

<b>Item No.</b> 13.1	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 22 April 2013	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Dulwich Community Council
<b>Report title:</b>		Cleaner Greener Safer 2013/14: Capital Funding Allocation	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All wards within the Dulwich Community Council area	
<b>From:</b>		Strategic Director of Environment and Leisure	

## RECOMMENDATION

1. To approve the allocation of funds for the 2013-14 Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS) capital programme in the Dulwich Community Council area from the list of applications set out in Appendix 1.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The Council's CGS capital programme has been running since 2003.
3. In the first ten years of the CGS programme, £26,633,000 has been allocated to community councils leading to 1,548 projects being approved.
4. In the Dulwich Community Council area, £2,880,188 has been allocated to 294 projects, 276 of which have been completed to date.
5. For 2013/14, community councils have also been able to allocate CGS revenue and applications were invited for both capital and revenue ideas. The allocation of revenue is dealt with by a separate report on this meeting's agenda.
6. Examples of the types of projects that have been funded include:
  - Parks, community gardens, landscaping, tree planting and wildlife areas
  - Children's playgrounds, youth facilities, ball courts and cycle tracks
  - Lighting, security measures, pavements, streets, and tackling 'grot spots'.

## KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

7. There is £268,572 for the 2013/14 CGS capital programme and £12,600 unallocated funding from previous years, giving an overall budget of £281,172 for new projects in the Dulwich Community Council area.
8. Eligible proposals must bring about a permanent improvement and make an area cleaner, greener or safer.
9. Proposals with revenue costs, including salaries or computer equipment, feasibility studies, costs for events, festivals, workshops or other one-off events are not eligible for capital funding. CCTV proposals, internal improvements to housing property, works on schools where there is no access to the general public are also not eligible. Works on private property are not eligible unless there is a long-term guarantee of public access or a demonstrable public benefit.

10. The application form invited expressions of interest for the applicants to deliver projects themselves. A due diligence exercise to ensure that this is both practical and realistic has been undertaken as part of the feasibility process. In such cases, the council would give the funding allocation to the applicant in the form of a capital grant, with appropriate conditions attached.

### **Policy implications**

11. The CGS programme is fully aligned with the council's policies around sustainability, regeneration and community engagement.

### **Community impact statement**

12. The roles and functions of community councils include the promotion of involvement of local people in the democratic process and taking decision-making closer to local people. Community councils take decisions on local matters including environmental improvement and community safety as well as consultation on a wide range of policies and strategies that affect the area.
13. An explicit objective within community councils is that they be used to actively engage as widely as possible with, and bring together, Southwark's diverse local communities on issues of shared or mutual interest. The Cleaner Greener Safer programme is an important tool in achieving community participation.
14. All ideas for CGS projects come directly from the local community via a simple project nomination form. Specific schemes will then be agreed by community councils and will reflect local needs and priorities.

### **Resource implications**

15. The funding for the 2013/14 CGS programme was approved by the Cabinet and is part of the council's overall capital programme as detailed in the launch of CGS Capital Programme 2013/14 report dated September 2012.
16. The CGS allocation for Dulwich Community Council area for 2013/14 financial year is £268,571. In addition, underspends of £12,600 from previous years are also available. This gives a total budget of £281,171 available for new projects in the community council area. The expenditure against this allocation will be monitored and reported on as part of the overall Capital Programme.
17. The underspends from previous years are detailed in Appendix 2.
18. All professional fees related to the project are also allowed to be treated as the capital costs of the project. Where projects are awarded as a grant to organisations, the community council award letter will not include the professional fees which will be charged direct to project costs.
19. CGS projects must be completed within two years of award of funding. Projects that are unlikely to be completed within two years will be reported to Community Council and available budgets may be reallocated to other projects.
20. After the defects and liability period, or three year maintenance period in the case of planting works, all future maintenance is assumed by the asset owner,

for example Housing, Parks, Highways, or in some cases external asset owners. Therefore, there are no revenue implications to the Public Realm projects business unit as a result of approving the proposed allocation.

### **Consultation**

21. All CGS projects require consultation with stakeholders, including the project applicant, local residents, Tenants and Residents Associations and local community groups where appropriate.

### **SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS**

#### **Director of Legal Services**

22. This report is recommending that the Dulwich Community Council approve the allocation of funds to the individual projects specified at appendix 1. The power for this function is derived from Part 3H paragraph 11 of the Constitution which states that community councils have the power of "Approval of the allocation of funds to cleaner, greener, safer capital and revenue schemes of a local nature, using the resources and criteria identified by the cabinet".
23. The Cabinet Member for Transport Environment and Recycling approved the funding for the 2013/2014 programme in September 2012 by exercising his powers under Part 3D paragraph 2 of the Constitution; and the Community Council approval being sought here is therefore the next constitutional step in the process.
24. Community council Members also have powers under paragraph 12 of Part 3H of the Constitution to oversee and take responsibility for the development and implementation of the local schemes.

#### **Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services**

25. This report recommends approval of the allocation of funds for the 2013/14 Cleaner Greener Safer programme in the Dulwich Community Council area from the list of applications set out in Appendix 1.
26. It is noted that the capital funding for the CGS programme has been approved and contained within the departmental capital budgets as part of the council's overall capital programme.
27. Officer time and any other costs connected with this recommendation will be contained within existing budgeted revenue resources.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Launch of Cleaner Greener Safer Capital Programme 2013/14 - September 2012	<a href="http://modern.gov.southwark.gov.uk/mgDelegatedDecisions.aspx?XXR=0&amp;&amp;DR=06%2f02%2f2012-20%2f02%2f2013&amp;ACT=Find&amp;RP=0&amp;K=0&amp;V=0&amp;DM=314X&amp;HD=0&amp;DS=2&amp;Next=true&amp;T=Cleaner%20Greener%20safer&amp;META=mgdelegateddecisions&amp;">http://modern.gov.southwark.gov.uk/mgDelegatedDecisions.aspx?XXR=0&amp;&amp;DR=06%2f02%2f2012-20%2f02%2f2013&amp;ACT=Find&amp;RP=0&amp;K=0&amp;V=0&amp;DM=314X&amp;HD=0&amp;DS=2&amp;Next=true&amp;T=Cleaner%20Greener%20safer&amp;META=mgdelegateddecisions&amp;</a>	Andrea Allen 020 7525 0862

## APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Dulwich Community Council Cleaner Greener Safer Capital programme 2013/14: Applications
Appendix 2	Previous years Cleaner Greener Safer funding for reallocation April 2013

## AUDIT TRAIL

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