

Item No. 12.	Classification: Open	Date: 18 October 2011	Meeting Name: Cabinet
Report title:		Southwark 2012 Capital Legacy Group: Final recommendations for a £2m package of capital investment	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
Cabinet Member:		Councillor Richard Livingstone, Finance, Resources and Community Safety	

FOREWORD - COUNCILLOR RICHARD LIVINGSTONE, CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

This report is to inform the Cabinet of the decision that I have recently taken in awarding the £2 million Southwark 2012 Capital Legacy Fund to ensure that this borough has a lasting legacy from the 2012 Olympic and Paralympics games, that improves access to and increases participation in sports and physical activity.

I have taken this decision on the basis of the recommendations made by the capital legacy group, who received 40 proposals and have made judgements on these projects based on how well these projects met the legacy's objective, their deliverability within the desired timeframe, their cost and quality, and support from the community.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the panel and supporting officers for its hard work in assessing these proposals, and all those organisations that put forward proposals for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Cabinet notes that the Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Community Safety will take an October 2011 Individual Decision Maker (IDM) report in respect of the Southwark 2012 Capital Legacy Fund, which agrees £2m funding to ten capital projects.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. 'Southwark 2012' is the name given to the project for delivering the Council's objectives in preparing for the upcoming London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Several distinct work streams exist in the Southwark 2012 project structure, one of which is the capital legacy group.
3. The capital legacy group was formed in November 2010 and is chaired by the Leader of the Council. The group is composed of external delegates from the local business community, London Southbank University and Sport England, the MP for Dulwich and West Norwood, Southwark Council cabinet members and senior Council officers.
4. The objective of the capital legacy group is to invest £2m in capital projects that

support a lasting Olympic and Paralympic legacy in Southwark from the 2012 games, improving access to and increasing participation in physical activity and encouraging the development of the Olympic values in the borough's communities.

5. The capital legacy funding process was split over two stages. The first stage invited project proposals from Southwark residents and organisations based on the criteria agreed by the capital legacy group. The second stage centered on gaining more detailed information from applicants in order to make assessments for feasibility and risk.
6. From forty original and unique submissions at stage one, fourteen stage two applications with a combined value of £3.61m were considered by the capital legacy group for stage two.
7. The capital legacy group has recommended that ten of the fourteen stage two project proposals be funded either in full or in part. Four projects have been unsuccessful in their application for capital legacy funding.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

8. The IDM recommendations are summarised in the table as follows:

#	Project name	Value of Bid (£000s)	Recommendation	Amount awarded (£000s)
1	Bethwin Road Playground's bid for a multi use games area in Bethwin Road	95	Full award	95
2	Southwark Tennis Club's bid for support for a BMX Track for Burgess Park	150	Full award	150
3	The Camberwell Baths Campaign's bid for a further phase of refurbishment to the Camberwell Leisure Centre Sports Hall	493.25	Part award	490
4	Herne Hill Velodrome Trust's bid for a contribution towards refurbishment of the Herne Hill Velodrome track	490	Part award	400
5	Athenlay Football Club's bid for a Sports Ground Development in Homestall Road	175	Full award	175
6	London Southbank University's (LSBU) bid for a new entrance to the LSBU sports centre	309.5	Unsuccessful	0
7	Outdoor disability multi-sports court	85	Full award	85
8	Peckham Pulse Pool Hoist	5.6	Full award	5.6
9	Peckham Rye Pitches & changing rooms	250	Part award	200
10	The Peckham Settlement's bid for a new 'Southwark run training facility' in the Peckham Settlement	70	Unsuccessful	0
11	Southwark Park Sports complex	500	Part award	370
12	Sustrans' bid for the 'Connect2' and 'South Bermondsey Link' projects	461	Unsuccessful	0

#	Project name	Value of Bid (£000s)	Recommendation	Amount awarded (£000s)
13	Tideways Sailability's bid for an ability centre and pontoon access to the River Thames	498	Unsuccessful	0
14	Trinity in Camberwell's bid for an outdoor sports area in Camberwell	30	Full award	30
TOTAL		3612.35		2000.6

9. Bethwin Road Playground's bid for a multi use games area in Bethwin Road is a relatively simple project that updates an existing facility that is recognised as tired and of poor quality. This low risk project included realistic timescales, costing and objectives, aiming to complete upgrade works by June 2012 and then to increase its user base by 150%. Match funding of £25K from the London Marathon Trust further helped this bid to secure the full amount applied that was for.
10. Southwark Tennis Club's bid for support for a BMX Track for Burgess Park proposed a cost effective, low risk and high impact project in an area of high demand. Having already attracted three independent sources of match funding and one other conditional offer of grant, this technically strong proposal offers very good value for money. This project provides a facility of national standard and quality with open access to the most recent sport to be added to the Olympic Games. The board felt that this bid would afford a strong legacy and would very likely improve access to and participation in sport.
11. The Camberwell Baths Campaign's bid for a further phase of refurbishment to the Camberwell Leisure Centre Sports Hall is a community driven proposal that upgrades a significantly under used facility located in an area of high demand. The sports hall forms the final phase in the wider refurbishment of the leisure centre and would greatly increase usable space. The bid offers minimum risk with achievable and realistic costs that afford good value for money. The board felt that this bid would afford a strong legacy and would very likely improve access to and participation in sport. For this reason, this project is recommended to be funded to 99% of the amount applied for.
12. The Herne Hill Velodrome is the last remaining structure from the 1948 London Olympic Games and the Herne Hill Velodrome Trust's bid for a contribution towards refurbishment of the Herne Hill Velodrome track was unique for this reason. The bid was technically very strong, focusing on increasing participation in sport by providing children's and family cycle tracks that aim to attract a broader spectrum of cyclist. While the construction works are not proposed to be on site until September 2012, the board felt the completed project would secure a very strong legacy from the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic games and for that reason the project is recommended to receive part funding of £400K. £90K of the total cost was for a tarmac multi purpose area to be used for cycle polo and other activities. The board felt that this part of the project could be funded from elsewhere, leaving capital legacy funding to meet costs for the family and junior cycle tracks and secure a future for introducing young people to the sport of track cycling.
13. With £100K of match funding secured and a technically strong submission, Athenlay Football Club's bid for a Sports Ground Development in Homestall

Road is recommended to receive full funding. The project will offer a significant increase in usability of an existing and underused space that is currently unfit for purpose. Timescales and costs are realistic and the project offers good value for money. Following the proposed upgrades, the availability of the facility would increase dramatically allowing for 25,000 individual attendances per annum. The board felt that this bid would afford a strong legacy and would very likely improve access to and participation in sport.

14. Peckham Town Football Club's bid for an Outdoor disability multi-sports court is a community driven proposal, made in association with Peckham Town FC, aiming to improve access to football coaching for disabled people and people with special needs. The construction of an all-weather, flood lit and synthetic pitch is very likely to improve access to and increase participation in sport and physical activity thereby providing a strong legacy from the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
15. Fusion's bid for a disability Pool Hoist for the Peckham Pulse Healthy Living Centre is a risk free, low value, high impact project that would serve to significantly increase access to the swimming pool for disability groups. The project offers excellent value for money, realistic and achievable objectives and a positive contribution to a strong legacy in Southwark.
16. The parks and open spaces' service bid for upgrading the Peckham Rye pitches & changing rooms, would almost double the capacity for pitch based sports in an area of high need. After clarification of costs post-submission, it was determined that the project could be completed for less than the £250k originally applied for, therefore the bid is recommended to be part funded with £200k. The project will increase participation in and access to sport within agreed timescales.
17. The Southwark Council sports services' bid for a contribution towards the redevelopment of the Southwark Park Sports complex (specifically the athletics track) is unique among submissions, and with a focus on athletics, would represent a special legacy from the Games. While match funding remains an issue, it is hoped that a £370K award will help to attract funding from external sources in a bid to get this once superb facility upgraded and available once again for public use.
18. Trinity in Camberwell's bid for an outdoor sports area in Camberwell is technically strong and provides a facility for children and young people in an area of high demand. It is a simple, low risk project that updates an existing facility that is acknowledged as tired and of poor quality and as a result is little used. The improved facility is very likely to improve access to sport and physical activity for its target users.
19. Four projects not recommended for funding are the following:

London Southbank University's (LSBU) bid for a new entrance to the LSBU sports centre: Focused on improving access to an existing LSBU facility rather than increasing the direct sporting legacy by providing new or refurbished sporting facilities.

The Peckham Settlement's bid for a new 'Southwark run training facility' in the Peckham Settlement: No attempts made for match funding and no

clear link between the 'Southwark Run' event and the facility proposed for construction.

Sustrans' bid for the 'Connect2' and 'South Bermondsey Link' projects: Difficult to measure and difficult to evaluate value for money. Not supported in favour of other projects of similar value that focused on sport.

Tideways Sailability's bid for an ability centre and pontoon access to the River Thames: High risk project, low deliverability and many hurdles to overcome. Well supported project with commendable objectives, however the bid was considered weak technically.

Community impact statement

20. The ten projects recommended for full and part award are evenly distributed across the borough.
21. The range of sports offered within those projects that have been recommended to be funded will offer a wider range of sport than is currently available, providing Southwark residents with a broader choice of physical activity to engage in.
22. Approval of this recommendation will not result in adverse impacts on any community in Southwark

Resource implications

23. The ten successful project applications have a combined value of £2,000,600. This is £600 over the allocated fund.
24. Staffing requirements in implementing projects following award are to be absorbed by existing resources in the Public Realm and Service Development divisions of the Environment & Leisure department.
25. Staffing requirements in monitoring the projects approved for award are to be absorbed by existing resources in the Public Realm, Culture, Libraries, Learning and Leisure and Service Development divisions of the Environment & Leisure department.
26. Grant funding is the chosen method of distributing funds to projects approved for award which are being led by external organisations. Existing and approved grant conditions will be edited to meet the specific details of each successful project and to mitigate risks posed by individual projects.
27. Value for money will be ensured through a combination of effective performance monitoring through a Southwark Council 'commissioning officer' and the use of specific grant conditions enabling claw back of funds should project specifications and targets not be met by the project applicants.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Finance Director (FS047-11)

28. This report asks Cabinet to note that the Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Community Safety will take a decision in respect of the

Southwark 2012 Capital Legacy Fund, which agrees how £2m funding will be allocated to ten capital projects.

29. A budget of £2m has been agreed within the current capital programme for the Olympic Legacy Fund.
30. Where funding is being paid as a grant to an external body, appropriate grant funding agreements are put in place alongside performance monitoring to ensure value for money and compliance with grant conditions.
31. Officers within Environment and Leisure will need to manage the tailored payment schedules to ensure that any change in the profile of budget required does not have adverse cash flow implications for the capital programme.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Capital Programme 2011 - 2021	Finance and Resources, 160 Tooley St, SE1 2QH	Sue Emmons 020 7525 7334
Southwark 2012 Olympic capital legacy fund: short listing stage 1 applications	Environment & Leisure department, 160 Tooley St, SE1 2QH	Ben Finden 020 7525 1289

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Southwark 2012 Olympic capital legacy fund: final recommendations for a £2m capital investment: IDM report for Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Community Safety

AUDIT TRAIL

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