

<b>Item No.</b> 6.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 1 February 2017	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Dulwich Community Council
<b>Report title:</b>		Cleaner Greener Safer: Funding Reallocation	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		College, Village	
<b>From:</b>		Head of Highways	

## RECOMMENDATION

1. That Dulwich Community Council approve the re-allocation of a total of £11,545 as part of the 2017-18 CGS programme.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS) is part of the London Borough of Southwark's capital programme. Between 2003 and 2016, £3.95mm has been made available to local residents in Dulwich Community Council area, 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 lists projects which have a total underspend of £11,545.
4. It is noted that 106981 Pynners Fields - facelift project was cancelled as the Club had moved from the grounds and the funding was not required. This releases £4,300 to award to new projects.
5. It is noted that 106963 College 20mph signs project was cancelled as LB Southwark no longer installs reactive speed signs. This releases £2,000 funding to award to new projects
6. It is noted that 106989 – Dulwich Park slide was cancelled as the scheme was completed with alternative funding. This releases £1,905 funding to award to new projects.
7. It is noted that 106548 Ardbeg Road – HM Lane dropped kerbs project was completed with an underspend. This releases £3,340 funding to award to new projects.
8. It is recommended that the total unallocated funding of £11,545 be reallocated as part of the 2017-18 CGS programme.

## **Policy implications**

9. N/A

## **Community impact statement**

10. 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 environmental improvements, as well as consultation on a wide range of policies and strategies that affect the area.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. Of particular regard are issues of age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.
14. 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**

15. This is the funding reallocation recommendation of existing CGS funding of £11,545 that was originally awarded in 2015-16 and 2016-17 (see attached Appendix 1 for details of the existing projects). CGS funding is devolved to community councils to spend on suitable projects.
16. 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.

17. Management of the reallocation of the funding will be contained within existing budgets.
18. The total expenditure and sources of funding for the scheme will be monitored and reported on as part of the overall capital programme.

### **Consultation**

19. 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**

20. The allocation of the Cleaner Greener Safer capital fund ('CGS') is an executive function, delegated by the Leader to community councils.
21. Community councils are 'area committees' within the meaning of the Act and executive functions can be delegated to them by the Leader.
22. This report is recommending that the Dulwich Community Council approve the reallocation of available funds from the 2015-16 and 2016-17 programmes as specified at Appendix 1 to the 2017-18 capital funding allocation. The power for this function is derived from Part 3H paragraph 14 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".
23. The cabinet member for transport environment and recycling approved the funding for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 programmes in September 2014 by exercising 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.
24. Community council members also have powers under paragraph 16 of Part 3H of the Constitution to oversee and take responsibility for the development and implementation of the local schemes.
25. 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 10 to 14 in the community impact statement.

### **Strategic Director of Finance and Governance**

26. This report requests the approval of the Dulwich Community Council for the re-allocation of a total of £11,545, originally allocated to projects under the Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS) programme, to other projects in the 2017/2018 Cleaner Greener Safer programme, as set out in Appendix 1.
27. The strategic director of finance and governance notes that the re-allocation of the funding will be contained within the existing departmental capital budgets for

CGS allocated as part the council's capital programme.

28. 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	Cleaner Greener Safer, Public Realm, 160 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2TZ	Andrea Allen 020 7525 0860
<b>Links:</b>		
<a href="http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=176&amp;MId=4839&amp;Ver=4">http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=176&amp;MId=4839&amp;Ver=4</a>		
<a href="http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=176&amp;MId=5159&amp;Ver=4">http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=176&amp;MId=5159&amp;Ver=4</a>		

## APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Dulwich Community Council available CGS capital funding 2017-18

## AUDIT TRAIL

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