

Item No. 3.3	Classification: Open	Date: 28 September 2016	Meeting Name: Dulwich Community Council
Report title:		Cleaner Greener Safer: Funding Reallocation	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		College, East Dulwich	
From:		Head of Highways	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Dulwich Community Council:
 - a. Approves allocation of £2,400 of available funding to existing project 106983 Melford Court
 - b. Approves allocation of £2,300 of available funding to existing project 106955 Lapsewood Walk path improvement
 - c. Approves allocation of £22,500 of available funding to existing project 106980 Fix Worlingham Road
 - d. Approves allocation of £7,000 of available funding to existing project 106976 East Dulwich Crime Reduction Fund
 - e. Approves allocation of £4,860 of available funding to new project Goodrich School sports equipment
 - f. Approves allocation of £4,860 of available funding to new project renew soft playground surface at Goose Green school.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS) is part of the London Borough of Southwark's capital programme. Between 2003 and 2016 £3.95m 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. There is £43,219 available within the 2016-17 cleaner greener safer capital programme. Two projects have been cancelled and the funding is available for reallocation (Appendix 1). There is a total of £54,219 funding available for allocation to existing or new projects.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

4. It is recommended that £2,400 be allocated to 106983 Melford Court. The cost of building a raised bed to design out fly-tipping exceeds available budget.
5. It is recommended that £2,300 be allocated to 106955 Lapsewood Walk path improvement. Quotes for the works exceed available budget.
6. It is recommended that £22,500 be allocated to 106980 Fix Worlingham Road. A feasibility study has been carried out and a raised table is recommended which requires additional funding.
7. It is recommended that £7,000 be allocated to 106976 East Dulwich Crime Reduction Fund. The award of £10,000 is fully committed and more crime reduction measures have been identified.
8. It is recommended that £4,860 be allocated to fund new project Goodrich School play equipment.
9. It is recommended that £4,860 be allocated to fund new project Goose Green school safety surface.
10. It is noted that £10,299 Cleaner Greener Safer funding remains unallocated and available for reallocation by Dulwich Community Council.

Policy implications

11. None.

Community impact statement

12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.

15. Of particular regard are issues of age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.
16. 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.
17. Melford Court has a problem area which attracts fly-tipping. Building a raised bed in this area will deter this nuisance.
18. Lapsewood Walk is a path which allows pedestrian access from Sydenham Hill estate to Sydenham Hill woods and is part of the Green Chain Walk. The path is very muddy in winter, with no drainage, meaning that fewer people can use it. Resurfacing the path would allow a wider range of visitors to access Sydenham Hill Wood.
19. The award for Worlingham Road was sufficient to fund a feasibility study to ascertain accurate costs for a full road entry treatment. Additional funding is needed to build a raised table at this junction with East Dulwich Road.
20. East Dulwich Crime Reduction Fund 2016-17 has been fully spent on a gate to deter anti-social behaviour in Ulverscroft Road, motorcycle anchors and motorbike marking kits.
21. Goodrich School has requested funding to purchase sports equipment to support more activities to combat childhood obesity.
22. Goose Green school has requested funding to replace worn out rubber surfacing below play equipment. This will allow continuing use of the equipment.

Resource implications

23. The funding recommended in this report is £43,920 against the funding of £54,219 available within the existing CGS funding. (See attached Appendix 1 for details of the existing projects). cgs funding is devolved to community councils to spend on suitable projects.
24. The profiling of the budgets will be amended once the recommendations have been approved and the schemes will be monitored and reported on as part of the overall Capital Programme.
25. Management of the reallocation of the funding will be contained within existing budgets.

Policy implications

26. The CGS 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

27. 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.
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 Dulwich Community Council approve the allocation of funds to the individual projects specified at Appendix 1. The power for this function is derived from Part 3H paragraph 15 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 cabinet member for transport environment and recycling approved the funding for the 2015/2016 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.
31. Community council members have powers under paragraph 17 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 13 to 15 in the community impact statement.

Strategic Director of Finance and Governance

33. The report requests the approval of Dulwich Community Council for the allocation of £43,920 from available funds of £54,219 to projects within the Cleaner Greener Safer programme as set out in Appendix 1.
34. The strategic director of finance and governance notes that the proposed allocations to current and new projects will be contained within the existing departmental cleaner greener safer capital budgets allocated as part of the council's capital programme devolved to the Dulwich Community Council.
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
Dulwich Community Council minutes http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/documents/g4839/Printed%20minutes%20Wednesday%2028-Jan-2015%2019.00%20Dulwich%20Community%20Council.pdf?T=1	Cleaner Greener Safer, Public Realm, 160 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2TZ	Andrea Allen 020 7525 0860
Dulwich Community Council minutes http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/documents/g4721/Printed%20minutes%20Wednesday%2029-Jan-2014%2019.00%20Dulwich%20Community%20Council.pdf?T=1	Cleaner Greener Safer, Public Realm, 160 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2TZ	Andrea Allen 020 7525 0860

APPENDICES

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