

Item No. 11.	Classification: Open	Date: 24 June 2015	Meeting Name: Dulwich Community Council
Report title:		Cleaner Greener Safer programme update	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All wards	
From:		Head of Public Realm	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Dulwich Community Council notes the contents of the report.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS) is part of the London Borough of Southwark's capital programme. Between 2003 and 2015 £3.69m has been made available to local residents to apply for awards to make Dulwich 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 schemes 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.
3. Projects are managed by council project managers and grants are managed by proposal applicants.
4. There are currently 62 live CGS projects and grants in Dulwich – 58 of these are within the two year completion rate target. Three of the four older incomplete awards are expected to complete within two months and one project (Herne Hill Velodrome Access improvements) has been given an extension of time to complete in late spring 2016, following major works on the site.
5. Appendix 1 shows the number of awards approved in the last four years of the programme and whether the projects and grants are completed or live.
6. Appendix 2 is a list of live projects and grants with an estimated completion date.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

7. A condition of successful project and grant awards is they should aim to complete within two years of award. If a project or grant will take longer than two years to complete, the award will be reviewed and may be cancelled.
8. During the year, projects may be cancelled or complete with an underspend and the funds will be available to reallocate to existing or new projects.

Policy implications

9. None.

Community impact statement

10. 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.
11. 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 cleaner greener safer programme is an important tool in achieving community participation.
12. 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.
13. Of particular regard are issues of age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.
14. 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:
 - d. Remove or minimise disadvantages connected with a relevant protected characteristic;
 - e. Take steps to meet the different needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic;
 - f. Encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic participate in public life or any other activity in which they are under- represented.

Resource implications

15. CGS funding is devolved to community councils to spend on suitable projects. Management of the reallocation of the funding will be contained within existing budgets.

Policy implications

16. The cleaner green safer programme is fully aligned with the council's policies around sustainability, regenerations and community engagement.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Dulwich Community Council minutes,	Cleaner Greener Safer, Public Realm, 160 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2TZ http://modern.gov.southwark.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=176&Mid=4839&Ver=4	Andrea Allen 020 7525 0860

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Cleaner Greener Safer funding programme 2012 - 2015
Appendix 2	Cleaner Greener Safer – project list 2012 - 2015

AUDIT TRAIL

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