

Item No. 13.1	Classification: Open	Date: 29 April 2013	Meeting Name: Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council
Report title:		Cleaner Greener Safer 2013/14: Capital Funding Allocation	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Grange, Riverside, South Bermondsey, Rotherhithe, Livesey, Surrey Docks	
From:		Head of Public Realm	

RECOMMENDATION

1. To approve the allocation of funds for the 2013-14 Cleaner Greener Safer capital programme in the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council area from the list of applications set out in Appendix 1.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The Council's Cleaner Greener Safer (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 Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council area, £6,414,769 has been allocated to 324 projects, 297 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 £492,381 for the 2013/14 CGS capital programme for new projects in the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe 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 Cleaner Green Safer 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 capital programme was approved by the cabinet and is part of the council's overall capital programme as detailed in the Launch of Cleaner Greener Safer Capital Programme 2013/14 report dated September 2012.
16. 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.
17. 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 the community council and available budgets may be reallocated to other projects.
18. 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

19. All Cleaner Greener Safer 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

20. This report is recommending that the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe 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".
21. 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.
22. 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 Resources

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

REASONS FOR URGENCY

26. CGS projects are subject to conditions, including a two year delivery deadline. If decisions are not taken in April, projects with planting or greening elements will be subject to a disadvantage. Design and consultation would take place into the autumn and planting may not be possible until the next financial year.

REASONS FOR LATENESS

27. The report could not be circulated five clear working days before the meeting, as detailed internal consultation was necessary on a number of the proposals,

which was not complete in time for the original submission deadline for this meeting.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council Cleaner Greener Safer Capital programme 2013/14: Applications

AUDIT TRAIL

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