

Item No. 16.	Classification: Open	Date: 9 September 2015	Meeting Name: Dulwich Community Council
Report title:		Cleaner Greener Safer: Funding Reallocation	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		College, East Dulwich, Village	
From:		Matthew Hill, Public Realm Programme Manager	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Dulwich Community Council approves the allocations of the following:
 - £600 of available funding to existing project 106536 Ketra Hall redecoration.
 - £3000 of available funding to 106297 Jasper Road HGV Restriction.
 - £160 of available funding to Herne Hill noticeboard repairs.
 - £1,500 of available funding to existing project 106539 Bench in Half Moon Lane
 - £10,000 of available funding to Melbourne Grove feasibility study.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS) is part of the London Borough of Southwark's capital programme. Between 2003 and 2014 £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 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.
3. At the Dulwich Community Council meeting on 28 January 2015, all available funding for 2015-16 cleaner greener safer capital allocation was awarded to new projects. Since that meeting, eight projects have been completed with underspends and two projects were cancelled (Appendix 1). This has resulted in £31,350 funding being available for allocation to existing or new projects.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

4. It is recommended that £600 be allocated to 106536 Ketra Hall redecoration. The quote exceeded the estimated cost.

5. It is recommended that £3,000 be allocated to 106297 Jasper Road HGV Restriction. The signage requires a Traffic Management Order to be issued.
6. It is recommended that £160 be allocated to Half Moon Lane noticeboard repairs as the noticeboard has been vandalised.
7. It is recommended that £1,500 be allocated to 106539 Bench in Half Moon Lane. One bench has been installed and there is a need for a second bench.
8. It is recommended that £10,000 be allocated to fund Melbourne Grove feasibility study. This study has been requested by local residents.
9. It is noted that £15,260 Cleaner Greener Safer funding remains unallocated and available for reallocation by Dulwich Community Council.

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:
 - 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.

15. KETRA hall is a community space available for activities for the local community. It is very well-used. It is some years since the hall was decorated and the request for this work came from the Tenants and Residents Association.
16. The residents of Jasper Road are very concerned about public safety due to the number of HGVs and tour buses which regularly attempt to drive along Jasper Road as a short cut. There is not a through route for large vehicles in Jasper Road and the large vehicles dangerously reverse the length of the road.
17. Residents in Half Moon Lane have requested a second bench be installed near a bus stop as many older residents would welcome being able to sit down while waiting for the bus.
18. The feasibility study of Melbourne Grove will investigate residents' concerns and identify impact of any possible changes in traffic movement..
19. The Half Moon Lane noticeboard was installed with Cleaner Greener Safer funding in 2009 for the display of community notices. Since then the glass has been scratched which made the noticeboard unusable.

Resource implications

20. The funding recommended in this report is £15,260 against the funding of £31,350 available within the existing CGS funding. (See attached Appendix 1 for details of the existing projects along with the cost codes). CGS funding is devolved to community councils to spend on suitable projects.
21. The profiling of the budgets will be amended once the recommendations have been approved and the schemes will be monitored and reported on as part of the overall capital programme.
22. Management of the reallocation of the funding will be contained within existing budgets.

Policy implications

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

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Director of Legal Services

24. The Local Government Act 2000 [as amended] ('the Act') gives the Leader the power to delegate any executive function to whoever lawfully can undertake the function. The allocation of the cleaner, greener, safer capital fund ('CGS') is an executive function.
25. Community councils are 'area committees' within the meaning of the Act and executive functions can be delegated to them by the Leader.

26. This report is recommending that the Dulwich 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".
27. The cabinet member for transport environment and recycling approved the funding for the 2015/2016 programme in September 2014 by exercising its 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.
28. Community council members 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.
29. 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 13 to 15 in the community impact statement.

Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services

30. The report requests the approval of Dulwich Community Council for the allocation of £15,260 from available funds of £31,350 to projects within the cleaner greener safer programme as set out in Appendix 1.
31. The strategic director of finance and corporate services notes that the proposed allocations to current and new projects will be contained within the existing departmental cleaner greener safer capital budgets allocated as part of the council's capital programme devolved to the Dulwich Community Council.
32. Staffing and any other costs connected with this recommendation to be contained within existing departmental revenue budgets.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Dulwich Community Council minutes http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/documents/q4839/Printed%20minutes%20Wednesday%2028-Jan-2015%2019.00%20Dulwich%20Community%20Council.pdf?T=1	Cleaner Greener Safer, Public Realm, 160 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2TZ	Andrea Allen 020 7525 0860
Dulwich Community Council minutes http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/documents/q4721/Printed%20minutes%20Wednesday%2029-Jan-2014%2019.00%20Dulwich%20Community%20Council.pdf?T=1	Cleaner Greener Safer, Public Realm, 160 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2TZ	Andrea Allen 020 7525 0860

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	List of Cleaner Greener Safer capital funding schemes

AUDIT TRAIL

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Cabinet Member	No	No
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