

Item No. 7.1	Classification: Open	Date: 30 January 2018	Meeting Name: Camberwell Community Council
Report title:		Cleaner Greener Safer: Funding Reallocation	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Brunswick Park, Camberwell Green, South Camberwell	
From:		Head of Highways	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Camberwell Community Council approve the re-allocation of a total of £58,628, 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 twelve projects which have a total underspend of £58,628.
4. It is recommended that the underspend of £700 from Southampton Way table tennis, project reference [106581], is returned to community council for reallocation.
5. It is recommended that the Elmington Garden allotment, project reference [106588], is cancelled and the remaining funding of £1,400, is returned to community council for reallocation. The applicant has withdrawn from the project and the works will no longer take place.
6. It is recommended that the underspend of £9,850 from Brunswick Park cycle hangars, project reference [106597], is returned to community council for reallocation. The funding was awarded for two hangars. These were installed using funding from an alternative programme.
7. It is recommended that the underspend of £1,600 from Glebe Estate playground (south), project reference [107132], is returned to community council for reallocation.

8. It is recommended that the combined underspend of £24,800 from Camberwell Green ward outdoor gym feasibility, project reference [106598], and Camberwell Green ward outdoor gym, project reference [107145], is returned to community council for reallocation. The location recommended in the feasibility report was Crawford Estate which was funded separately from the 2017-18 CGS programme.
9. It is recommended that the underspend of £1,500 from The Loop @ Samuel Lewis Trust Estate, project reference [107130], is returned to community council for reallocation.
10. It is recommended that the underspend of £4,300 from Artichoke Mews entrance gate, project reference [107200], is returned to community council for reallocation.
11. It is recommended that the underspend of £8,000 from Champion Park raised beds, project reference [106587], is returned to community council for reallocation.
12. It is recommended that the underspend of £2,678 from Solutions for speeding on Denmark Hill Estate, project reference [107162], is returned to community council for reallocation.
13. It is recommended that the underspend of £2,300 from Dog Kennel Hill Wood Paths, project reference [107126], is returned to community council for reallocation.
14. It is recommended that the underspend of £1,500 from Mother Goose Wildlife Garden, project reference [106944], is returned to community council for reallocation.
15. It is recommended that an additional £8,000 is awarded to Crawford Estate outdoor gym, project reference [107239], to renew the surfacing in the area around the gym.
16. It is recommended that an additional £1,440 is awarded to Comber Estate new play area, project reference [106582]. Picnic benches were added to the play area at the request of stakeholders and councillors which were in addition to the original equipment.
17. It is recommended that an additional £1,100 is awarded to East Dulwich Estate outdoor gym, project reference [105910]. The original funding was awarded in 2013 – 2014, however the project was on hold pending the completion of major works across the estate. The extended delivery required additional project management fees for consultation and re-design.
18. It is recommended that the remaining £48,088 is allocated as part of the 2018-2019 CGS programme.

Policy implications

19. The Cleaner Green Safer programme is fully aligned with the council's policies around sustainability, regeneration and community engagement.

Community impact statement

20. 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.
21. 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.
22. 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.
23. Of particular regard are issues of age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.
24. 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

25. This is the reallocation of existing CGS funding that was originally awarded in 2015-2016, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018. CGS funding is devolved to community councils to spend on suitable projects.
26. 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.
27. 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.

28. 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.
29. The total expenditure and sources of funding for the scheme will be monitored and reported on as part of the overall capital programme.

Consultation

30. 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

31. The Local Government Act 2000 ('the 2000 Act') gives the Leader the power to delegate any executive function to whoever lawfully can undertake the function. The allocation of the CGS capital fund is an executive function.
32. Community councils are 'area committees' within the meaning of the 2000 Act and executive functions can be delegated to them by the Leader. The terms of the delegation are set out in part 3H of the council's constitution.
33. This report is recommending that the Camberwell Community Council approve the reallocation of available funds from the 2015-2016, 2016-17 and 2017-18 programme as specified at appendix 1 to existing projects and the 2018-19 capital funding allocation. The power for this function is detailed in 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".
34. The appropriate cabinet member approved the funding for the 2015-16, 2017-18 and 2018-19 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.
35. 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.
36. 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 20 to 24 in the community impact statement.

Strategic Director of Finance and Governance

37. The report requests the approval of Camberwell Community Council for the re-allocation of a total of £58,628, originally allocated to projects under the Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS) programme, as set out in Appendix 1.
38. 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.
39. 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 4 February 2015, Minutes item 11</p> <p>http://moderngov.southwarksites.com/mgAi.aspx?ID=35653</p>	<p>Environment and Social Regeneration / Highways 160 Tooley Street</p>	<p>Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862</p>
<p>Camberwell Community Council meeting held on Saturday 19 March 2016, Minutes item 8</p> <p>http://moderngov.southwarksites.com/mgAi.aspx?ID=40226</p>	<p>Environment and Social Regeneration / Highways 160 Tooley Street</p>	<p>Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862</p>
<p>Camberwell Community Council meeting held on Monday 11 July 2016:</p> <p>Minutes item 14</p> <p>http://moderngov.southwarksites.com/mgAi.aspx?ID=42196</p> <p>Minutes item 15</p> <p>http://moderngov.southwarksites.com/mgAi.aspx?ID=42030</p>	<p>Environment and Social Regeneration / Highways 160 Tooley Street</p>	<p>Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862</p>
<p>Camberwell Community Council meeting held on Tuesday 31 January 2017, Minutes item 7</p> <p>http://moderngov.southwarksites.com/mgAi.aspx?ID=44013</p>	<p>Environment and Social Regeneration / Highways 160 Tooley Street</p>	<p>Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862</p>

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Cleaner Greener Safer programme funding reallocation - 30 January 2018

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Iaan Smuts, Group Manager – Community Projects	
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Strategic Director of Finance and Governance	Yes	Yes
Cabinet Member	No	No
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