

Surrey and Guildford Councils offer funding for local projects

Each year County Councillors are awarded a small fund to each spend locally. For 2014/15 the capital portion for all ten councillors together was £35,000.

This year, for the first time, Guildford Borough Council has match funded this award and so the committee has £70,000 in total of capital funds to spend on local projects and initiatives.

The Local Committee has decided this year to split the fund four ways across just two or three each of the ten Guildford divisions. Because the divisions have been joined up as groups they are being called 'Clusters'.

The aim will be to hold a local meeting in each cluster during October. The main objectives for those meetings will be to identify local priorities and issues, engage with local stakeholders and to award the Cluster Funding.

Each cluster has £17,500 to spend on a local project or addressing a local concern. The committee accepts that although this is a relatively small amount of money, they hope that it will draw interest and engage more people in local conversations.

Further information can be found at <http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/get-involved/your-local-area/guildford-local-area/news-from-guildford/new-funds-from-the-local-committee>

Anyone with ideas is invited to contact their County Councillor who will be able to advise them before the end of September. The ultimate decision will be made by a local steering group of County and Borough Councillors in October.