

Item No. 13.	Classification: Open	Date: 19 March 2014	Meeting Name: Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council
Report title:		Cleaner Greener Safer: Funding Reallocation	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Riverside, Rotherhithe	
From:		Head of Public Realm	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council approve the re-allocation of a total of £10,800 to a project 'Southwark Park play area improvements' in the 2014/15 Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS) programme, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. CGS is part of the London Borough of Southwark's capital programme. Between 2003 and 2013 £6.91m has been made available local residents in Bermondsey and Rotherhithe 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 one project which has a total under spend of £10,800.
4. It is recommended that Bermondsey cycle lockers, project reference [106046], is reallocated since there are major works planned at the estate which was identified for cycle lockers. As these works are due to continue for the next two years, it is recommended that the £10,800 funding identified for cycle lockers on this estate is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
5. Southwark Park play area improvements, proposal reference [400010], was one of the applications for the 2014 - 2015 CGS programme. The play area is located in Rotherhithe ward, close to Riverside ward and is a popular resource for Riverside residents.
6. It is recommended that £10,800 is reallocated to improve the water play feature, which was one element of the original application.

Policy implications

7. None

Community impact statement

8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. Of particular regard are issues of age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.
12. 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

13. This is the reallocation of existing CGS funding that was originally awarded in 2010/11. CGS funding is devolved to community councils to spend on suitable projects.

14. The allocation will be reprofiled to the correct financial years, once the contracts are agreed.
15. 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.
16. 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

17. 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

18. The allocation of the CGS capital fund is an executive function, delegated by the Leader to community councils.
19. Community councils are 'area committees' within the meaning of the act and executive functions can be delegated to them by the leader.
20. This report is recommending that the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council approve the reallocation of available funds from the 2010/2011 programme 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".
21. The cabinet member for transport environment and recycling approved the funding for the 2010/11 programme in October 2009 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.
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.
23. 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

24. The report requests the approval of Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council for the re-allocation of a total of £10,800 to projects in the 2014/15 CGS

programme, as set out in Appendix 1.

25. It is noted that the re-allocation of the funding will be contained within the existing departmental cleaner greener safer capital budgets allocated as part the council's capital programme.
26. Staffing and any other costs connected with this recommendation to be contained within existing departmental revenue budgets.

REASONS FOR URGENCY

27. The water play feature is a valuable summer facility for local residents. In order for works to be completed in time for summer 2014, the project must commence in April 2014. The earliest opportunity to consider this recommendation after this meeting will be July 2014. This would be too late for works to complete and provide play opportunities for families in 2014.

REASONS FOR LATENESS

28. The funding recommended for reallocation was identified on Wednesday 5 March 2014. The decision to cancel the cycle locker project was made at a tenants and residents association meeting which took place on the evening of 3 March 2014. The project team was informed on Wednesday 5 March 2014.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
<p>Bermondsey Community Council Planning Meeting 22 March 2010 Item 6</p> <p>http://moderngov.southwarksites.com/documents/g2946/Printed%20minutes%20Monday%2022-Mar-2010%2019.00%20Bermondsey%20Community%20Council.pdf?T=1</p>	<p>Environment and Leisure / Public Realm Projects 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH</p>	<p>Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862</p>
<p>Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS) Capital Funding 2014/15, Agenda item 14.1</p> <p>http://moderngov.southwarksites.com/documents/g4703/Public%20reports%20pack%20Wednesday%209-Jan-2014%2019.00%20Bermondsey%20and%20Rotherhithe%20Community%20Council.pdf?T=10</p>	<p>Environment and Leisure / Public Realm Projects 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH</p>	<p>Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862</p>

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Cleaner Greener Safer programme funding reallocation - 19 March 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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