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| <b>Item No.</b><br>11.             | <b>Classification:</b><br>Open | <b>Date:</b><br>28 January 2015   | <b>Meeting Name:</b><br>Bermondsey and Rotherhithe<br>Community Council |
| <b>Report title:</b>               |                                | Cleaner Greener Safer 2015/16: Capital Funding Allocation                           |   |
| <b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b> |                                | Grange, Riverside, Rotherhithe, Rotherhithe Livesey, South Bermondsey, Surrey Docks |   |
| <b>From:</b>                       |                                | Head of Public Realm  |   |

## RECOMMENDATION

1. To approve the allocation of funds for the 2015-16 cleaner greener safer (CGS) capital programme in the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council area from the list of applications set out in Appendix 1.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The council's CGS capital programme has been running since 2003.
3. In the first twelve years of the CGS programme, £30,393,000 has been allocated to community councils leading to 1,973 projects being approved.
4. In the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council area, £7,399,531 has been allocated to 406 projects, 365 of which have been completed to date.
5. Examples of the types of projects that have been funded include:
  - Parks, community gardens, landscaping, tree planting and wildlife areas
  - Children's playgrounds, youth facilities, ball courts and cycle tracks
  - Lighting, security measures, pavements, streets, and tackling 'grot spots'
  - Grants to local groups to self-deliver projects

## KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

6. There is £492,381 available for the 2015/16 CGS capital programme for new projects in the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council area.
7. Unallocated funding from previous years' programmes will also be reallocated subject to approval in a separate report.
8. Eligible proposals must bring about a permanent improvement and make an area cleaner, greener or safer.
9. Proposals with revenue costs, including salaries or computer equipment, feasibility studies, costs for events, festivals, workshops or other one-off events are not eligible for capital funding. CCTV proposals, internal improvements to housing property, works on schools where there is no access to the general public are also not eligible. Works on private property are not eligible unless there is a long-term guarantee of public access or a demonstrable public

benefit.

10. The application form invited expressions of interest for the applicants to deliver projects themselves. A due diligence exercise to ensure that this is both practical and realistic has been undertaken as part of the feasibility process. In such cases, the council would give the funding allocation to the applicant in the form of a capital grant, with appropriate conditions attached.

### **Policy implications**

11. The CGS programme is fully aligned with the council's policies around sustainability, regeneration and community engagement.

### **Community impact statement**

12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. Of particular regard are issues of age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.
16. 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 participate in public life or any other activity in which they are under-represented.
17. All ideas for CGS projects come directly from the local community via a simple project nomination form available in electronic and paper format.

## **Resource implications**

18. The funding for the 2015/16 CGS capital programme was approved by the cabinet and is part of the council's overall capital programme as detailed in the launch of CGS capital programme 2015/16 report dated August 2014.
19. All professional fees related to the project are also treated as the capital costs of the project. Where projects are awarded as a grant to organisations, the community council award letter will not include the professional fees which will be charged direct to project costs.
20. CGS projects must be completed within two years of award of funding. Projects that are unlikely to be completed within two years will be reported to community council and available budgets may be reallocated to other projects. Revenue costs not covered by maintenance or the contractual liability period will fall upon the asset owner. The business unit will be notified of the likely costs before the schemes proceeds, in order to secure permission to implement the scheme.
21. After the defects and liability period, or three year maintenance period in the case of planting works, all future maintenance is assumed by the asset owner, for example housing, parks, highways, or in some cases external asset owners. Therefore, there are no revenue implications to the public realm projects business unit as a result of approving the proposed allocation.
22. The total expenditure and sources of funding for the scheme will be monitored and reported on as part of the overall capital programme.
23. Value for money will be ensured when the contract is procured by following the council's contract standing orders.

## **Consultation**

24. All CGS projects require consultation with stakeholders, including the project applicant, local residents, tenants and residents associations and local community groups where appropriate.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS**

### **Director of Legal Services**

25. The allocation of the cleaner, greener, safer capital fund ('CGS') is an executive function, delegated by the leader to community councils.
26. Community councils are 'area committees' within the meaning of the Act and executive functions can be delegated to them by the Leader.
27. This report is recommending that the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council approve the allocation of funds to the individual projects specified at Appendix 1. 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".
28. The cabinet member for transport environment and recycling approved the

funding for the 2015/2016 programme in August 2014 by exercising his powers under part 3D paragraph 2 of the constitution; and the community council approval being sought here is therefore the next constitutional step in the process.

29. 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.
30. 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 Resources**

31. This report recommends approval of the allocation of funds for the 2015/16 CGS programme in the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council area from the list of applications set out in Appendix 1.
32. The strategic director of finance and corporate resources 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.
33. Officer time and any other costs connected with this recommendation will be contained within existing budgeted revenue resources.

### **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

| <b>Background Papers</b>  | <b>Held At</b>  | <b>Contact</b>                     |
|---|---|------------------------------------|
| Launch of Cleaner Greener Safer Capital Programme 2015/16 - August 2014 | <a href="http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=4798">http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=4798</a> | Michelle Normanly<br>020 7525 0862 |

### **APPENDICES**

| <b>No.</b> | <b>Title</b>   |
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| Appendix 1 | Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council Cleaner Greener Safer Capital programme 2015/16: Applications |

### **AUDIT TRAIL**

|   |   |                          |
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| <b>Officer Title</b>  | <b>Comments Sought</b>                        | <b>Comments included</b> |
| Director of Legal Services  | Yes   | Yes                      |
| Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Resources                   | Yes   | Yes                      |
| <b>Cabinet Member</b>   | No  | No                       |
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