

Item No. 6	Classification: Open	Date: 16 March 2011	Meeting Name: Camberwell Community Council
Report title:		Cleaner Greener Safer: Funding Reallocation	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All Wards in the Camberwell Area	
From:		Des Waters, Head of Public Realm, Environment and Housing	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Camberwell Community Council note the financial savings and deficits for relevant projects as set out in Appendix 1 and approve for the re-allocation of a total of £53,000 to two projects where additional expenditure will be required.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. Cleaner Greener, Safer (CGS) is part of the London Borough of Southwark's capital programme. The scheme has been running since 2003 and each year £3.25m is made available for local residents to apply for awards to make their local area a better place to live. The programme attracts hundreds of proposals ranging from a few hundred pounds for bulb planting to brighten up open spaces to tens of thousands of pounds to create community gardens. These projects often introduce new ideas such as outdoor gyms in public spaces, community gardens, public art and energy saving projects which not only make the borough cleaner, greener and safer but greatly contribute to a sustainable public realm by involving residents in the funding process and in the delivery of projects. Since 2004 the team has delivered about 1,200 projects, 300 of which in the last year.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

3. £75,000 S106 funding is available for ecological improvements in Dog Kennel Hill open space. It is recommended that £33,000 of the S106 funding is used to fund two ecological projects *[01769] Dog Kennel Hill woodland* and *[01793] Champion Hill Estate Access* and that the original CGS funding (£33,000) is reallocated to other improvement works at Dog Kennel Hill open space. Officers recommend that the CGS funding is not reallocated to other projects, as the park is in need of improvement.
4. It is recommended that the full budget *[104459] Traffic Speed Flash Indicators (£13,000)* is removed and the project effectively aborted as traffic calming works have been carried out in this area.
5. Appendix 1 highlights three projects which have a total underspend of £7,500.
6. *[104329] Lomond Grove Green Link* has an underspend of £5,000.
7. Projects *02067 - D'Eynsford Estate Community Garden* and *[104657] Resurfacing of D'Eynsford Estate Ball Court* have a combined underspend of

£4,384.26. It is recommended that £1,884.26 remains with these projects for further works and the subsequent £2,500 is reallocated to projects where additional expenditure is required.

8. Appendix 1 highlights two projects that require a total of £53,000 funding to proceed.
9. It is recommended that £20,000 is reallocated to project [103017] *Brandon 3 Farmer's Garden Phase II*. Estimated costs have come in at £140,000 which is much higher than Officers expected. The project currently has £10,000 Cleaner Greener Safer funding and another £50,000 of Community Spaces funding is dependant on raising the remaining £80,000. The Brandon 3 Gardening Group has applied for external funding and is awaiting decisions for £20,000 of Tudor Trust funding (decision to be taken in mid-March 2011) and £40,000 of Veolia Trust funding (decision to be taken on 3 May 2011).
10. Projects [104145] *Brunswick Park community improvements* and [105415] *Brunswick Park Noticeboards* have been completed with an underspend of £3,000. It is recommended that the underspend remains with the project for further works detailed in appendix 1.

Policy implications

11. N/A

Community impact statement

12. The reallocation of funding will have a positive impact on the community. Brunswick Park will benefit from additional play equipment. D'Eynsford Estate will benefit from an improved community garden, and murals designed with input from young people on the Estate, which will give them a sense of ownership in the area where they live. Dog Kennel Hill open space will benefit from ecological and other improvements. The Brandon 3 Gardening Group will benefit from being in a better position to gain external funding to contribute towards the community garden and public square.

Resource implications

13. CGS has a defined allocated budget of funding for the year of March 2010/2011. This budget is distributed evenly among the eight community councils in Southwark. The reallocation of funds between projects in Camberwell will allow for these to be completed as defined in the original scope of works at the time of funding allocation in March 2010 by the Camberwell Community Council. Any further funding needed to complete any of the projects will be reported by the project officer to the Community Council for their consideration of funding reallocation.

Consultation

14. All Cleaner Greener Safer projects require consultation with stakeholders, including the project applicant, local residents and Tenants and Residents Associations where appropriate.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

N/A

REASONS FOR URGENCY

15. Reallocations of funding needs to be approved as soon as possible, to allow the projects to progress in a timely fashion. We aim to complete Cleaner Greener Safer projects within one year of their approval.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Camberwell Community Council Minutes 03-03-2010 – Appendix to Minute 11	Cleaner Greener Safer, Public Realm, 160 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2TZ	Pippa Krishnan 020 7525 5133
Camberwell Community Council Minutes 06-05-2009	Cleaner Greener Safer, Public Realm, 160 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2TZ	Pippa Krishnan 020 7525 5133

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Cleaner Greener Safer: Funding Reallocation Table

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Eleanora Olivia, Principle Project Manager	
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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
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Finance Director	No	No
Cabinet Member	No	No
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