570,000	£30,000

5. General Principles for the Management and Decision-Making of Delegated Budgets

5.1 All funding must be spent in line with the specific criteria associated with the relevant budget (see below).

- a) The funding must be spent within the financial year for which it is allocated.
- b) As in 2009/10, in terms of formal decision-making, Local Area Forums will be advising the relevant Head of Service on how to spend the delegated budget who will then implement that advice.
- c) For 2010/11, in consultation with the Forum Chairman, each Head of Service concerned will have taken a view in November 2010 on the likelihood of unspent monies being used that year. If there is budget that is unlikely to be spent that year, it will revert back to the service concerned for allocation to activities that will benefit the area during 2010/11.

5.2 To allow for the occasional unforeseen opportunity that requires a swift decision, funding may be agreed in between Forum meetings in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and other Forum members for the neighbourhood concerned.

6. Monitoring

6.1 Projects which have benefited from Beaconsfield Forum support will be invited to report on progress to the Forum, either as part of an annual review or at some time during the course of the year.

7. Transportation Local Improvements Budget

7.1 This budget is to fund minor transportation improvement schemes. Budget information and schemes for 2010/11 submitted from Local Area parish/town councils will be presented as a separate report at this 27th January 2011 meeting of Beaconsfield Forum.

7.2 The Accountable Officer for this Budget is the Head of Transportation.

8. Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP)

8.1 As in 2009/10, this must be used to engage young people (age 11-19) in positive activities. Young people must be consulted on any planned activity.

8.2 The Local Area Forum, Local Area planning process, is demonstrating that young people are being seen as a priority throughout the County. This enables the PAYP funding to be directed at addressing the specific areas identified in the Forums local area plan using one of the following mechanisms or a combination;

- **Direct funding of Local Area youth priorities identified through the Local Area Plan**

A programme of youth development/activities are commissioned through the Forum that deliver against local priorities for young people. This could include grant funding of activities.

- **Creation of local area youth plans and youth-led forums**

The creation of medium-term dedicated Local Area Youth Plans using existing youth plans and strategies/policies as a baseline; and/or the creation of local Youth Forums led by young people from within each local area, engaged in representing young people in the planning of youth recreational programmes and projects, spending budgets as appropriate. The Forum can also commission and provide targeted opportunities to develop young people's skills as community leaders.

8.3 The Accountable Officer is the Head of Community and Youth Engagement.

8.4 Where no Local Area Forum exists spending of delegated budgets for the local area can be authorised by the Accountable Officer/Head of Service in accordance with the criteria for the use of the relevant budget. In this respect as no Beaconsfield Forum has previously existed, an application for 2010/11 was approved for funding of £2,298 by the Head of Service from the 2010/11 delegated budget of £5,000 for Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP) in the Beaconsfield Local Area as described below

8.5 **Sound Studio; Youth Voice' Radio & DJ Project £2,298**

This project involves Beaconsfield young people in a range of innovative and exciting activities from DJ'ing skills and performance to radio production including forming jingles, indents, speech, and vox pops all focussed on local issues/desires/ interests for young people. The final show will also be filmed and be coded to appear on internet sites showcasing their work and the outcomes from the project at a national level.

8.6 The young people will be engaged in over 33 hours of activity spread over 9-12 weeks in 12 sessions, including evenings and weekends. The radio team will also be following an OCN radio production accreditation at Level 1

8.7 The application was evaluated in accordance with the set criteria for PAYP and recommended for approval for funding by Stephen Young, Localities and Communities Manager

8.8 A further application has also been received for the remaining PAYP funding for 2010/11 from the Holtspur Youth Club for approval by the Beaconsfield Forum as described below

8.9 **Holtspur Youth Club; New Equipment £2,700**

The Holtspur Youth Club has its own building situated on the recreation ground in Holtspur. The building has served the young people and clubs in the community over the past 25 years. The main aims of the club is to provide a safe, supervised and relaxed place for young people to meet together and engage in informal and formal games and sports. The club also aim to provide a place where the youth can come in off the streets. The club is a registered charity number, with a Board of five trustees and 6 volunteer leaders.

- 8.10 Nearly all the youth come from the Holtspur community and the club has been well supported in the past 12 months with 30 to 40 young people aged 10 to 15 regularly attending. The club runs from 7pm till 10pm every Friday during term time and they will shortly be opening up an early evening slot after school on a Wednesday for creative workshops. Having consulted with the clubs young people on the sort of activities they wanted to do, they are also planning to introduce a film evening an internet evening and sports competitions once per month.
- 8.11 All of these activities are being made possible through the creations of a new upstairs room which is being targeted at increasing attendance from the 13 – 16 age group. During 2010 they have raised funds to replace the windows and convert the upstairs store room to facilitate this. The club are seeking funding of £2,700 to provide equipment to complete the refurbishment and facilitate the proposed activities. Specifically;
- 8.12 Three lap top computers, a printer and Wi Fi internet access, two soft but robust sofas, three tables and six desk chairs, two small electrical heaters and ten soft single chairs for watching films.
- 8.13 The officer's view is that this project meets criteria for PAYP and is recommended for approval by the Beaconsfield Forum

9. "Early Years" Inclusion Grant

- 9.1 The Early Years and Childcare Service (EYCS) have delegated funding to the Local Areas to enable them to support Ofsted registered childcare providers in their area in developing inclusive services. Each Forum had £5,000 to allocate in the period up to 31st December 2010.
- 9.2 This funding is to enable Local Area Forums to support Ofsted registered childcare providers in their local area in providing inclusive activities for children and young people and increase access for disabled children and young people.
- 9.3 Each application must demonstrate how the provider has:
- Made their practice more inclusive
 - Reached disadvantaged groups of children including those who are disabled or from forces families.
 - Made their services more accessible for disabled children
- 9.4 In the absence of a Local Area Forum to date for Beaconsfield, the Early Years Team through their Head of Service will have approved any applications for 2010/11. Details of any successful applications submitted to the team will be provided to members at this Forum meeting on 27th January 2011.
- 9.5 The Accountable Officer is the Divisional Manager (Joint Commissioning), Commissioning and Business Improvement.

10. Local Priorities budget

- 10.1 The Local Priorities budget will be allocated in line with priorities identified in the Forums local area planning process to support local community needs and the well-being of the area in line with the following criteria:
- a) Proposals meeting more than one of the Forums priorities or addressing a wide community need will be prioritised for funding.

- b) Proposals enabling match-funding, whether through additional grant funding or parish council support, or with the benefit of additional community support, will be given priority over projects with no additional funding or those with little community support
- c) The Local Priorities budget is not the catch-all to support proposals rejected for funding by the other Forum budgets. However, if there is a proposal that was initially considered for other Forum budgets and it can meet several of the Forums priorities, the proposal can be considered for evaluation by the Localities and Communities Manager.
- d) The Localities and Communities Manager will also assess potential proposals to see if 'quick wins' can be identified to enable specific projects/issues to be resolved quickly.

10.2 The Localities and Communities Manager will evaluate proposals and make recommendations using the local area planning process to the Forum. Forum members who have particular ideas arising from this should raise these directly with the Lead Area Officer or Localities and Communities Manager.

10.3 The Accountable Officer for the Local Priorities Budget is the Locality Services Manager.

10.4 One project for 2010/2011 Local Priority funding has been submitted for approval by the Beaconsfield Forum as described below.

10.5 **Beaconsfield Town Council; All Age Fitness Trail/Outdoor Gym £10,000**

Beaconsfield Town Council is seeking to deliver a project that meets its priorities of;

- Fostering community spirit and activity
- Engaging with young people,
- Retaining and managing the Towns assets as efficiently as possible
- Maximising the accessibility and benefit of the Towns assets to the community

10.6 To achieve this, the Town Council has secured funding of £5,000 from South Bucks District Council and allocated £25,000 of its own resources to create an all age fitness trail and outdoor gym which has been successfully implemented in other community areas nationally. A recent local example of this is the installation of a similar amenity in Burnham. The project is supported and sponsored by the Primary Care Trust for the area and aims to provide mobility classes and individual exercise opportunities for all age groups in the local community through the provision of outdoor fitness equipment.

10.7 The total project cost is £40,000 which will pay for preliminary studies, ground works, path construction and gym equipment. Materials and equipment will be of a robust and high quality and the Town Council will undertake ongoing maintenance once installation has been completed.

10.8 The officer's view is that this proposal meets several priorities identified within the Town Councils Strategic Plan and those captured as part of the draft Local Area Plan. The project has also secured matched funding and is considered eligible to be considered for approval by the Beaconsfield Forum

10.9 Should members approve funding of £10,000 to support this project a further £10,000 Local Priority funding remains to be allocated and spent during this financial year 2010/11. As funding cannot at present be carried over from one financial year to

another, Beaconsfield Forum is requested to advise how it wishes to proceed in determining appropriate project funding in accordance with criteria

11. **Local Area Delegated Budgets 2011/12**

Buckinghamshire County Council will be determining its budgets for 2011/12 in February 2011. Details of local area delegated budgets for the financial year will be subject to a report to the Beaconsfield Forum at its next meeting once a date has been agreed in the spring of 2011

Report Ends