

<b>Item No.</b> 14.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 13 September 2016	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council
<b>Report title:</b>		Community Council Highways Capital Investment for 2015-16 and 2016-17	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected</b>		All in the community council area	
<b>From:</b>		Head of Highways	

## RECOMMENDATION

1. To agree the funding of proposed schemes by ward members for Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council as 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 can also be found at:  
<http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/documents/s43081/Report.pdf#search=%22highways%20capital%20investment%20programme%202014%22>
6. Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council has been allocated £419,050 for highway improvement works (carriageway and footways) of its choice. This is a combined allocation for financial years 2015/16 and 2016/17 and it can be spent on any non-principal road in the area. This is in addition to £79,052 of underspend from previous years giving a total available of £498,102. It is hoped that enough works will be proposed and implemented to fully spend the allocation to bring yearly allocations and works up-to-date. This report contains proposals from four wards (Grange, Riverside, Rotherhithe, and Surrey Docks) which are yet to be approved at the forthcoming Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council meeting. Two remaining wards (South Bermondsey and Livesey) are yet to submit their proposals.

## **KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

7. Following the last Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council meeting, officers wrote to all wards to request for outstanding and additional proposals. There are still outstanding proposals from ward members. Refer to Appendix 1 for a summary of the proposals received so far for each ward. These and any other proposal needs to be approved at the forthcoming Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council meeting to allow works to start.
8. The overall remaining budget available to Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council including underspend from 2014-15 is £245,833, assuming that the community council supports all the proposals put forward so far as detailed in Appendix 1. Funds remaining unallocated after this meeting will be allocated to further proposals from ward members and agreed at a future meeting or carried over into the 2017/18 programme for allocation.
9. 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**

10. 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**

11. 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 2016-17. Any under spends or projected overspends will be reported back to community council for resolution or reallocation.

## **Community impact statement**

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

## **Financial implications**

13. 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 0207525 3291 or Bentley Amankwah 02075252180 or Matthew Hill 020 7525 3541

## APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Ward members proposals for 2015-16
Appendix 2	Extract from the Highways Capital Investment Programme – Yearly Community Council Investment Allocations (Appendix 4)  2015-16 and 2016-17 Combined Community Council Investment Allocations

## AUDIT TRAIL

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