

<b>Item No.</b> 15.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 7 February 2015	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council
<b>Report title:</b>		Cleaner Greener Safer: Funding Reallocation	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		Cathedrals, Chaucer, East Walworth, Faraday, Newington	
<b>From:</b>		Head of Public Realm	

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council approve the re-allocation of a total of £57,147 to seven projects – one in 2012/2013 Cleaner Greener Safer capital programme and six in the 2014/2015 Cleaner Greener Safer capital programme; and as part of the 2015/2016 programme, as set out in Appendix 1.
2. That Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council approve the partial change of scope for project Albert Barnes House sheds / yard project reference [106280].

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3. Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS) is part of the London Borough of Southwark's capital programme. Between 2003 and 2014, £7,62m has been made available to local residents in Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council area, 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

4. Appendix 1 highlights 10 projects which have a total under spend of £57,147.
5. It is recommended that under spend of £4,200 from the GMH dog gym, project reference [106277], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
6. It is recommended that under spend of £1,700 from More table tennis tables in Newington Gardens, project reference [106292], is reallocated to a project where funding is required.
7. It is recommended that under spend of £1,100 from Octavia Hill estate hanging baskets phase 1, project reference [106394], is reallocated to projects

where additional funding is required.

8. It is recommended that under spend of £5,200 from Chapter Road improvements, project reference [105450], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
9. It is recommended that under spend of £6,500 from Pelier estate brighter view, project reference [106400], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
10. It is recommended that Walcorde Avenue bin stores, project reference [106030], is cancelled and the funding of £7,000 is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required. The cleansing department would be unable to adopt these stores and regular cleaning and possible future maintenance or repairs would not be carried out.
11. It is recommended that East Walworth conservation area improvement (Wansey Street), project reference [105990], is cancelled and the funding of £10,000 is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required. The cleansing department would be unable to adopt these stores and regular cleaning and possible future maintenance or repairs would not be carried out.
12. It is recommended that Aylesbury Youth Club lighting, project reference [106053], is cancelled and the award of £8000 is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required. The Youth Club building has closed and the funding is no longer required.
13. It is recommended that New Church Road cycle safety, project reference [106402], is cancelled and the award of £8,947 is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required. Since the award, the Parks department has secured separate funding and will undertake the work at this location.
14. It is recommended that Burgess park underpass, project reference [106384], is cancelled and the award of £4,500 is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required. Since the award, the Parks department has secured separate funding and will undertake the work at this location.
15. It is recommended that £10,850 is allocated to Gaitskell House railings phase 3, project reference [106400], to complete the final phase of the scheme.
16. It is recommended that £3,000 is allocated to Diamonds Memorial Garden, project reference [105578], to complete the scheme.
17. It is recommended that £3,000 is allocated to Elizabeth estate hanging baskets, project reference [106383], to reinstate a lapsed scheme.
18. It is recommended that £5,697 is allocated to Octavia Hill estate hanging baskets phase 2, project reference [106394], to extend an existing scheme.
19. It is recommended that £2,000 is allocated to Perkins Square play ground, project reference [106279], to complete the scheme.
20. It is recommended that £2,200 is allocated to Scovell playground, project reference [106287], as the implementation of this scheme requires additional

funding.

21. It is recommended that £1,700 is allocated to Tabard bird and bat boxes (parks and school project), project reference [106399], a project that was approved by councillors in response to a request from a local school.
22. It is recommended that a partial change of scope for project Albert Barnes House sheds / yard, project reference [106280], be approved. During the implementation of the project, the TRA requested that money allocated to install a planter with flowers be spent on a security gate across back entrance to improve residents' safety.
23. It is recommended that the remaining £28,447 is reallocated as part of the 2015/2016 CGS programme.

### **Policy implications**

24. There are no policy implications associated with this report.

### **Community impact statement**

25. 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.
26. 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.
27. 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:
  - Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation or other prohibited conduct;
  - Advance of equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristics and those who do not share it;
  - Foster good relations between those who share a relevant characteristic and those that do not share it.
28. Of particular regard are issues of age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.
29. 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:
  - Remove or minimise disadvantages connected with a relevant protected characteristic;
  - Take steps to meet the different needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic;

- 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**

30. This is the reallocation of existing CGS funding of £57,147 that was originally awarded in 2010/2011, 2012/2013, 2013/2014 and 2014/2015. CGS funding is devolved to community councils to spend on suitable projects.
31. 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.
32. 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 councils 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.
33. 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.
34. The total expenditure and sources of funding for the scheme will be monitored and reported on as part of the overall capital programme.

### **Consultation**

35. All cleaner greener safer 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**

36. The allocation of the Cleaner Greener Safer capital fund ('CGS') is an executive function, delegated by the leader to community councils.
37. Community councils are 'area committees' within the meaning of the Act and executive functions can be delegated to them by the leader.
38. This report is recommending that the Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council approve the reallocation of available funds from the 2010/2011, 2012/2013, 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 programmes as specified at appendix 1 to the 2015-16 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”.

39. The cabinet member for transport environment and recycling approved the funding for the 2010/2011 programme in October 2009, the 2012/2013 programme in October 2011, the 2013/2014 programme in September 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.
40. 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.
41. 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**

42. The report requests the approval of Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council for the re-allocation of a total of £57,147 to projects in the 2012/2013, 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 Cleaner Greener Safer programmes, as set out in Appendix 1.
43. 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.
44. Staffing and any other costs connected with this recommendation to be contained within existing departmental revenue budgets.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council Meeting held on Saturday 1 February 2014, Minutes item 12  <a href="http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=350&amp;MId=4675&amp;Ver=4">http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=350&amp;MId=4675&amp;Ver=4</a>	Environment and Leisure / Public Realm Projects 160 Tooley Street	Andrea Allen 020 7525 0860
Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council Meeting held on Monday 22 April 2013, Minutes item 9  <a href="http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=350&amp;MId=4314&amp;Ver=4">http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=350&amp;MId=4314&amp;Ver=4</a>	Environment and Leisure / Public Realm Projects 160 Tooley Street	Andrea Allen 020 7525 0860
Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council Meeting held on 10 March 2012	Environment and Leisure / Public Realm Projects 160 Tooley Street	Andrea Allen 020 7525 0860
Walworth Community Council Meeting held on 16 March 2010	Environment and Leisure / Public Realm Projects 160 Tooley Street	Andrea Allen 020 7525 0860

## APPENDIX

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council CGS Capital Funding 2014-15

## AUDIT TRAIL

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