

<b>Item No.</b> 10	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 8 June 2011	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Dulwich Community Council
<b>Report title:</b>		Dulwich Community Council Fund 2011-12	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		Village, College and East Dulwich	
<b>From:</b>		Stephen Douglass, Head of Community Engagement	

### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. For the Community Council to agree £15,260 community funding.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

2. The Community Council Fund provides revenue grants of between £100 and £1,000 for community projects. Applications are considered by the borough's eight community councils, which have £15,260 each, for projects that will benefit the community.

### **KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

3. The Community Council Fund forms part of Southwark 2016 objectives of
  - Improving life chances
  - A better place for people
  - Delivering quality services.

### **COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

4. The allocation of the Dulwich Community Council fund will, in the main, affect the people living in the Community Council area. However, in making the area a better place to live and improving life chances for local people, the Dulwich Community Fund activities will have an impact on the whole of Southwark.

The Dulwich Community Council fund aims to increase community participation and activity within the area and provide such groups with the support that they would have not been able to access otherwise.

### **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

5. The budget for the Dulwich Community Council Fund is £15,260 to be spent by the 31 March 2012.

## **LEGAL/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

6. The Council has power under section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 (“the Act”) to do anything which it calculates is likely to promote or improve the economic, social or environmental well being of the area. This power can be exercised for benefit of the whole or any part of the council’s area or for the benefits of any person resident or present in the area.

Section 2(3) of the Act requires the Council to have regard to its Community Strategy when determining whether or not to exercise this power. Section 2(4) of the Act specifies that this includes a power to give financial assistance to any person.

The Council has power under the Act to provide funding to voluntary organisations but in exercising this power regard must be had to the Council’s sustainable community strategy. These grants, from the community fund, are from revenue budgets.

The Executive in November 2005 agreed for this to be done by the community councils. The money can be granted to community projects ranging from cultural celebrations to providing equipment for local sports teams.

## **REASON FOR URGENCY**

7. The reason for urgency is because a decision needs to be taken at the Community council meeting on the 8 June 2011 in order for events to take place during the summer of 2011.

## **REASON FOR LATENESS**

8. The reason the report is late is due to the number of late applications which were not received directly at the Town Hall offices, where the Dulwich area engagement team are currently based.

## **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

None

## **APPENDICES**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Title</b>
Appendix 1	Dulwich Community Council Fund Applications Insert 2011-12
Appendix 2	Community Council Fund Information Sheet 2011-12

## AUDIT TRAIL

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