

Item No. 13	Classification Open	Date: 10/07/07	MEETING NAME Dulwich Community Council
Report Title		Community Council input to commissioning voluntary sector provision in the Dulwich area	
Ward (s) or groups affected		Village College East Dulwich	
From		Strategic Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods	

RECOMMENDATION

1. For community council to advise on whether the commissioning priorities for each theme are right for their area:

- Area resource centres
- Arts and Culture
- Community Safety
- Youth

2. For the community council to identify any specific local need that they would want considered as part of any of the commissioning plans listed above.

BACKGROUND

3. On 24th April 2007, the Executive agreed an enhanced role for community councils in relation to council-funded voluntary sector provision that has an area focus to the services provided.

4. The community council role covers:

- Providing views about local needs and priorities for the area to help inform the commissioning plans for thematic programmes; these plans set out what services the council is seeking to fund in the voluntary sector by either grant aid or contract
- Acting as a forum for information and discussion by local communities with the VCS organisations that serve the area.

5. This report relates to the first role. Proposals for implementing the second role will come to a later community council meeting.

6. The purpose of the community council input during summer 2007 is to enable local issues to be considered alongside the borough wide and national priorities that inform the final commissioning plan for the different thematic programmes. The individual thematic commissioning plans will be completed by September 2007. Commissioning may be for a period of between one and three years.

7. Individual voluntary sector organisations seeking funding as part of that programme are then required to demonstrate how they would meet the plan and submit applications. Final decisions on which projects gets funding is taken under 8.

Contract Standing Orders for contracted services, and under the grant-aid arrangements for non-contracted services. Decisions will be made by March 2008.

9. The community council role relates to those thematic voluntary sector programmes where service delivery has a substantial area-based impact.

FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION

10. The commissioning plan for each of the thematic programmes relates to the strategic priorities of the Council and partners. These priorities arise from:

- Characteristics and needs of people living in Southwark
- National and regional policy requirements
- Local issues

11. Circulated separately as background information, for each community council there is information about the population profile of its area.

12. For 2007/8, the council-funded voluntary sector projects for the designated thematic programmes that particularly serve the ??? community council area (either based in the area or close to the area) are listed in the Annex. There are other voluntary sector projects in the area that do not receive funding from the council but may have resources from other funding sources. With finite budgets, the council is not able to support all groups that apply.

13. The commissioning plans for 2008/9 will set out the priorities and the scale of resources available. For information, below are the priorities adopted for the most recent commissioning process and the likely scale of resources available for allocation in 2008/9.

14. The community council is asked to give views about the top priority need for their area in relation to each programme. This may fit with an existing priority or may be a request for other priorities to be considered. The community council is asked not to specify any individual project for funding but to consider the needs of the area.

PROGRAMMES

Area resource centres (Community Support)

15. This programme supports voluntary sector organisations that provide a base and activities in the deprived neighbourhoods and areas of Southwark. This includes settlements and community centres. It seeks to support a geographical spread of community resource bases.

16. For 2007/8. 16 organisations received funding totally £470,311. The programme will be recommissioned in full for 2008/9 for a period of three years.

17. Organisations seeking funding need to demonstrate:

- They act as a focus for and are proactively involved in community engagement within a part of the borough, working directly with local residents
- Engage and involve marginalised communities within their 'catchment' area

- Provide a physical base and capacity-building support for area and neighbourhood activities run directly for and by residents and by smaller organisations
- Proactively engage, build relationships with, and provide regular information to the relevant community councils for their area.

Arts and Culture

18. In 2007/8 the programme funded 20 organisations, with a total budget of £285,951. For 2008/9, part of the programme will be recommissioned, with a total of £60,000 available for allocation.

19. The Arts and Culture programme seeks to commission voluntary sector organisations that contribute to three themes:

- VS activities that improve life choices through the enjoyment of culture and leisure and that make the borough a better place to live
- VS activities that increase local access and participation in cultural activities
- VS activities that value diversity and encourage active citizenship through cultural activities.

20. The programme does not fund one off events.

Community Safety

21. In 2007/8 the programme funded 5 organisations, with a total budget of £200,296. For 2008/9, part of the programme will be renewed, with a total of £70,000 available for allocation.

22. The Council's grant aid is part of a larger integrated package of funding managed through the Safer Southwark Partnership that is used to support VS-led activities.

23. The priorities are:

- To promote public education and improve access to drug and alcohol treatment
- Improve responses to complaints about antisocial behaviour and to those who are victims
- Reduce levels of violent crime including domestic violence
- Support victims and witnesses
- Support early intervention and diversion from crime for young people

Youth

24. In 2007/8, 26 Voluntary sector organisations are funded in this programme with a budget of £769,077. For 2008/9, there will be a partial re-commissioning of the programme with a budget of £106,000.

25. To meet the national 'Every Child Matters' objectives, the commissioning priorities for the voluntary sector youth programme cover a wide range of issues. These are:

- To extend the range of positive opportunities and choices available to young people aged 13-19 through:
 - Programmes of personal and social development
 - Programmes of informal education via accredited awards
 - Provision of advice, information, guidance and counselling services for young people

- To improve support for transition into adulthood (16-19) through programmes of employment, training and education for young people aged 16-19

- To reduce youth crime and the numbers of young people who are victims or fearful of crime through programmes enhancing the prevention of and intervention with young people exhibiting anti-social behaviour.

VOLUNTARY SECTOR COUNCIL GRANT-AIDED ORGANISATIONS: INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF CATCHMENT AREAS										
Area allocation based on rough estimate of addresses of majority of users – will need to be check with groups										
Programme & Projects	Amount 2007/8	B'WIDE	B& B	BERM	ROTH	WAL	PECK	N&PR	CAMB	DUL
Community Support – Infrastructure										
S Action for Voluntary Organisations	53,458	*								
Local Accountancy Project	46,080	*								
Volunteer Centre Southwark	50,575	*								
PVSF	40,050						*			
Hourbank – Peckham Settlement	34,099	*								
Community Support – Equalities										
Southwark Muslim Women's Ass	62,094	*								
South East Muslim Assoc	18,334	*								
AAINA	31,291	*								
AAWAZ	34,088	*								
Blackfriars Settlement (Older People)	10,240		*							
Southwark Somali Refugee Council	46,180	*								
Rockingham Somali Support Group	12,288		*							
Aylesbury Women's Group	7,168					*				
Southwark Cyprus-Turkish	7,613	*								
Southwark Viet-Chinese	46,957	*								
Southwark Refugee Project	67,070	*								
OBAC	19,923	*								
Southwark Pensioners Centre	129,647	*								
Vietnamese Women's Group	11,032	*								
Time & Talents Elderly Worker	5,209			*	*					
Southwark Daycentre for Asylum	52,019	*								
Hornafrik	10,240		*	*	*					
Southwark Refugee Communities Forum	25,000	*								
Southwark Somali Women's Grp	7,168					*			*	

Community Support – Area Centres										
Bede House	16,954		*	*						
Blackfriars Settlement	16,954		*	*						
Cambridge House & Talbot	16,954	*	*							
Copleston Centre	16,954		*							
Clubland	27,762				*			*		
East Dulwich Community Centre	14,900									*
Peckham Settlement	16,557					*				
Time & Talents	16,954		*	*						
Bermondsey V Hall	24,563	*	*					*	*	
Beormund	90,731	*	*							
Charterhouse	16,954	*	*							
Wickway	59,800					*				
St. Faiths	26,616									*
St Judes	41,682	*								
St Mathews	25,529	*								
Earmarked for Rockingham Estate-	35,000	*								
Aylesbury Access Centre - El Jobs-	26,815				*					
TOTAL	1,319,502									
Early Years (Education)										
Bermondsey Community Nursery	71,400		*							
Bosco Community Nursery	41,407			*						
Cambridge House & Talbot(butterfly)	34,060									
East Dulwich Community Nursery	59,613						*			
Gumboots Community Nursery	61,624						*			
Happy Faces Community Nursery	54,542			*						
Peckham Settlement (All Nations CN)	57,288			*						
Pre-School Learning Alliance*	51,200	*								
Pre-School Learning Alliance **	40,960	*								
Rockingham Community Nursery	54,146		*							

SRC	71,145			*						
TOTAL	597,385									
*core funding (contract)										
**allocation for distribution to playgroups										
Arts										
Culture - (SLA & contract organisations)										
Bermondsey Artists Group	42,314	*		*	*					
Blue Elephant Theatre	27,965	*				*	*		*	
Carl Campbell Dance Company 7	35,875	*					*			
London Bubble Theatre Company	21,397	*		*	*					
New Peckham Varieties	71,623	*					*	*	*	
Southwark Arts Forum	34,562	*								
Southwark Playhouse	15,000	*	*							
Culture - (one year projects)	248,736									
Art in the Park	3,100	*				*	*	*	*	
Borough Music School	5,000		*							
Brunel Engine House	3,500			*	*					
Southwark Turkish Education Group	3,000					*	*	*	*	
Youth Animation Media	3,500	*					*	*	*	
AM Arts	2,500	*								
Creative Routes	2,000	*								
Coral Dance Company	3,000	*								
Beormund Centre - African fashion	1,605			*						
Southwark Refugee Artists Network	2,500	*								
Step Afrika	3,500	*					*	*	*	
Southwark Cathedral Education Centre	5,000	*	*							
Young Vic	2,000		*							
TOTAL	40,205									

Play & After-School Service										
Camberwell After School Project (Badsworth Rd)	65,132					*			*	
Camberwell After School Project (Brandon Baptist Church)	see above					*			*	
Cambridge House & Talbot (Only Connect)	41,167	*								
Hummingbird (Kingfisher After-school Club)	8,038					*				
Tabard After School Project	18,551			*						
TOTAL	132,888									
PLAY										
Bethwin Road Adventure Playground	46,080					*			*	
Blackfriars Settlement	5,120	*								
Dog Kennel Hill Adventure Playground	61,130								*	*
Rockingham Estate Play Assoc	61,440	*								
Holiday Playschemes	63,149	*								
TOTAL	236,919									
Advice & Legal Services										
Afro Asian Advisory Service	50,564	*								
Blackfriars Advice Centre	369,012	*								
Cambridge House Law Centre	118,342	*				*			*	
Multi Lingual Community Rights Shop	53,253	*								
Southwark CAB	369,012	*								
<i>Bermondsey</i>		*			*					
<i>Peckham</i>		*					*			
Southwark Law Centre	233,726	*								
Southwark Refugee Project	53,253	*								
Total	1,247,162									

Out of School Hours Study Support										
Anando Pat Community School	9,313					*				
Arab Cultural Community	7,645					*	*			
Aylesbury Academic Grassroots*	8,896					*	*			
Camberwell After School Project - homework	2,740									
Camberwell After School Project	4,521						*		*	*
CAP UK*	3,650						*		*	
Dachwyng Parents Association	5,453						*		*	
Education Alliance Africa*	3,409					*	*			
El Shaddai Supplementary School	6,426						*		*	*
Eritrean Homework Club	2,920	*								
Eritrean Community Centre	6,132	*								
Il Covo	2,920			*						
IBA	2,660	*								
Ileys supplementary school	6,384			*	*					
Latimer Supplementary School	6,421					*	*			*
Latimer Science Club	13,164	*								
Lighthouse Homework Club	2,632	*								
Lighthouse Supplementary School	12,379	*								
New Life Assembly Supplementary School	9,594						*		*	*
Sierra Leon Refugee Welfare Assoc	2,980					*				
South East Muslim Association	5,110						*			*
Southwark Muslim Council - Homework	2,920						*		*	*
Southwark Muslim Womens Association	19,483	*								
Southwark Muslim Womens Association	36,322	*								
Southwark Refugee Project	5,986	*								
SSEMTA	36,855	*								
Southwark Turkish Education Group	12,900	*								
Southwark Turkish Education Group	6,132	*								
Southwark Vietnamese Chinese Community	4,380	*								

St Michael's Easter Revision	5,110					*	*			*
St Michael Associates	22,575					*	*			*
Ardmeria	8,340					*				
Emmanuel Youth & Community Centre	9,035									
Latimer GCSE Revision	4,170	*								
Supplementary Education Initiatives	26,866	*								
TOTAL	326,423									
Sport Development										
Millwall Community Scheme	£2,912	*								
Pyramid Sports Club	£6,000	*								
Seven Islands Swimming Club	£5,120	*								
Tuskers Volleyball Club	£6,600	*								
Unique Netball Club	£6,811	*								
Splash Dolphin	£3,072	*								
TOTAL	30,515									
Ecology & Environment										
Centre for Wildlife Gardening	£42,196	*								
Centre for Wildlife Gardening	£3,696	*								

Groundwork Southwark	£20,000	*							
Surrey Docks Farm	£61,440	*							
Trust for Urban Ecology	£37,420	*							
Bankside Open Space Trust	45,000								
Uganda AIDS Action Fund (UAAF)	15,500								
Walworth Garden Farm	12,429								
Pumphouse	67,000								
TOTAL	304,681								
Children's Services - Youth									
Downside Fisher Youth Club	10,240			*					
Toucan Employment Project	10,240	*							
Caribb Youth & Community Assoc.	12,288					*		*	
Kickstart (Crime Concern)	14,319				*	*			
From Boyhood to Manhood Foundation	26,431					*			
Pembroke College Mission	44,390					*			
Groundwork Southwark	46,080							*	
Oxford & Bermondsey Club	47,352			*					
Faces in Focus	51,119		*						
Salmon Centre	51,940			*					
Westminster House Youth Centre	13,761						*		
Bosco Centre	63,488				*				
Cambridge House & Talbot	64,236							*	

Charterhouse	73,804		*							
Bede House Association	80,000			*						
Blackfriars Settlement	11,970		*							
Clubland	3,164								*	
Grove Vale	4,608								*	
AAWAZ	5,120							*		
African Child Association	5,120	*								
Milewalk	5,837									
Southwark Pilgrims	5,837	*								
Hollington Youth Centre	6,012								*	
Splash Dolphins	6,750					*				
Fairbridge in London	9,523									
Ilderton Foundation	30,000							*		
TOTAL	703,629									