

Item No: 15.	Classification: Open	Date: 11 January 2012	Meeting Name: Borough & Bankside Community Council
Report title:		Borough & Bankside Community Council Fund 2011 – 2012	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Cathedrals and Chaucer wards.	
From:		Stephen Douglass, Head of Community Engagement	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Borough & Bankside Community Council note the under spend on the Borough & Bankside Youth Community Council, Tea Party event (which was awarded £500.00 and spent £392.00) and consider a request to re-allocate the under spend of £108 to this group (Appendices 1 and 2).
2. That the Borough & Bankside Community Council note the under spend on the Rockingham Tenants Association summer holiday play scheme (which was awarded £1000.00 and spent £700.00) and consider a request to re-allocate the under spend of £300 to the group (Appendices 1 and 2).
3. That the Borough & Bankside Community Council note that Collinson and Great Suffolk Tenants Association have declined funding for £500 (Appendices 1 and 2). This has resulted in a surplus in the Borough & Bankside Community Council Fund 2011-12 for re-allocation.
4. That the Borough & Bankside Community Council considers re-allocating the total surplus of £908 to fund projects listed in Appendix 1. The groups initially submitted their application for Borough & Bankside Community Council Fund 2011-2012 in May 2011.
5. That the Borough & Bankside Community Council when awarding funding to groups impose the following conditions in addition to the requirement of Borough & Bankside Community Council Fund 2011-2012 conditions of funding (Appendices 3 and 4):
 - That the event must be delivered on or prior to 31st March 2012, and the relevant paper work submitted to the council within a month after the event.
 - If the event is not delivered on or prior to 31st March 2012 the amount allocated must be returned back to the council.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

6. 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.

7. Borough and Bankside community council awarded £15,260 in June 2011 to nineteen groups, the majority of which have delivered their events and projects.
8. Borough & Bankside Youth Community Council was allocated £500 to deliver a tea party. They successfully delivered their event in August 2011 under budget, resulting in an under spend of £108 (see Appendices 1 and 2). Post September 2011 community council meeting Borough & Bankside Youth Community Council approached officers requesting permission from members to use the under spend to facilitate an extension of their initial event in February 2012.
9. Rockingham Tenants Association was allocated £1000 to deliver a summer fun day. They successfully delivered their event in October 2011 under budget, resulting in an under spend of £300 (see Appendices 1 and 2). Post November 2011 community council meeting Rockingham Tenants Association approached officers requesting permission from members to use the under spend to facilitate an extension of their initial event in February 2012.
10. In May 2011, Hotel Elephant Ltd submitted a Borough and Bankside Community Council Fund 2011-12 application form for £1000. Their application was not considered in conjunction with the all other application forms at the time, as it was omitted from the original allocation list presented to members for consideration at the June 2011 Community Council meeting due to an administrative oversight by officers. Post September 2011 Borough & Bankside community council meeting, members were notified by officers about the omission of Hotel Elephant Ltd application form. A report was presented to members for consideration at November 2011 community council meeting as a late submission. At the meeting members discussed the issues set out in the report and resolved that the item should be deferred to a future meeting, while more advice is sought by the chair about the funding available.
11. The Hotel Elephant Ltd, Borough & Bankside Youth Community Council and Rockingham Tenants Association along with 16 Community Council Fund application forms are to be considered by Borough and Bankside Community Council as part of the re-allocation process pertaining to the current underspends (see Appendix 1).

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

12. Appendices 3 and 4 contains the guidelines for the fund.
13. The Community Council Fund forms part of the Southwark 2016 objectives of:
 - a. Improving life chances
 - b. A better place for people
 - c. Delivering quality services.
14. Members will note that the under spend is likely to be too small to fund all the resubmitted projects and may therefore want to consider reallocating the funding to previously successful applicants whom are able to deliver an activity before the 31 March 2012. (See successful applicants list in attached Appendix 2).

Community impact statement

15. The allocation of the Borough & Bankside Community Council fund 2011 – 2012 will, in the main, affect the people living in the Borough & Bankside Community Council area. However, in making the area a better place to live and improving life chances for local people, the community council fund activities will have an impact on the whole of Southwark.
16. The Borough & Bankside 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. The allocation of the under spend to another community project will have a positive impact on the community.

Resource implications

17. The reallocation of the above funds will allow for the Borough & Bankside Community Council, Community Council fund budget to be totally spent by the 31 March 2012 and is therefore possible within existing resources.

Legal/Financial implications

18. 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 the 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.
19. 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.
20. 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.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
None.		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Borough & Bankside Community Council Fund 2011- 2012 Re-allocation List January 2012
Appendix 2	Borough & Bankside Community Council Fund 2011- 2012 successful applicants list
Appendix 3	Borough & Bankside Community Council Fund 2011-2012 conditions of funding
Appendix 4	Borough and Bankside Community Council Fund Information Sheet 2011/12

AUDIT TRAIL

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