

Item No. 4.2.	Classification: Open	Date: 21 November 2015	Meeting Name: Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council
Report title:		Community Council Highways Capital Investment 2014/15	
Ward(s) or groups affected		All in the Community Council area	
From:		Head of Highways	

RECOMMENDATION

1. To agree the funding of the proposed schemes for the Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council identified by ward members and set out in Appendix 1; or to agree alternative schemes subject to officer investigation and feasibility.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The declining quality of public highway combined with extreme weather events has led to further deterioration in recent years – with some non principal, unclassified roads being particularly affected. Given the nature of these roads and the lower level of traffic flows it is unlikely that such locations will feature in any major resurfacing programme. Without the necessary capital allocation to attend to such locations, complaints of poor road surfaces can only be dealt with through the council's reactive maintenance programme.
3. The council's non-principal road investment programme prioritises works on non-principal roads on a borough-wide basis and this investment forms the largest part of the annual investment programme.
4. Since 2011/12, each community council has received devolved funding to implement local priorities that would not be a corporate priority for funding.
5. The financial provision for each community council is pro-rata by ward, as published in Highways Capital Investment Programme 2014/15 dated 12 December 2013 (Appendix 4) and also found at:
<http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/documents/s43081/Report.pdf#search=%22highways%20capital%20investment%20programme%202014%22>
6. Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council is allocated £190,475 in 2014/15 to be used for its highways surface improvements (carriageway or footway) of its choice. These can be spent on any non-principal road in the area. The funding for 2014/15 is yet to be allocated and has been carried forward to this year for spends. Previously decision on this item has been deferred. This report contains previous recommendations by ward members and additional schemes identified by Cathedrals ward councillors.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

7. The overall budget available to the Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council is **£150,232**. Gladstone Street and John Ruskin Street were approved on 16 September 2015, and are also highlighted in Appendix 1.

8. The commencement and completion of the schemes within the current financial year will depend upon the decision by the community council, subject to any adverse weather conditions later in the winter months.

Community council selections

9. This money can be spent on any asset renewal or replacement project selected by the community council with the caveats that it cannot be spent on traffic safety or parking schemes, non-functional or decorative installations and / or non-essential works. In addition to the resurfacing selections provided it, the money (or part thereof) could be spent on minor patching and pothole repairs should a community council wish to do so.

Delivery

10. Once the community council has made its selections by the method of its choice they will be designed and delivered as soon as possible in 2015/16. Any under spends or projected overspends will be reported back to community council for resolution or reallocation.

Community impact statement

11. There are no specific community impact issues arising from the recommendations.

Financial implications

12. The overall programme for the works covered in this report are based on initial estimates and may fluctuate due to varying circumstances such as sub strata conditions or other adjacent works which may require the work items and estimates to be adjusted.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Highways Capital Investment Programme Decision 12 December 2013	160 Tooley Street PO Box 64529 Southwark Council London SE1P 5LX	Himanshu Jansari 020 7525 3291 or Matthew Hill 020 7525 3541

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Ward members proposals for 2014-15
Appendix 2	Extract from the highways capital investment programme for 2014/15 - community council investment allocations (Appendix 4)

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Matthew Hill, Head of Highways	
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