

Item No. 12.1	Classification: Open	Date: 12 February 2014	Meeting Name: Camberwell Community Council
Report title:		Cleaner Greener Safer: Funding Reallocation	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Camberwell Green, South Camberwell	
From:		Head of Public Realm	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Camberwell Community Council approve the re-allocation of a total of £52,000 to projects in the 2014/15 Cleaner Greener Safer programme.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS) is part of the London Borough of Southwark's capital programme. Between 2003 and 2013 £3.8 million has been made available local residents in Camberwell to apply for awards to make their local area a better place to live. 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.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

3. Appendix 1 highlights two projects which have a total under spend of £52,000.
4. It is recommended that Old Camberwell New Road snooker hall exterior wall, project reference [106231], be cancelled since the development plans for the snooker hall have been agreed. It is recommended that the £30,000 funding remaining from the original budget be reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
5. It is recommended that Lettsom estate multi-games court, project reference [105460], be cancelled since lighting improvements are not feasible. It is recommended that the £22,000 funding remaining from the original budget is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.

Policy implications

6. None

Community impact statement

7. The roles and functions of community councils include the promotion of involvement of local people in the democratic process. 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.
8. 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 CGS programme is an important tool in achieving community participation.
9. In fulfilling the above objectives that community councils have of bringing together and involving Southwark's diverse local communities, consideration has also been given to the council's duty under the Equality Act 2010 which requires the council to have due regard when taking decision to the need to:
 - a. Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation or other prohibited conduct;
 - b. Advance of equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristics and those who do not share it;
 - c. Foster good relations between those who share a relevant characteristic and those that do not share it.
10. Of particular regard are issues of age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.
11. Having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity is further defined in s.149 as having due regard to the need of:
 - a. Remove or minimise disadvantages connected with a relevant protected characteristic;
 - b. Take steps to meet the different needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic;
 - c. Encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or any other activity in which they are under-represented.

Resource implications

12. This is the reallocation of existing CGS funding that was originally awarded in 2008/09 and 2013/14. CGS funding is devolved to community councils to spend on suitable projects.
13. Management of the reallocation of the funding will be contained within existing budgets. The reasons for variances to the individual projects spend and their proposed reallocation are set out in Appendix 1 to this report.
14. The total expenditure and sources of funding for the CGS schemes will be

monitored and reported on as part of the overall capital programme.

Consultation

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

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Director of Legal Services

16. The allocation of the CGS capital fund is an executive function, delegated by the leader to community councils.
17. Community councils are 'area committees' within the meaning of the Act and executive functions can be delegated to them by the leader.
18. This report is recommending that the Camberwell Community Council approve the reallocation of available funds from the 2008/2009 and 2013/2014 programmes as specified at Appendix 1 to the 2014/15 capital funding allocation. 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".
19. The cabinet member for transport environment and recycling approved the funding for the 2013/14 programme in October 2012 and the 2014/2015 programme in October 2013 by exercising his powers under Part 3D paragraph 2 of the constitution. Where funding needs to be reallocated the community council approval being sought here is therefore the appropriate constitutional step in the process.
20. 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.
21. In allocating funding under the CGS community councils must have regard to the council's equality duty set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. The report author has demonstrated how those duties need to be considered in the body of the report at paragraphs 14 to 17 in the community impact statement.

Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services

22. The report requests the approval of Camberwell Community Council for the re-allocation of a total of £52,000 to projects in the 2014/15 CGS programme, as set out in Appendix 1.
23. The strategic director of finance and corporate services notes the resource implications contained within the report, and confirms that the capital funding for the CGS programme has been approved as part of the overall council capital programme.
24. 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
Camberwell Community Council Minutes Item 15 20 November 2013	Environment and Leisure / Public Realm Projects 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862
Camberwell Community Council Minutes Agreement Form, Item 8 4 June 2008 http://moderngov.southwarksites.com/Data/Camberwell%20Community%20Council/20080604/Agenda/Minutes%20Agreement%20Form.pdf	Environment and Leisure / Public Realm Projects 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Cleaner Greener Safer programme funding reallocation - 12 February 2014

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Des Waters, Head of Public Realm	
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Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services	Yes	Yes
Cabinet Member	No	No
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