

Item No. 10.	Classification: Open	Date: 23 March 2015	Meeting Name: Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council
Report title:		Cleaner Greener Safer: Funding Reallocation	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Grange, Riverside, South Bermondsey	
From:		Des Waters, Head of Public Realm	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council approve the re-allocation of a total of £38,168 to two projects in the 2014/2015 cleaner greener safer (CGS) capital programme, one project in the 2012/13 CGS capital programme and as part of the 2015/2016 programme, as set out in Appendix 1.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. CGS is part of the London Borough of Southwark's capital programme. Between 2003 and 2014 £7.40m 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 nine projects which have a total under spend of £37,820 and a recommendation for the reallocation of £348.00 between two existing projects.
4. It is recommended that the under spend of £3,900 from Spa Park outdoor gym, project reference [106230], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
5. It is recommended that the under spend of £3,700 from the big Tower Bridge Road clean ip, project reference [105928], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
6. It is recommended that the under spend of £6,450 from Bermondsey Boer War memorial restoration, project reference [103958], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
7. It is recommended that the under spend of £1,500 from re-design Cherry

Gardens, project reference [105443], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.

8. It is recommended that the under spend of £16,000 from Freaan Street lighting, project reference [105933], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
9. It is recommended that new ceiling for Wade Hall, project reference [105932], is cancelled and the grant of £1,000 is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required. The works were undertaken by local residents at no cost and the funding is no longer required.
10. It is recommended that citizens advice bureau shop windows, project reference [105541] is cancelled and the grant of £370 is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required. The citizens advice bureau no longer intend to undertake the works and the funding is no longer required.
11. It is recommended that the under spend of £3,700 from Shuttleworth Park lighting, project reference [105841], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
12. It is recommended that the under spend of £1,200 from Rennie and Manor Estate notice board, project reference [106422], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
13. It is recommended that £348.00 from Whites Grounds information board, grant reference [105533], is reallocated to Whites Grounds/Tyers in bloom, grant reference [105532], for the plaque for the community sculpture installed as part of this project.
14. It is recommended that Riverside ward allocate £9,950 to Bermondsey hanging baskets, project reference [106468] to continue the annual hanging basket contract through 2014/2015.
15. It is recommended that £1,800 is reallocated to St Crispins MUGA netting, project reference [106410]. This project was awarded £3,900 in 2014/2015. Quotations for the proposed work are in excess of the original budget. The additional funding will allow the replacement of the existing damaged netting to proceed.
16. It is recommended that the remaining £26,070 is reallocated as part of the 2015/2016 CGS programme.

Policy implications

17. N/A

Community impact statement

18. 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.

19. 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.
20. 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.
21. Of particular regard are issues of age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.
22. 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

23. This is the reallocation of existing CGS funding 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.
24. 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.
25. 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.
26. 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.

27. The total expenditure and sources of funding for the scheme will be monitored and reported on as part of the overall capital programme.

Consultation

28. 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

29. The allocation of the CGS capital fund is an executive function, delegated by the leader to community councils.
30. Community councils are 'area committees' within the meaning of the Act and executive functions can be delegated to them by the leader.
31. This report is recommending that the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council approve the reallocation of available funds from the 2010/2011, 2012/2013, 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 programme as specified at appendix 1 to the 2014/2015 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".
32. 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.
33. 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.
34. 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

35. The report requests the approval of Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council for the re-allocation of a total of £38,168 to projects in the 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 CGS programmes, as set out in Appendix 1.
36. 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.

37. Staffing and any other costs connected with this recommendation to be contained within existing departmental revenue budgets.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
<p>Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4 December 2013, Minutes item 10</p> <p>http://moderngov.southwarksites.com/documents/g4703/Public%20reports%20pack%20Wednesday%2029-Jan-2014%2019.00%20Bermondsey%20and%20Rotherhithe%20Community%20Council.pdf?T=10</p>	<p>Environment and Leisure / Public Realm Projects 160 Tooley Street</p>	<p>Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862</p>
<p>Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council, Meeting held on 29 April 2013, Minutes item 13</p> <p>http://moderngov.southwarksites.com/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=349&MIId=4327&Ver=4</p>	<p>Environment and Leisure / Public Realm Projects 160 Tooley Street</p>	<p>Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862</p>
<p>Bermondsey Community Council Planning Meeting held on 22 March 2010, Minutes 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</p>	<p>Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862</p>
<p>Bermondsey Community Council Meeting held on 21 March 2012, Minutes item 12</p> <p>http://moderngov.southwarksites.com/documents/g3849/Printed%20minutes%20Wednesday%2021-Mar-2012%2019.00%20Bermondsey%20Community%20Council.pdf?T=1</p>	<p>Environment and Leisure / Public Realm Projects 160 Tooley Street</p>	<p>Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862</p>
<p>Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council Meeting held on 10 October 2012, Minutes item 13</p> <p>http://moderngov.southwarksites.com/documents/g4289/Printed%20minutes%20Wednesday%2010-Oct-</p>	<p>Environment and Leisure / Public Realm Projects 160 Tooley Street</p>	<p>Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862</p>

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Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council Meeting held on 29 January 2014, Minutes item 16 http://moderngov.southwarksites.com/documents/g4703/Printed%20minutes%20Wednesday%2029-Jan-2014%2019.00%20Bermondsey%20and%20Rotherhithe%20Community%20Council.pdf?T=1	Environment and Leisure / Public Realm Projects 160 Tooley Street	Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Cleaner Greener Safer programme funding reallocation - 23 March 2015

AUDIT TRAIL

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Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services	Yes	Yes
Cabinet Member	No	No
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