

Item No. 9.	Classification: Open	Date: 12 March 2013	Meeting Name: Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council
Report title:		Proposed new community infrastructure project list (CIPL) to guide S106 and CIL expenditure in each Community Council replacing the community project banks.	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All in the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council	
From:		Chief Executive	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the community council agrees the new community infrastructure project list for this community council, which replaces the previous community project bank for the same area.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The community project bank is a list of community generated project ideas which have been approved by the relevant community council. The project bank was first introduced across all eight community council areas in 2008/09 with a revised list being delivered in 2009/10 along with additional procedural guidance.
3. The project bank is designed to capture ideas for projects to improve the local environment that could be implemented through S106 or other funding sources as they become available. The list can then be used by councilors and project officers to identify specific area based projects that are known to have community and the relevant community council support.
4. The 2009/10 project prioritisation involved looking at the existing approved community project bank listings and incorporating other projects for consideration.
5. In 2009/10 the consultation and application process was combined with the Council's Cleaner Green Safer (CGS) programme in an effort to make the process easier for the community to understand. All viable ideas that met project bank criteria and were not fully funded by CGS were automatically added to the community project bank. Details of the status of the 2008/9 and 2009/10 projects can be found at appendix A of this report.
6. As part of revising Southwark's S106 Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and the introduction of Southwark's CIL, there is an opportunity to revive the project banks into a list of community infrastructure projects that can meet the needs of the existing and future population. The consultation is designed to help identify what infrastructure local people believe is required in their local areas in order to support the projected level of new development.

7. In 2010 Regulations relating to securing S106 obligations were tightened to focus more heavily on direct impacts of a particular development and the mitigation that is required by those impacts. Once Southwark's CIL is introduced in the middle of 2013, S106 contributions will only be used for defined site specific mitigation as CIL will secure contributions towards strategic infrastructure.
8. Of the current project bank projects, 152 projects have been fully or partially financed, including 92 of the priorities from the list spread across all community council areas. This represents 43% of the identified priority projects.
9. A 12 week consultation to identify the new community infrastructure projects list was conducted in July through to October with reports and presentations at all Community Council, Planning Committee and local community groups. The results of these are incorporated in the appendices and form the proposed list
10. In early 2013 the Planning Minister Nick Boles announced the amount of CIL to be spent locally (meaningful amount) would be 15% with a cap at £100 per council tax dwelling. For areas with a neighborhood plan this would be 25% with no cap. This proposed CIPL list is intended to guide both existing S106 local spend and CIL local spend.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

11. Once Southwark CIL is adopted, new S106s will focus on immediate mitigation for a development and remove this as a source of project bank funding. The new community infrastructure project list (CIPL) will therefore focus on Southwark's CIL and existing S106 agreements which are already in the system and which have provisions covering the following publically accessible amenities:
 - Community facilities,
 - Education,
 - Public realm,
 - Local transport improvements,
 - Open space and,
 - Sport.
12. Under the S106, save for a few exceptions, contributions are not secured for improvements to residential buildings, or spaces to which potential residents of the funding development cannot access.
13. Monies secured under Southwark's CIL will have a wider application, breaking the link between funding development and mitigation. Southwark CIL funded projects must be for infrastructure that supports growth
14. Planned growth is highlighted in the adopted Core Strategy with the strategic infrastructure required to meet this need identified in Southwark's Infrastructure Plan (to be consulted upon in the summer).
15. It is currently proposed to keep the CIPL separate from Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS), however individual projects may crossover.

Policy implications

16. The essential features to recognise here are:
 - National Planning Policy Framework
 - Localism 2011 Act
 - Community Infrastructure Regulations 2010, 2011 and 2012 Amendments,
 - Southwark's emerging CIL Charging Schedule and Infrastructure Plan (public consultation in July 2012 and February 2013)
17. Proposing to revise the current project bank to form the community infrastructure project list (CIPL) is a direct response to the above policy's guidance in seeking more local level community involvement in both the planning system and the decision making process. CIPL will help direct funding to local improvements local people have inputted to, improving the visibility of the benefits from new developments.
18. It is proposed to update the CIPL yearly to ensure that it continues to reflect local people's preferences and priorities for local infrastructure.

Community impact statement

19. The proposed project is based around the desire to improve infrastructure for all and improve the communication between the council and the local community when it comes to planning infrastructure. Existing governance will ensure individual allocations are free from bias and opportunity is available to all.

Resource implications

20. The emergence of the project banks as a CIPL, associated with historical S106 agreement contributions and Southwark's CIL enables the administration of this to benefit from both S106 agreement administration charges and the 5% of CIL the Council can retain for administration purposes.
21. An electronic process of submitting new ideas and updates on our website keeps costs low and yearly consultations and updates are focused in one month.
22. The existing governance for S106 expenditure, as detailed in the S106 Protocol, will be retained, as there is no proposed changes to this and the proposals will have no increase on resources.

Consultation

23. It is proposed that this 12 week consultation will be the first of two rounds of consultation. This will focus on the existing projects and ask consultees for details of potential new projects.
24. The second round of consultation will be towards the end of 2012 as part of the consultation on Southwark's CIL Charging Schedule and will be proposing the new projects that have come out of this round consultation.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Director of Legal Services

25. Part 3F of the Council's Constitution titled Planning Committee and Planning Sub-Committees states at paragraph 6 under Roles and Functions that planning committee has the power to consider the expenditure of s106 monies.
26. This report is firstly asking members to note the status of the current project banks and then to authorise consultation to be carried out to identify future projects. Due to project banks being funded from S106 monies both recommendations are associated with the relevant power identified above. The power to consider the expenditure of S106 monies can therefore be applied towards noting where existing s106 monies have been applied and also where future S106 monies will be applied, by way of identifying those project banks which will benefit from the S106 monies.
27. Once planning committee has authorised the consultation to take place the matter will then be referred to each of the community councils in accordance with paragraph 25 of Part 3H of the constitution which gives community council's the power to approve projects for inclusion within the community project bank.

Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services

28. This report recommends that the Planning Committee note and record the status updates of the existing project banks and agree to start a 12 weeks consultation on potential new community infrastructure projects which could be funded from existing S106 agreements and any forth coming Southwark Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).
29. The Finance Director notes the resource implications contained within the report. Officer time to effect the recommendations will be contained within existing budgeted revenue resources.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
None.		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Community Infrastructure Project List (CIPL) proposed January 2013

AUDIT TRAIL

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