

Item No. 11.	Classification: Open	Date: 29 November 2014	Meeting Name: Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community
Report title:		Community Council Highways Capital Investment 2014/15	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All in the Community Council areas	
From:		Head of Public Realm	

RECOMMENDATION

1. To agree the funding of the proposed schemes for the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council as set out in Appendix 1, or to agree 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 works 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 the Cabinet Member for Transport, Environment and Recycling committed to the provision of an allocation of £100k (£800k total) to each Community Council for local investment selections in highways surfacing. This is drawn from and not in addition to the £5.05m available for 2014/15
5. The financial provision for each Community Councils is pro-rata by ward, as published in Highways Capital Investment Programme 2014/15 dated 12 December 2013 (Appendix 4) and also found at:
6. Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council is allocated £209,525 in 2014/15 to be used for its highways surface improvements (carriageway or footway) of its choice. These can be spent on any non-principal road in the area. Any under/over spends from previous years can also be carry forward.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

7. The overall budget available to the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council is £207,368 (£209,525 for 2014/15 plus £12,509 carried over from 2013/14 minus implementation fees £14,666). Appendix 1
8. 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

9. 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

10. 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 2014/15. Any under spends or projected overspends will be reported back to Community Council for resolution or reallocation.

Community impact statement

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

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Highways Capital Investment Programme Decision 12 December 2013	160 Tooley Street PO Box 64529 Southwark Council London SE1P 5LX Online at: http://modern.gov.southwark.gov.uk/documents/s43081/Report.pdf#search=%22highways%20capital%20investment%20programme%202014%22	Himanshu Jansari 0207525 3291 or Matthew Hill 020 7525 3541

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Ward Members Proposals for 2014-15
Appendix 2	Extract from the Highways Capital Investment programme for 2014/15 - Community Council Investment Allocations (Appendix 4)

AUDIT TRAIL

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Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services	Yes	Yes
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