| Item No. 13. | Classification: Open | Date: 4 December 2013 | Meeting Name: Dulwich Community Council | |
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| Report title: | | Cleaner Greener Safer: Funding Allocation | | |
| Ward(s) or groups affected: | | East Dulwich | | |
| From: | | Head of Public Realm | | |

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Dulwich community council approves allocation of £2,000 of available funding to existing project 105651 Fix the North Cross Road grot spot.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2. Cleaner Greener, Safer (CGS) is part of the council's capital programme. The decision on allocation to individual projects is delegated to the community councils.
- 3. In the first 11 years of the programme, a total of £28,513,000 has been awarded to 1890 projects proposed by the community to improve their areas; 1618 projects have been completed to date. The programme attracts hundreds of proposals ranging from a few hundred pounds for bulb planting to brighten up open spaces to tens of thousands of pounds to create community gardens. These projects often introduce new ideas such as outdoor gyms in public spaces, community gardens, public art and energy saving projects which not only make the borough cleaner, greener and safer but greatly contribute to a sustainable public realm by involving residents in the funding process and in the delivery of projects.
- 4. It is noted that as a condition of the CGS programme, incomplete projects are reviewed two years after award of funding and if the project is unlikely to progress or complete within a reasonable amount of time, officers will recommend that the project will be completed or cancelled and any underspends reported back to community council for reallocation of funding.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

- 5. There is a total of £12,474 available to allocate within the CGS programme.
- 6. The members of Dulwich community council have decided to apportion annual cgs capital funding on a ward basis. Other funding available from cancelled or completed schemes is added to the appropriate ward budgets. Ward councillors are able to propose schemes to be funded and the community council members present approve awards at public meetings.
- 7. The members of Dulwich community council have considered proposals for potential schemes within the area and on the basis of additional information available have agreed to fund various proposals.

- 8. The financial position is summarised in Appendix 1 of the report.
- 9. It is recommended that £2,000 is awarded to 105651 Fix the North Cross Road grot spot. The 2012-13 award of £4,000 was to improve the appearance of the part of North Cross Road in front of the UKPN sub-station and Londis which is uneven and attracts fly tipping.
- 10. Following negotiation with the two land owners, agreement has been reached to improve the paving on the two forecourts and council owned footway. This new paving will create a level access across the crossover and improve accessibility for all pedestrians, especially parents with buggies, wheelchair users and the elderly.

Policy implications

11. None.

Community impact statement

12. North Cross Road is a popular shopping street in East Dulwich but there has been a long-standing problem with uneven paving in front of the two businesses and the poor appearance has attracted fly-tipping at this particular location. Local residents and traders will benefit from eradicating the trip hazards at this part of North Cross Road.

Resource implications

13. The funding is available within the existing CGS funding. CGS funding is devolved to community councils to spend on suitable projects. Management of the reallocation of the funding will be contained within existing budgets.

Consultation

14. All cleaner greener safer projects require consultation with stakeholders, including the project applicant and the forecourt owners in North Cross Road. This consultation has already taken place.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

| Background Papers | Held At | Contact |
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| Dulwich Community Council minutes, 22 April 2013 | Cleaner Greener Safer, Public Realm, 160 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2TZ | Andrea Allen 020 7525 0860 |
| | http://moderngov.southwa rk.gov.uk/documents/g43 18/Printed%20minutes%2 0Monday%2022-Apr- 2013%2019.00%20Dulwi ch%20Community%20Co uncil.pdf?T=1 | |

APPENDICES

| No. | Title |
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| Appendix 1 | Cleaner Greener Safer – financial position |

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