

Item No. 11.	Classification: Open	Date: 20 June 2012	Meeting Name: Camberwell Community Council
Report title:		Camberwell Community Council Fund 2012/13	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Brunswick Park, Camberwell Green, South Camberwell Wards	
From:		Stephen Douglass, Head of Community Engagement	

RECOMMENDATION

1. For the Community Council to allocate £17,439 of community council 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 five community councils, which have a total of £122,000, for projects that will benefit the community.
3. The Community Council Fund was first launched in 2004. It is intended to encourage small and 'hard to reach' groups to organise activities and events which would benefit their community. It is designed to promote the work of community councils and provide opportunities to engage with some marginalised communities. Over the years the scheme has become very popular amongst local communities with more than 250 applications being received on average in a typical round. The fund is targeted to build and improve community cohesion by creating opportunities for bringing different communities together in local activities.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Community impact statement

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

6. The budget for the Camberwell Community Council Fund is £ £17,439 to be spent by the 31 March 2013.

Legal/Financial implications

7. The Localism Act 2011 gives councils a general power of competence whereby they have power to do anything that individuals generally may do. This power can be used even if legislation already exists that allows a local authority to do the same thing. However the general power of competence does not enable a local authority to do anything which it was restricted or prevented from doing under that previous legislation.
8. The Council can 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.
9. 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.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Camberwell Community Council Fund Applications 2012/13
Appendix 2	Community Council Fund Information Sheet 2012/13

AUDIT TRAIL

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