

Item No.	Classification: Open	Date: 7 November 2003	Meeting Name Executive
Report Title:		Capital Programme – Release Of Contingency	
Ward(S) or groups affected:		Borough-Wide	
From:		Chief Executive (Borough Solicitor & Secretary)	

### **Recommendations**

1. That the Executive agrees to fund additional consultation and feasibility work arising from Community Council decisions on the devolved Cleaner, Greener, Safer programme from the £64k contingency and to make this available to the Funding & Infrastructure Group (Pat Kingwell) in Environment & Leisure Department.

### **Background**

2. The Executive allocated £2.75m from the Capital Programme to Community Councils on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2003 for local expenditure on Cleaner, Greener, Safer projects and Targeted Priority Neighbourhoods.
3. Other allocations for tree planting and street lighting amounted to £1.1m leaving £64k as contingency from the original £3.914m still to be allocated by the Executive.
4. Each Community Council has, through various means, identified project priorities and allocated their devolved budgets. Some of these projects require initial consultation work and/or feasibility studies.
5. The consultation and feasibility work is a normal part of most large capital schemes and is a particular requirement of some Community Council approved schemes. The nature of the work will depend on the scheme but will fall into two general areas of expenditure. Firstly consultation by those interested or likely to be affected by a proposed scheme and secondly exploratory work prior to commitment of funding on the technical, legal and financial viability of schemes. A list of schemes requiring funding is shown in Appendix A.

### **Key issues for consideration**

6. The number of individual schemes arising from Community Councils is greater than previously experienced from the Environmental Improvement Programme and Community Safety Programme.
7. The resources available for scheme preparation is limited within the team responsible and outsourcing specific schemes would put a drain on the Community Council allocations. This and potential time delays may jeopardise individual schemes.

### **Resource issues**

8. The Chief Finance Officer advises that the proposed work is acceptable as capital spend.

9. This contingency will fund the feasibility and consultation work needed to develop individual Cleaner, Greener & Safer schemes in the community council areas. Funding will come from the £3.914m capital allocation awarded 2003 for Community Councils.

### Legal issues

10. The Executive has the authority for allocating the capital funding. There are no legal implications arising from this decision.

### Equal opportunities implications

11. Affected schemes are spread throughout the borough. Specific schemes have been agreed at Community Councils, with input from the community and would benefit everyone.

### Consultation

12. Consultation has been an integral part of the process to identify schemes through Community Councils following extensive publicity. No further consultation is deemed necessary for this decision although consultation will be part of the work undertaken to determine the viability of individual schemes.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Executive report (20 <sup>th</sup> May 2003)	Town Hall	Everton Roberts

## AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Deborah Holmes, Borough Solicitor	
Report Author	Graham Love	
Version	Final	
Dated	21 October 2003	
Key Decision?	No	
<b>CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / EXECUTIVE MEMBER</b>		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included
Borough Solicitor & Secretary	Yes	Yes
Chief Finance Officer	Yes	Yes
Executive Member	Yes	No
Date final report sent to Constitutional Support Services	27 October 2003	

## APPENDIX A – Schemes requiring additional consultation and/or feasibility work

<b>CC</b>	<b>Scheme/Approval Date</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>	<b>£'000 Approved</b>
Berm	Leathermarket Gardens 16/7/03	Skateboard Track	123
	Longfield Estate/Stevenson 16/7/03	6 <i>Youth play provision</i>	93
BandB	Blackfriars Bridge – Thames Walkway – Falcon Point 2/7/03	Improvements	100
	Tabard Gardens Estate	Environmental improvements	40
Camb	Pitman St 22/9/03	New play area	98
	Bromar Road 22/9/03	Community Green Space	50
	Brunswick Park 22/9/03	Lighting	55
	Lettsom/Glebe Estate 22/9/03	Greening	50
	Grace's Mews 22/9/03	Greening	45
Dul	Dulwich Park 16/7/03	Skateboard Ramp	25
Nunh	Honor Oak/Peckham Rye Green Walk 9/7/03	Link route	50
	Consort/Harold Moody Parks 9/7/03	Youth sports/play	75
Peck	Jowett St/Canal Walk. 10/9/03	Improvements	15
	Canal Walk 10/9/03	Cycle path	54
Roth	Silverlock Sports Area 23/9/03	Sports cage improvement	25
	Tissington Court 23/9/03	Sports cage improvement	50
Walw	Empress St/25 Fielding St 8/10/03	Removal of sheds and landscaping/trees	15
	Ambergate St Play Area 8/10/03	Play equipment	13