

Item No. 14.	Classification: Open	Date: 26 June 2013	Meeting Name: Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council
Report title:		Community Council Highways Capital Investment 2013/14	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All wards within Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council	
From:		Head of Public Realm	

RECOMMENDATION

1. To approve the works to be funded from the proposed schemes in the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council area as set out in Appendix 1, or to approve alternative schemes subject to officer investigation and feasibility.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The declining quality of public highway combined with extreme weather events has led to further deterioration in recent years – with some non-principal, unclassified roads being particularly affected. Given the nature of these roads and the lower level of traffic flows it is unlikely that such locations will feature in any major resurfacing programme. Without the necessary capital allocation to attend to such locations, complaints of poor road surfaces can only be dealt with through the council's reactive maintenance programme.
3. The Council's non-principal road investment programme prioritises work on non-principal roads on a borough wide basis and this investment forms the largest part of the annual investment programme.
4. In August 2011 and prior to the reduction in the number of community councils the Cabinet Member for Transport, Environment and Recycling committed to the provision of an allocation of £100,000 (£800,000 total) to each community council for local investment selections in highway surfacing. The schemes that were approved and delivered in 2012/13 financial year ended 31 March 2013 are presented in Appendix 2.
5. As part of the approved Highways Capital Investment programme for 2013/14, each community council will receive a proportion of £800,000, as published in Highways and Lighting Capital Investment Programme (2013/14) Cabinet member decision dated 20 March 2013 (Appendix 3).
6. Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council was allocated £209,525 to be used for its highways surface improvements (carriageway or footway) of their choice. The budget can be spent on any non-principal road on the area. The overall funding is set out in paragraph 5 below and in Appendix 1.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

7. As an aid to the selection process, officers have provided a range of required works and indicative costs for their implementation, excluding works already programmed as part of the borough-wide priority programme. These are shown

in Appendix 1, including details of any under or over spend from the previous financial year.

8. An officer has subsequently The overall budget available to Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community council is £209,452 (£209,525 minus £73 of over spend).
9. The commencement and completion of the schemes within the current financial year will depend upon the decision by the community council subject to any adverse weather conditions later in the winter months.

Community Council Selections

10. This money can be spent on any asset renewal or replacement project selected by the community council with the caveats that it cannot be spent on traffic safety or parking schemes, non functional or decorative installations and / or non-essential works. In addition to the resurfacing selections provided it, the money (or part thereof) could be spent on minor patching and pothole repairs should a community council wish to do so.

Delivery

11. Once the community council has made its selections by the method of its choice they will be designed and delivered as soon as possible in 2013/14. Any under spends or projected overspends will be reported back to community council for resolution or reallocation.

Human Resources implications

12. The recommendations As set out in the Highways and Lighting Capital Investment Programme (2013/14) dated 20 March 2013, the planning, programming supervision and payment of all the programmes in this report will be managed by the Public Realm Division in conjunction with the new integrated highways supplier Conway Aecom.

Community impact statement

13. There are no specific community impact issues arising from the recommendations.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Highways Capital Investment Programme Decision 20 March 2013	Southwark Council 160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=3637	Franklin Uwakaneme 020 7525 2207 or Matthew Hill 020 7525 3541

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Officer recommendations – 2013/14
Appendix 2	Summary update of the schemes approved for implementation in 2012/13 for financial year ended 31 March 2013
Appendix 3	Extract from Appendix 5 of the Highways Capital Investment programme for 2013/14 – Community Council Investment Allocations

AUDIT TRAIL

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