

<b>Item No.</b> 15.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 11 July 2016	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Camberwell Community Council
<b>Report title:</b>		Cleaner Greener Safer: Funding Reallocation	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		Brunswick Park, Camberwell Green, South Camberwell	
<b>From:</b>		Head of Highways	

## RECOMMENDATION

1. That Camberwell Community Council approve the re-allocation of a total of £40,820, 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 2016 £4.64m has been made available local residents in Camberwell 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 eleven projects which have a total under spend of £40,820.
4. It is recommended that Mother Goose Wildlife Garden, project reference [106585], is cancelled and the remaining £4,350 is reallocated to alternative projects. The funding was awarded by Brunswick Park based on the original application form which mistakenly highlighted a Brunswick Park ward estate as the focus of the proposal. Mother Goose Nursery is based in South Camberwell and the estate linked to the proposal is in South Camberwell. South Camberwell awarded the proposal funding from the 2016-17 programme on 19 March 2016.
5. It is recommended that the under spend of £9,200 from Lucas Gardens entrance improvements, project reference [106443], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
6. It is recommended that Stanswood front garden, project reference [106580], is cancelled and the £7,070 remaining funding is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required. The applicant has withdrawn from the project and has requested that the funding is returned to community council.

7. It is recommended that the under spend of £7,000 from St Giles Churchyard improvements, project reference [106440], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
8. It is recommended that the under spend of £2,200 from Honiton House gate, project reference [106593], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
9. It is recommended that the under spend of £900 from Wyndham bike and motorbike parking, project reference [106439], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
10. It is recommended that the under spend of £1,000 from Brandon 3 lighting, project reference [106592], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
11. It is recommended that the under spend of £1,300 from Dog Kennel Hill Adventure Playground outdoor gym, project reference [106579], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
12. It is recommended that the under spend of £3,000 from Champion Park Estate cycle parking, project reference [106575], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
13. It is recommended that the under spend of £4,800 from Grove Hill Road crossing, project reference [106446], is reallocated to projects where additional funding is required.
14. It is recommended that the remaining £40,820 is reallocated to new or existing projects as part of the 2016/2017 CGS programme.

### **Policy implications**

15. Not applicable.

### **Community impact statement**

16. 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.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. Of particular regard are issues of age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.
20. 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**

21. This is the reallocation of existing CGS funding that was originally awarded in 2014-2015 and 2015-2016. CGS funding is devolved to community councils to spend on suitable projects.
22. 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.
23. 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.
24. 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.
25. The total expenditure and sources of funding for the scheme will be monitored and reported on as part of the overall capital programme.

### **Consultation**

26. 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**

27. The allocation of the Cleaner Greener Safer capital fund ('CGS') is an executive function, delegated by the Leader to community councils.
28. Community councils are 'area committees' within the meaning of the Act and executive functions can be delegated to them by the Leader.
29. This report is recommending that the Camberwell Community Council approve the reallocation of available funds from the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 programme as specified at appendix 1 to the 2016/2017 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".
30. The appropriate cabinet member approved the funding for 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.
31. 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.
32. 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**

33. The report requests the approval of Camberwell Community Council for the re-allocation of a total of £40,820, originally allocated to projects under the Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS) programme, as set out in Appendix 1.
34. 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.
35. Staffing and any other costs connected with this recommendation to be contained within existing departmental revenue budgets.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
<p>Camberwell Community Council meeting held on Wednesday 12 February 2014, Minutes item 12</p> <p><a href="http://moderngov.southwarksites.com/documents/g4704/Printed%20minutes%20Wednesday%2012-Feb-2014%2019.00%20Camberwell%20Community%20Council.pdf?T=1">http://moderngov.southwarksites.com/documents/g4704/Printed%20minutes%20Wednesday%2012-Feb-2014%2019.00%20Camberwell%20Community%20Council.pdf?T=1</a></p>	<p>Environment and Leisure / Highways 160 Tooley Street</p>	<p>Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862</p>
<p>Camberwell Community Council meeting held on Wednesday 4 February 2015, Minutes item 11</p> <p><a href="http://moderngov.southwarksites.com/documents/g4849/Printed%20minutes%20Wednesday%2004-Feb-2015%2019.00%20Camberwell%20Community%20Council.pdf?T=1">http://moderngov.southwarksites.com/documents/g4849/Printed%20minutes%20Wednesday%2004-Feb-2015%2019.00%20Camberwell%20Community%20Council.pdf?T=1</a></p>	<p>Environment and Leisure / Highways 160 Tooley Street</p>	<p>Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862</p>

## APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Cleaner Greener Safer programme funding reallocation - 11 July 2016

## AUDIT TRAIL

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<b>CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER</b>		
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Director of Law and Democracy	Yes	Yes
Strategic Director of Finance and Governance	Yes	Yes
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	No	No
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