

Item No. 11.	Classification: Open	Date: 15 March 2016	Meeting Name: Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council
Report title:		Cleaner Greener Safer: Funding Reallocation	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Grange, Riverside, South Bermondsey, Rotherhithe, Surrey Docks	
From:		Head of Highways	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council approve the re-allocation of a total of £82,829 to other projects in the 2014/15, and 2015/2016 cleaner greener safer capital programmes, and two new projects as part of the 2016/2017 programme, as set out in Appendix 1.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS) is part of the London Borough of Southwark's capital programme. Between 2003 and 2015 £7.89m 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 twenty-one projects which have a total under spend of £81,829 and recommendations for the reallocation of £5,600 to existing projects and £13,695 to two new projects.
4. It is recommended that the remaining £24,740 from Crucifix Lane railway arch frontage, project reference [000647], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required. The project was proposed in 2007 before the arches were listed. This has increased the budget required to deliver the project and made it unfeasible without significant match funding from Network Rail or other sources.
5. It is recommended that the under spend of £5,000 from SPAM community environment friendly issues, project reference [104465], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
6. It is recommended that the under spend of £1,000 from Abbey Street shopping parade, project reference [106404], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.

7. It is recommended that the under spend of £2,000 from Eveline Lowe dog walking area, project reference [106405], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
8. It is recommended that the under spend of £4,000 from Magdalen Hall courtyard lighting, project reference [106407], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
9. It is recommended that the under spend of £1,000 from drying rooms at Devon Mansions blocks (1-21), project reference [105930], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
10. It is recommended that the under spend of £3,100 from Keetons Estate lighting, project reference [106519], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
11. It is recommended that the under spend of £1,500 from Longfield Estate additional cycle lockers, project reference [106421], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
12. It is recommended that the under spend of £300 from Rouel Road Estate notice boards, project reference [106507], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
13. It is recommended that the under spend of £700 from Cragie House lighting, project reference [106511], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
14. It is recommended that the under spend of £2,000 from Bermondsey Community Kitchen van, project reference [106513], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
15. It is recommended that the under spend of £1,290 from Galleywall rainwater collection, project reference [106517], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
16. It is recommended that the under spend of £1,200 from Abbeyfield notice boards, project reference [106455], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
17. It is recommended that the under spend of £1,800 from Rotherhithe Town Hall caryatides restoration, project reference [104630], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
18. It is recommended that the under spend of £1,400 from Albion Street market electrical points, project reference [105522], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
19. It is recommended that the under spend of £2,500 from King's Stairs Gardens safety improvements, project reference [105923], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
20. It is recommended that the under spend of £4,000 from Pynfolds play area,

project reference [106454], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.

21. It is recommended that the under spend of £3,600 from Albion Channel nesting rafts, project reference [106498], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
22. It is recommended that the under spend of £740 from Addy House motorbike parking, project reference [106500], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
23. Surrey Docks Farm has returned £12,695 of the £22,680 grant awarded in 2014/2015 to install solar panels at the farm, project reference [106271]. The funding was returned in order to qualify for the feed-in tariff which formed part of the basis of the business plan for the project.
24. It is recommended that the £12,695 returned by Surrey Docks Farm is reallocated to a new project proposed by the farm to redevelop their western site. The works will improve facilities at the farm and develop the educational programme by giving the public viewing facilities at the improved piggery.
25. It is recommended that the under spend of £2,780 from Surrey Water nesting rafts, project reference [106497], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
26. It is recommended that the under spend of £1,000 from Rennie and Manor Estate notice board, project reference [106422], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
27. It is recommended that Tower Bridge arch, project reference [106411] is cancelled and the £4,484 remaining funding is returned to Riverside and Grange ward for reallocation to projects where additional funding is required. The estimated budget required to implement the proposed improvements is over £150,000. There is currently no additional funding identified to pursue the works and no agreement with the external asset owners with responsibility for the bridge and the road.
28. It is recommended that South Bermondsey ward allocate £2,500 to Manor Estate netting, project reference [106508]. 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.
29. It is recommended that South Bermondsey ward allocate £1,300 to Avondale House greening, project reference [106423]. This is to cover the additional costs of installing a sixth planter and increasing the height of all the planters to address health and safety concerns.
30. It is recommended that South Bermondsey ward allocate £1,000 to a new project to reinstall bollards between Barry House and Dodd House. The original bollards were removed during the improvements carried out on the estate in 2014.
31. It is recommended that Riverside ward allocate £800 to Dickens Estate notice boards, project reference [106527]. This is to cover the additional costs of installing a fifth notice board.

32. It is recommended that Riverside ward allocate £1,000 to Spenlow House pitch resurfacing, project reference [106528]. This is to cover the additional costs required to resurface an area adjacent to the pitch.
33. It is recommended that the remaining £63,534 is reallocated as part of the 2016/2017 CGS programme.

Policy implications

34. None.

Community impact statement

35. 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.
36. 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.
37. 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.
38. Of particular regard are issues of age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.
39. 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

40. This is the reallocation of existing CGS funding that was originally awarded in

2007/2008, 2010/2011, 2012/2013, 2013/2014, 2014/2015 and 2015/2016. CGS funding is devolved to community councils to spend on suitable projects.

41. 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.
42. 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.
43. 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.
44. The total expenditure and sources of funding for the scheme will be monitored and reported on as part of the overall capital programme.

Consultation

45. 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 Law and Democracy

46. The allocation of the Cleaner Greener Safer capital fund ('CGS') is an executive function, delegated by the Leader to community councils.
47. Community councils are 'area committees' within the meaning of the Act and executive functions can be delegated to them by the Leader.
48. This report is recommending that the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council approve the reallocation of available funds from the 2007/2008, 2010/2011, 2012/2013, 2013/2014, 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 programme as specified at appendix 1 to the 2014/2015 capital funding allocation. 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".
49. The executive approved the funding for the 2007/2008 programme in April 2007. The appropriate cabinet member 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 and 2015/2016 programme by virtue of 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.

50. 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.
51. 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 33 to 36 in the Community Impact Statement.

Strategic Director of Finance and Governance

52. The report requests the approval of Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council for the re-allocation of a total of £81,829, originally allocated to projects under the Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS) programme, to other projects in the 2014/2015, 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 CGS programmes, as set out in Appendix 1.
53. The strategic director of finance and governance notes that the re-allocation of the CGS funding will be contained within the existing departmental capital budgets for CGS programme allocated as part the council's capital programme.
54. Staffing and any other costs connected with this recommendation to be contained within existing departmental revenue budgets.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Bermondsey Community Council meeting held on Monday 15 October 2007, Minutes Agreement Form item 9 http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/Data/Bermondsey%20Community%20Council/20071015/Agenda/Minutes%20Agreement%20Form.pdf	Environment and Leisure / Highways 160 Tooley Street	Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862
Bermondsey Community Council meeting held on Thursday 9 December 2010, Minutes item 13 http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/documents/g3420/Public%20minutes%20Thursday%2009-Dec-2010%2019.00%20Bermondsey%20Community%20Council.pdf?T=11	Environment and Leisure / Highways 160 Tooley Street	Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862

<p>Rotherhithe Community Council meeting held on Monday 1 March 2010, Minutes item 10</p> <p>http://modern.gov.southwark.gov.uk/documents/g2991/Public%20minutes%20Monday%2001-Mar-2010%2019.00%20Rotherhithe%20Community%20Council.pdf?T=1</p>	<p>Environment and Leisure / Highways 160 Tooley Street</p>	<p>Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862</p>
<p>Bermondsey Community Council meeting held on Monday 22 March 2010, Minutes item 6</p> <p>http://modern.gov.southwark.gov.uk/documents/g2946/Printed%20minutes%20Monday%2022-Mar-2010%2019.00%20Bermondsey%20Community%20Council.pdf?T=1</p>	<p>Environment and Leisure / Highways 160 Tooley Street</p>	<p>Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862</p>
<p>Rotherhithe Community Council meeting held on Wednesday 18 April 2012, Minutes item 9</p> <p>http://modern.gov.southwark.gov.uk/documents/g3840/Printed%20minutes%20Wednesday%2018-Apr-2012%2019.00%20Rotherhithe%20Community%20Council.pdf?T=1</p>	<p>Environment and Leisure / Highways 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://modern.gov.southwarksites.com/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=349&MIId=4327&Ver=4</p>	<p>Environment and Leisure / Highways 160 Tooley Street</p>	<p>Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862</p>
<p>Bermondsey Community Council Planning Meeting held on Wednesday 26 June 2013, Minutes item 13</p> <p>http://modern.gov.southwark.gov.uk/documents/g4507/Printed%20minutes%20Wednesday%2026-Jun-2013%2019.00%20Bermondsey%20and%20Rotherhithe%20Community%20Council.pdf?T=1</p>	<p>Environment and Leisure / Highways 160 Tooley Street</p>	<p>Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862</p>
<p>Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council meeting held on Wednesday 29 January 2014, Minutes item 16</p> <p>http://modern.gov.southwarksites.com/documents/g4703/Printed%20minute</p>	<p>Environment and Leisure / Highways 160 Tooley Street</p>	<p>Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862</p>

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Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council meeting held on Wednesday 28 January 2015, Minutes item 11 http://moderngov.southwarksites.com/documents/g4855/Printed%20minutes%20Wednesday%2028-Jan-2015%2019.00%20Bermondsey%20and%20Rotherhithe%20Community%20Council.pdf?T=1	Environment and Leisure / Highways 160 Tooley Street	Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Cleaner Greener Safer programme funding reallocation - 15 March 2016

AUDIT TRAIL

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Strategic Director of Finance and Governance	Yes	Yes
Cabinet Member	No	No
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