

Item No. 11.	Classification: Open	Date: 27 January 2016	Meeting Name: Dulwich Community Council
Report title:		Cleaner Greener Safer: Funding Reallocation	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		College, East Dulwich, Village	
From:		Head of Highways	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Dulwich Community Council:
 - approves allocation of £300 of available funding to existing project 106887 Half Moon Lane notice board to replace vandalised perspex.
 - approves allocation of £1,200 of available funding to existing project 106537 St Barnabas notice board.
 - approves allocation of £1,000 of available funding to existing project 106573 Kingswood estate play areas.
 - approves allocation of £40,800 of available funding to 2016-17 cleaner, greener safer funding for Dulwich Community Council.

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 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 from 2015-16 cleaner greener safer capital allocation including funding available from completed and cancelled projects was awarded to new projects.
4. At Dulwich Community Council meeting on 9 September 2015, a total of £31,350 was reported as being available for reallocation. At that meeting, £16,250 was approved to increase funding to existing schemes and to fund a new scheme. This left £15,100 funding being available for allocation to existing or new projects.
5. Since that meeting, one project has been cancelled and an additional £28,200 is available to reallocate (Appendix 1). This means a total of £43,300 is

available.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

6. It is recommended that additional funding is provided to three projects and the remaining £40,300 of available funding be added to 2016-17 cleaner, greener safer funding for Dulwich Community Council.

Policy implications

7. None.

Community impact statement

8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. Of particular regard are issues of age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.
12. 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.

13. All ideas for CGS projects come directly from the local community via a simple project nomination form available in electronic and paper format.
14. The request to replace the broken perspex in the Half Moon Lane came from local community groups. The noticeboard is used to display community information and upcoming local events.
15. The applicant for the St Barnabas noticeboard was the Dulwich Society which has many hundreds of members in Dulwich. The noticeboard is used to display community information and upcoming local events.
16. The applicant for improvements to the old playgrounds on Kingswood Estate was KETRA (Kingswood Estate Tenants & Residents Association). The works will provide a safer play area for the many children who use the playgrounds.

Resource implications

17. The funding is available within the existing CGS funding. 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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Director of Law and Democracy

19. 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.
20. Community councils are 'area committees' within the meaning of the Act and executive functions can be delegated to them by the Leader.
21. 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 detailed in 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".
22. The cabinet member for transport environment and recycling approved the funding for the 2016/2017 programme in September 2014 by exercising his 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.
23. 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.

24. 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 9 to 11 in the community impact statement.

Strategic Director of Finance and Governance

25. The report requests the approval of the Dulwich Community Council for the allocation of £2,500 against the funding of £43,300 available within the existing CGS funding, and the remaining unallocated fund of £40,800 to be carried forward to 2016/17 within the cleaner greener safer programme as set out in Appendix 1.
26. The strategic director of finance and governance notes that the proposed allocations will be contained within the existing departmental capital budgets for cleaner greener safer allocated as part of the council's capital programme devolved to the Dulwich Community Council.
27. Staffing and any other costs connected with these recommendations to be contained within existing departmental revenue budgets.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Dulwich Community Council agenda and minutes file	Cleaner Greener Safer, Public Realm, 160 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2TZ http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=176&MId=4839&Ver=4 http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=176&MId=5157&Ver=4	Andrea Allen 020 7525 0860

APPENDIX

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Dulwich Community Council available CGS Capital Funding

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Matthew Hill, Head of Highways	
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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included
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Strategic Director of Finance and Governance	Yes	Yes
Cabinet Member	No	No
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