

# Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council

Wednesday 26 June 2013

7.00 pm

Links Community Centre, 353 Rotherhithe New Road, London SE16  
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## Supplemental Agenda No. 1

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	That councillors consider the proposed Cleaner Greener Safer revenue projects for the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe community council area.	

<b>Item No.</b> 16.	<b>Classification</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 26 June 2013	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council
<b>Report title:</b>		Cleaner Greener Safer Revenue Fund 2013/14	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		Livesey, Rotherhithe, Surrey Docks, Grange and Riverside	
<b>From:</b>		Stephen Douglass, Head of Community Engagement	

## RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council awards the remaining unallocated £70,745 of the Cleaner, Greener, Safer (CGS) Revenue Fund 2013-14. The projects to be considered for allocation are set out in Appendix 1.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. A Cleaner, Greener, Safer Revenue Fund consisting of £210,000 across the borough, with an allocation of £10,000 per ward, was introduced as part of the budget strategy agreed at the council assembly meeting on the 29 February 2012. At the council assembly meeting which took place on the 27 February 2013, it was furthermore agreed to allocate an additional £10,000 per ward making the total Revenue Fund available of £410,000 across the borough resulting in £20,000 per ward.
3. The aim of this fund is to give community councils decision making powers over significant amounts of revenue funding that they can allocate to meet locally determined priorities. It is anticipated that the availability of the Revenue Fund will enhance and complement the effectiveness of the Capital Fund.
4. On 1 March 2012 the Leader of the Council delegated the executive function to each community council to take the Cleaner, Greener, Safer Revenue Funding decisions in their areas.
5. £70,745 is the balance remaining after the decisions taken at the community council meeting on 29 April 2013. It was decided that the remaining awards should be made at the following Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council meeting in June 2013.

## KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

6. The community councils will use the criteria set out below for the allocation of this funding.
  - a. Proposals that make an improvement to an area on the basis of making it cleaner, greener or safer or a combination.
  - b. CGS applications from the capital round which were ruled out because they were revenue applications.

- c. The revenue fund could be used to meet the revenue costs associated with a CGS capital award.
  - d. A community council may choose to allocate some or all of their revenue resources to their CGS capital allocations.
  - e. Subject to the availability of resources, the revenue fund may be used to buy services from the council.
7. While the allocation is based on £20,000 per ward, a community council can, if it chooses, decide to aggregate all or part of the funding and spend more than £20,000 per ward.
  8. Community councils will be free to indicate whether they would like expenditure to be an ongoing commitment over more than one financial year or spending over a fixed timescale for a one-off project. Commitments will be subject to final agreement of the council budget and a decision by each community council on an annual basis.
  9. As with any executive decision taken by community councils this is subject to the council's existing scrutiny arrangements.

### **Delivery**

10. Once the community council has made their selections by the method of their choice they will be designed and delivered as soon as possible in 2013/14. Any under spends or projected overspends will be reported back to community council for resolution or reallocation.

### **Community Impact Statement**

11. The roles and functions of community councils include the promotion of involvement of local people in the democratic process. Community councils take decisions on local matters including environmental improvement and community safety as well as consultation on a wide range of policies and strategies that affect the area.
12. An explicit objective within community councils is that they be used to actively engage as widely as possible with, and bring together, Southwark's diverse local communities on issues of shared or mutual interest. The Cleaner Greener Safer programme is an important tool in achieving community participation.
13. In fulfilling the above objectives that community councils have of bringing together and involving Southwark's diverse local communities, consideration has also been given to the council's duty under The Equality Act 2010 which requires the council to have due regard when taking decisions to the need to:
  - a. Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation or other prohibited conduct;
  - b. Advance of equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it;
  - c. Foster good relations between those who share a relevant characteristic and those that do not share it.

14. Of particular regard are issues of age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.
15. Having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity is further defined in S.149 as having due regard to the need of:
  - a. Remove or minimise disadvantages connected with a relevant protected characteristic;
  - b. Take steps to meet the different needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic;
  - c. Encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or any other activity in which they are under- represented.

### **Resource implications**

16. The total cost of the CGS Revenue Fund is part of the Budget process for 2013/14 agreed by Council Assembly. Any costs incurred in implementing this fund will be met within existing resources.

### **Policy implications**

17. The CGS Revenue Fund is fully aligned with the Council's policies toward sustainability, regeneration and community engagement.

### **Consultation**

18. Decisions will reflect longstanding ward priorities and may be complementary to the decisions made in the CGS Capital fund allocation. In this first year of the scheme consultation took place at the community council meetings and is therefore now an integral part of the decision making process.

### **Legal Implications**

19. The Local Government Act 2000 [as amended] ('the Act') gives the leader the power to delegate any executive function to whoever lawfully can undertake the function. The allocation of the Cleaner, Greener, Safer revenue fund (CGS) is an executive function.
20. Community councils are 'area committees' within the meaning of the Act and executive functions can be delegated to them by the leader.
21. In allocating funding under the CGS community councils must have regard to the council's equality duties set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. The report author has demonstrated how those duties have been considered in the body of the report at paragraphs 13, 14 and 15 in the Community Impact Statement.

### **Reasons for urgency**

22. These decisions need to be taken at the June community council meeting as there is not another Bermondsey and Rotherhithe community council meeting until October 2013. This would not leave successful groups time to deliver their planned projects.

### Reasons for lateness

23. The shortlisting meeting was not able to take place until Wednesday 12 June and there was insufficient time to produce the report, in time for the report dispatch deadline.

### BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Cleaner Greener Safer Revenue IDM Report	160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Forid Ahmed 0207 525 5540
Budget Proposals 2013/14	<a href="http://modern.gov.southwark.gov.uk/documents/s35022/Report%20Policy%20and%20Resources%20Strategy%20201314%20-%20201516.pdf">http://modern.gov.southwark.gov.uk/documents/s35022/Report%20Policy%20and%20Resources%20Strategy%20201314%20-%20201516.pdf</a>	

### APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council CGS revenue fund 2013/14 projects for consideration

### AUDIT TRAIL

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<b>Dated</b>	19 June 2013	
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<b>CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER</b>		
<b>Officer Title</b>	<b>Comments Sought</b>	<b>Comments included</b>
Director of Legal Services	Yes	Yes
Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services	No	No
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	No	No
<b>Date final report sent to Constitutional Team</b>	20 June 2013	

<b>Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Cleaner Greener Safer Revenue 2013-14 Proposals</b>	
<b>Project proposal</b>	<b>Ward</b>
<p>Rotherhithe Society • It is proposed that a part-time Project Development Manager will oversee the project and provide a support role to the steering group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is suggested that the Manager, as advised by the steering group, sets up communication methods to engage the local community, provides outreach work and conducts research to move forward any proposal to establish the Society/UPC. To gather local people and organisations views to feed into the development work.</li> </ul>	Rotherhithe (and Surrey Docks as below)
<p>Bermondsey in Bloom - repeat of successful competition held in 2011 to be enlarged to cover other participating wards</p>	Grange
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<p>Additional cleaning for Ilderton Road</p>	Livesey
<p>THyme on our Hands - We wish to work in partnership to bring an underused and overgrown garden back into use and make it accessible to all. During and after the development we will use the garden to improve the health and wellbeing, employment, volunteer and leisure opportunities of people in the local community. 10 local people will gain employment and volunteering experience, 50 people will engage in healthy activity and growing food, 30 will engage in arts activities and over 200 local people, especially those on local estates who do not have private gardens, will have access to the space.</p>	Rotherhithe
<p>Alfred Salter Astroturf lighting capital shortfall - To supply flood lighting around the Astroturf at the rear of the school (Roberts Close) This will enable us and the community to be able to use this area after daylight on a regular basis. This area was originally adopted by the school with the agreement that this area would be open from end of school for the local community.</p>	Rotherhithe

Project proposal	Ward
<p>DIY Allotment :Family Gardening Sessions - "Grow to Sell" at the DIY Allotment will tackle the issue of adult unemployment in Bermondsey. We have support of Capital Growth Team LB and Southwark Family Learning to deliver a years worth of "Grow to Sell" allotment sessions in Southwark Park. Herbs and vegetables will be sold to a restaurant in Bermondsey.</p>	Rotherhithe
<p>Creation of Living Wall using the boundary wall between the St Peter &amp; The Guardian Angels R C Church and the King's Stair Gardens</p>	Rotherhithe
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<p>Pynfolds Estate Communal Garden Initiative - To encourage the people living in the estate to engage in gardening and related activities, to foster healthier lifestyle, social interaction and awareness of environmental issues.</p>	Rotherhithe
<p>Community consultation for The Aristotle Project, Bringing the community together through arts, computer science, movement and games. The project includes Aristotle Sports, Aristotle Arts and Aristotle Science. - To build an interactive website to facilitate community consultation for Aristotle project. An alternative arts centre where visiting artists who exhibit or perform at night will do workshops for children and the public during the day. We wish to offer creative animation classes based on the history of the local area and explore Nano technology and micro science using creative animation. Linking to the nature reserve around this area, we will develop the knowledge of what goes on inside the seeds and cells. Working with local groups and schools to make the space work throughout the day and as an inspirational after school venue.</p>	Rotherhithe
<p>Development of a Southwark Athletics Clubs at redeveloped Southwark Park Sports Centre. Redevelopment of the track and other athletics areas is due for completion in 2014. A club will be run out of Melish Fields Sports Ground, Salter Road in partnership with Bacons College and transfer when the sport centre opens.</p>	Rotherhithe
<p>Kids@ Stave Hill Mosaic signs at Stave Hill Ecology Park entrance</p>	Surrey Docks

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