

Rotherhithe Community Council

The Theme is: Rotherhithe in Summer 2012

Wednesday 18 April 2012

7.00 pm

Canada Water Library, 21 Surrey Quays Road, SE16 7AR

Membership

Councillor Jeff Hook (Chair)
Councillor Wilma Nelson (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Columba Blango
Councillor David Hubber
Councillor Richard Livingstone
Councillor Catherine McDonald
Councillor Paul Noblet
Councillor Lisa Rajan
Councillor Michael Situ

Members of the committee are summoned to attend this meeting

Eleanor Kelly

Acting Chief Executive

Date: Tuesday 10 April 2012



Order of Business

- | Item No. | Title |
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| 1. | INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME |
| 2. | APOLOGIES |
| 3. | ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT |

The Chair to advise whether they have agreed to any item of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.

Item No.	Title	Time
4.	DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS	
	Members are asked to declare any interest or dispensation and the nature of that interest or dispensation which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.	
5.	MINUTES (Pages 4 - 9)	
	To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2012.	
6.	COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Council Fund 2012/13 - Alfred Salter Campaign - Southwark Apprentice Scheme - Diamond Jubilee / Bermondsey Carnival / River Pageant - Any initial public questions 	
7.	DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)	
8.	COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATES (IF ANY)	
	Officers from the Safer Neighbourhoods Teams to update meeting on policing and ward priorities	
9.	CLEANER, GREENER, SAFER 2012/13 FUND ALLOCATION (Pages 10 - 14)	7.30pm
	Executive Function	
	Members to consider Cleaner Greener Safer schemes contained within the report.	
10.	LONDON 2012 OLYMPICS / PARALYMPICS	7.40pm
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Capital Legacy - Young People - Transport and Travel during the Games 	
11.	DECATHLON SITE UPDATE	8.00pm
	Chris Horn presentation	

Item No.	Title	Time
12.	COMMUNITY COUNCILS - CHANGES FOR 2012-13 (Pages 15 - 16)	8.20pm
	Briefing note	
13.	HIGHWAYS DEVOLVED CAPITAL FUNDING FOR 2012/13 (Pages 17 - 20)	
	Executive Function	
	Members to consider the highways devolved capital funding for 2012/2013 contained within the report.	
14.	PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (Page 21)	
	Please submit your written questions to the Constitutional Officer or Neighbourhood Co-ordinator.	

Date: Tuesday 10 April 2012

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ROTHERHITHE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Rotherhithe Community Council held on Tuesday 13 March 2012 at 7.00 pm at Canada Water Library, 21 Surrey Quays Road, SE16 7AR

PRESENT: Councillor Jeff Hook (Chair)
Councillor Wilma Nelson (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Columba Blango
Councillor David Hubber
Councillor Richard Livingstone
Councillor Catherine McDonald
Councillor Paul Noblet
Councillor Michael Situ

OFFICER SUPPORT: Barbara Ann Overwater, Senior Planning Policy Officer
Norman Coombe, Principal Lawyer
Frid Ahmed, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator
Gill Kelly, Community Council Development Co-ordinator
Tim Murtagh, Constitutional Officer

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The chair welcomed councillors, members of the public and officers to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lisa Rajan. There were apologies for lateness from Councillors Columba Blango and Michael Situ.

3. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were none.

4. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2012 be agreed as a correct record of the meeting, and signed by the chair.

6. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Farhan Ghafoor, Manager of the Rotherhithe Youth Community Council explained that meetings were held every Friday at the Surrey Docks adventure playground. Some of the young people outlined their work in the forum, which aimed to improve the local area. Councillors and residents paid tribute to the excellent work of the young people involved.

Alice Fisher, Community Fundraiser from the The Royal British Legion outlined the work of the poppy appeal ahead of the 2012 appeal. Local volunteers were needed and anyone wanting to help should either call 020 7863 3347 or email AFisher@britishlegion.org.uk

The chair announced that this year there would be a Cleaner, Greener, Safer Revenue fund with a budget of £10,000 per ward. Residents were invited to submit their ideas. Contact forid.ahmed@southwark.gov.uk or Tel. 020 7525 5540.

Gary Magold explained that the community council had recently funded a Southwark photo competition in Southwark Park. It was open to all and the resulting exhibition would be in the gallery at Southwark Park that week.

7. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

8. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATES (IF ANY)

Sergeant Al Irvine, Surrey Docks and Rotherhithe Safer Neighbourhoods Teams explained that Surrey Docks ward had been experiencing a robbery problem near Greenland Quay. There had been two recent arrests of prolific offenders which should improve the situation.

In response to questions Sgt Irvine said the Police marine support unit based at Wapping had been supporting recent operations to tackle burglary. The planned closure of Rotherhithe Police station would lead to new safer neighbourhoods' bases. Local venues including the new and old libraries were being considered.

9. COMMUNITY COUNCILS

There was a discussion on the planned merger of Bermondsey and Rotherhithe community councils that would happen in the new municipal year 2012/13. Concerns were

expressed by councillors and residents about finding suitable venues to accommodate 18 councillors on the top table and the length and community relevance of future agendas.

There was general agreement from residents and the majority of councillors that the two community councils should not be merged and that a deputation would go to Council Assembly to that effect in March. A vote was taken which supported that idea.

10. THE LOCALISM ACT

Norman Coombe, Principal Lawyer and Head of the Governance Team, outlined the Localism Bill. According to the Department for Communities, Law and Governance: "The Localism Act will trigger the biggest transfer of power in a generation, releasing councils and communities from the grip of central government."

The Act itself had 241 sections and 25 schedules with 142 powers for the Secretary of State to make subordinate regulations. A plain English Guide was available. Under the General Power of Competence, a local authority had power to do anything that individuals may generally do.

Under the Community Right to Challenge:

- An authority must consider an expression of interest in relation to providing or assisting in providing a service provided by or on behalf of the local authority, submitted by a voluntary or community body, charity, parish council, or 2 or more employees of the authority.
- An authority may set out periods when an expression of interest may be submitted. Any such period must be published. Where no period is specified, an expression of interest may be submitted at any time.
- If accepted by the authority, the expression of interest triggers a procurement exercise.

Assets of Community Value:

- Requires local authorities to maintain a list of 'assets of community value'
- Assets can be owned by anyone, not just the local authority
- Land may only be included on the list in response to a community nomination or where permitted in regulations
- Community nominations defined as nominations made by a parish council or a voluntary or community body with a local connection
- When a listed asset comes up for sale there is a six-month moratorium, to give community groups time to develop a bid and raise the money to buy it.

Planning:

There will be rights for local communities to shape their local areas through,

- Neighbourhood Development Orders (NDOs);
- Community Right to Build Orders (type of NDO);
- Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDPs)

11. OPEN SPACES STRATEGY

Barbara Ann Overwater, Senior Planning Policy Officer, explained the background to

Southwark's draft Open Space Strategy currently out for consultation.

- Sets out a framework for open space provision in the borough
- The open space strategy replaces work previously undertaken in 2003 and updates the work carried out in 2010
- The document was an important part of the evidence base needed in the preparation of planning policy documents
- Public consultation on the draft strategy would run until 24 April 2012 with the final strategy adopted in September 2012

The residents' survey produced the following information:

- 750 telephone surveys undertaken stratified by age, gender and location
- Study identifies that levels of satisfaction in open spaces were high – Over 80% and highest amongst older age groups
- Almost 90% rated the quality of open space as good or very good
- Smaller open spaces, cemeteries and amenity spaces were considered to be of poorest quality
- Just 10% of residents stated that they do not visit open spaces. Majority of these due to time constraints/health reasons
- Value of smaller open spaces was reinforced, although larger parks also very popular

Open Space needs were analysed and a site audit carried out.

The following local sites were considered to have particular potential for improvement:

- Improve the quality of landscaping and security at Deal Porters Walk
- Bring Surrey Docks Sports Ground back into use
- Improve the quality of open space at St Pauls Sports Ground
- Introduce new open space uses at the Former Nursery
- Provide improvements to the athletics track and ancillary buildings at Southwark Park
- Investigate the potential to introduce new habitat creation at Kings Stairs Gardens

Contact: Barbara-Ann.Overwater@southwark.gov.uk or Tel. 020 7525 5451

12. BOWEL CANCER UK

Dave Morrison spoke on behalf of Bowel Cancer UK which aimed to save lives by raising awareness and campaigning for better treatments and care. Each year 40,000 people were diagnosed with bowel cancer and 16,000 died from this type of cancer. It affected both men and women but was very treatable if discovered early with over 90% surviving for five years. It was very important to raise awareness and be aware of the symptoms.

The symptoms of bowel (colorectal) cancer include:

- Bleeding from the bottom or blood in the stool (poo)
- Change in bowel habits lasting a few weeks
- Unexplained weight loss
- Extreme tiredness for no obvious reason

- A pain or lump in the tummy

Risks could be reduced by cutting down on red meat, eating fruit and vegetables, and living a generally healthy lifestyle. Also people were encouraged to take part in bowel screening when invited to do so.

If people were worried they should make an appointment with their doctor or call the Bowel Cancer UK information and support service on 0800 840 3540 or email support@bowelcanceruk.org.uk

13. UPDATE ON OLD LIBRARY / SHOPPING CENTRE UPDATE

David Taylor from Canada Quays explained that his group had been appointed by the Council as partners about seven years ago. The initial responsibility was to look at three sites on the Canada Water masterplan.

The new library and area around had been developed to a high standard. 108 local people had been employed during construction including 20 apprentices. Local people had been consulted throughout the phases of construction. There had been an active involvement with local schools who had participated in the project at various stages. The new library could be used for all sorts of community activities.

The second stage of the project was the shopping centre and British Land had committed £30 million initially to upgrade the existing centre and adding to it, within the context of the masterplan.

Initial thoughts for the old library were to flatten the existing building and to develop at ground floor level retail accommodation and a new police station. Above the ground floor there would be about thirty five flats in a five storey building. Both sides of Albion Street with various stakeholders involved could become the core of a revival of the area. Further consultation would take place.

In response to questions, David said that notes from the cafe consultations would be taken on board and worked through with local stakeholders. The proposed new sports facilities were predicated on the development of the whole master plan area but despite four years of effort the Conrad Phoenix site could not be acquired. There were no plans to cut down trees in the area.

14. CLEANER, GREENER, SAFER 2012/13 - CAPITAL

Executive Function

Members considered the information in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the decision be deferred to the next community council meeting, so that officers can clarify shortlisted schemes.

15. HIGHWAYS DEVOLVED CAPITAL FUNDING FOR 2012/13

Executive Function

Members considered the information in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the decision be deferred to the next community council meeting, so that officers can clarify shortlisted schemes.

16. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions.

OTHER: The chair said that consideration would be given in light of the planned merger to set up a Rotherhithe Society to bring together local groups and to use some of the available revenue funding to do that.

17. SCHOOL GOVERNORS APPOINTMENTS

Councillors did not resolve to exclude the press and public from the meeting as they did not discuss closed information.

Executive Function

Members considered the information in the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That Ms Shital Shah be reappointed as school governor for Peter Hills with St Mary's & St Paul's Church of England Primary School.
2. That Mr Deri O'Regan be appointed as school governor for Albion Primary School.

The meeting ended at 9.25pm

CHAIR:

DATED:

Item No. 9.	Classification: Open	Date: 18 April 2012	Meeting Name: Rotherhithe Community Council
Report title:		Cleaner Greener Safer 2012/13: Funding Allocation	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Rotherhithe, Rotherhithe Livesey, Surrey Docks	
From:		Des Waters, Head of Public Realm, Environment and Housing	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To approve the allocation of funds for the 2012-13 Cleaner Greener Safer programme in the Rotherhithe Community Council area from the list of applications set out in Appendix 1.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The Council's Cleaner Greener Safer programme has been running since 2003.
3. In the first seven years of the CGS programme £21,503,000 has been allocated to Community Councils leading to 1,111 projects being approved.
4. In the Rotherhithe Community Council area, £2,433,000 has been allocated to 155 projects, 148 of which have been completed to date.
5. Examples of the types of projects that have been funded include:
 - Parks, community gardens, landscaping, tree planting and wildlife areas.
 - Children's playgrounds, youth facilities, ball courts and cycle tracks.
 - Lighting, security measures, pavements, streets, and tackling 'grot spots'.
6. There was no new funding allocated for CGS in 2011/12, in part due to other pressures on the Council's capital budgets and also to allow a backlog of approved or outstanding projects from previous years to be delivered.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

7. There is £229,071 for the 2012/13 CGS programme in the Rotherhithe Community Council area.
8. Eligible proposals must bring about a permanent improvement and make an area cleaner, greener or safer.
9. Proposals with revenue costs, including salaries or computer equipment, feasibility studies, costs for events, festivals, workshops or other one-off events are not eligible. CCTV proposals, internal improvements to housing property, works on schools where there is no access to the general public are also not eligible. Works on private property are not eligible unless there is a long-term guarantee of public access or a demonstrable public benefit.

10. This year, the application form invited expressions of interest for the applicants to deliver projects themselves. A due diligence exercise to ensure that this is both practical and realistic has been undertaken as part of the feasibility process. In such cases, the council would give the funding allocation to the applicant in the form of a capital grant, with appropriate conditions attached.

Policy implications

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

Community impact statement

12. The roles and functions of Community Councils include the promotion of involvement of local people in the democratic process and taking decision-making closer to local people. 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. All ideas for CGS projects come directly from the local community via a simple project nomination form. Specific schemes will then be agreed by Community Councils and will reflect local needs and priorities.

Resource implications

15. The funding for the 2012/13 CGS programme was approved by the cabinet and is part of the council's overall capital programme as detailed in Appendix 2.
16. All professional fees related to the project are also allowed to be 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.
17. 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.
18. 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.

Consultation

19. All Cleaner Greener Safer projects require consultation with stakeholders, including the project applicant, local residents, Tenants and Residents Associations and local community groups where appropriate.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance

20. This report is recommending that the Rotherhithe 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 13 of the Constitution which states that Community Councils have the power of “approval of the allocation of funds to cleaner, greener, safer capital schemes of a local nature, using the resources identified by the cabinet”.
21. The Cabinet Member for Transport Environment and Recycling has already noted the allocation of the Cleaner Greener Safer funds in October 2011 by exercising his powers under Part 3D paragraph 2 of the Constitution, therefore this is the next constitutional step in the process.
22. Community Council Members also have powers under paragraph 14 of Part 3H of the Constitution to oversee and take responsibility for the development and implementation of the local schemes.

Finance Director (NR/F&R/1/3/12)

23. This report recommends approval of the allocation of funds for the 2012-13 Cleaner Greener Safer programme in the Rotherhithe Community Council area from the list of applications set out in Appendix 1.
24. The Finance Director notes the resource implications contained within the report, and confirms that the capital funding for the CGS programme has been approved as part of the overall council capital programme.
25. Officer time to effect the recommendation will be contained within existing budgeted revenue resources.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Cabinet report: Cabinet member for Transport, Environment & Recycling - launch of CGS Capital Programme 2012/13 – 20 October 2011	Public Realm Projects – Environmental Improvements, Public Realm 3/1, 160 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2TZ	Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862
2012/13 Rotherhithe Community Council CGS applications – full applications	Public Realm Projects – Environmental Improvements, Public Realm 3/1, 160 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2TZ	Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Cleaner, Greener, Safer applications 2012/13

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Des Waters, Head of Public Realm	
Report Author	Michelle Normanly, Senior Project Manager	
Version	Final	
Dated	05 March 2012	
Key Decision?	No	
CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included
Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	Yes	Yes
Finance Director	Yes	Yes
Cabinet Member	No	No
Date final report sent to Constitutional Team	5 March 2012	

Appendix 1
Rotherhithe Community Council
Cleaner Greener Safer applications 2012/13

Reference	Proposal Name	Ward
118948	Whats On in Rotherhithe Group	All Rotherhithe
120755	Local neighbourhood tree planting	All Rotherhithe
CGS118494	Green Revolution 2012,done in Southwark,Rotherhithe.	Rotherhithe
CGS118594	Garden Access for Brunel's Shaft	Rotherhithe
CGS118779	Under 5's children's playground at John Kennedy House	Rotherhithe
118929	St Olav's Square improvements	Rotherhithe
118933	Canada Water project	Rotherhithe
CGS118961	A new roof for the London Bubble	Rotherhithe
CGS119352	The refurbishment of the football cage on Adams Gardens Estate	Rotherhithe
CGS119989	Lighting of the Astro turf	Rotherhithe
CGS120119	Southwark Park Volunteer Landscaping Project	Rotherhithe
CGS120141	Develop variety of wild flora in Aspinden Road Nature Garden	Rotherhithe
120709	Gardening for all at Time and Talents, Rotherhithe	Rotherhithe
120712	King's Stairs Gardens Diamond Jubilee/Olympic year initiative	Rotherhithe
CGS120234	DIY Allotment Improvements Cafe Gallery Southwark Park	Rotherhithe
CGS120276	'In Our Own Back Yard' Planting and seating areas for Slippers Place Estate	Rotherhithe
CGS120441	Inclusive community space at Rotherhithe	Rotherhithe
CGS120497	Aspinden Wood Allotment Project	Rotherhithe
118942	Brighten up Bowness	Rotherhithe Livesey
120708	Air conditioning for Bramcote and Bonamy Community Hall	Rotherhithe Livesey
CGS120457	Penarth Street and Ormside Operation Clean Up	Rotherhithe Livesey
CGS116079	Redriff Playground Development	Surrey Docks
118943	C.O.P.S Rejuvenation at Surrey Docks Adventure Playground	Surrey Docks
CGS119962	Strategy for subsidence and tree roots - Greenland Dock area	Surrey Docks
CGS120224	Russia Dock Natural Ribbon	Surrey Docks
CGS120402	Lavender Pond Boardwalk replacement	Surrey Docks
120748	Improving security at Surrey Docks Farm	Surrey Docks

Briefing Note – Rotherhithe Community Council	
Title	Community Councils – Changes for 2012-13
Report author	Darryl Telles, Neighbourhoods Manager
Date	18 April 2012

REQUIRED ACTION

To note the changes to Community Councils, agreed by Council Assembly, as a result of the Democracy Commission’s recommendations.

INTRODUCTION

1. The Democracy Commission was asked by the Council in February 2011 to undertake a review of the work of the community councils, including resident consultation, which examined the role and function of community councils and whether the current functions and powers are the right ones to meet the aims of community councils in the current resource context. Cabinet asked the Commission to identify at least £344,000 of savings.
2. The commission reviewed efficiency savings for community councils and identified savings of £81,527. This relates to the budgets surrounding venue/transport hire, marketing/publicity, access and catering. However the efficiencies savings alone did not meet the overall savings target necessary and therefore the commission investigated other options for savings.
3. The review concluded in December 2011 and the Commission concluded that savings could only be made if the number of Community Council areas, meetings and functions were reduced.

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Reducing the number of community councils from 8 to 5
- Reducing the number of meetings from at least 6 to 5 per year
- Establishing 2 planning sub-committees for minor applications with revised thresholds for decisions going to the main planning committee and the two sub-committees
- Removing school governor appointments and making changes to other areas of decision making such as transport
- Making reductions to the staff

CHANGES

4. These changes were agreed by Council Assembly and come into effect from May 2012:
 - Merge Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Councils (retaining the current split of Livesey Ward between Bermondsey & Rotherhithe and Peckham & Nunhead)
 - Merge Peckham and Nunhead & Peckham Rye Community Councils
 - Retain the current boundaries of Dulwich Community Council
 - Retain the current boundaries of Camberwell Community Council

- Merge Borough & Bankside and Walworth Community Councils.
5. Council Assembly also approved the commission's recommendation that the planning function is no longer exercised by community councils. Instead a new model of a main planning committee and two planning sub-committees will be created.
 6. School governor decisions were reviewed by the commission and council assembly agreed the commission's recommendation that this function is no longer exercised by community councils to generate a saving of £10,895. It was noted that these decisions are normally taken in closed session which is not consistent with the engagement role of community councils.
 7. Given the context of the significant reductions in the council's budget some changes have had to be made to the officer support for this function as the current cost was unsustainable. The commission identified staffing savings from the engagement function, which was agreed as part of the budget decision by council assembly. The new staffing structure reduces the overall number of community engagement staff whilst retaining one dedicated officer for each of the new five areas.
 8. The commission noted that residents see the cleaner, greener, safer and Community fund schemes as evidence of them having an influence on local decisions. Having a say over how council funds are allocated at a local level is valued and recognised as really putting power into the hands of residents. Community councils should be encouraged to develop upon this model. The commission welcomed the cleaner, greener, safer revenue funding of £10,000 per ward which would be available for community councils to allocate from 1 April 2012. It also agreed that there would be no reduction to the Community fund for this year.
 9. The Commission also recommended changes to the operation of Community Councils and have asked Chairs to consider the following:
 - more flexibility around meeting times
 - varying the use of local venues
 - increasing the use of workshops to encourage debate and dialogue
 - enabling residents to have more influence over the agenda setting process
 - having question time earlier on in agendas
 - stricter chairing to enable balanced input from residents
 - keeping the length of meetings within a time limit e.g. two hours
 - better use of online forums and social media
 - introducing less formality to meetings was another popular suggestion made and would compliment the desire to improve engagement. People have expressed a preference for a horse-shoe or semi-circular seating arrangement at meetings (with further semi-circular rows behind), to create less "distance" between local people and members especially considering the increase in the number of Councillors for some Community Council areas
 - explore ways to simplify the paperwork to make it more accessible, e.g. plain English summaries of information items could be produced, provided adequate officer resource is available.

Agenda Item 13

Item No. 13.	Classification: Open	Date: 18 April 2012	Meeting Name: Rotherhithe Community Council
Report title:		Community Council Highways Capital Investment 2012/13	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All in the Community Council areas	
From:		Head of Public Realm	

RECOMMENDATION

1. To agree the works to be funded from the list of proposed schemes in the Rotherhithe Community Council area as set out in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2, up to the total funding available.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. A report was presented to the community council with officer recommended candidate roads for consideration as set out in Appendix 1 of this report back on 2 November 2011. The community council deferred its decision and requested officers to undertake further investigations of additional schemes and present the information for its consideration. Additionally at the community council meeting on 11 January 2012, officers facilitated a workshop in which local residents voted to identify the schemes they would like the community council to consider.
3. The revised schemes from the original instruction have been investigated and the cost estimates are presented in Appendix 1. Also, the outcome of the workshop, the schemes identified and their cost estimates are presented in appendix 2.
4. The community council should note that Hawkstone Road, one of the roads identified for improvement, is a principal road. As such its maintenance is funded externally by Transport for London and should not be funded by community council devolved highway funding.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

5. The overall budget available to the community council is £100,000 for 2012/13. Decisions are needed in April 2012 to allow for programming of works through the year and to enable officers to plan and programme these works and takes account of the Olympics and other factors such as the ongoing Thames Water Victoria Mains replacement works.

Community Council Selections

6. This money can be spent on any asset renewal or replacement project selected by the community council with the caveats that it cannot be spent on traffic safety or parking schemes, non functional or decorative installations and / or non-essential works. In addition to the resurfacing selections provided it, the money (or part thereof) could be spent on minor patching and pothole repairs should a community council wish to do so.

Delivery

7. Once the community council has made their selections by the method of their choice they will be designed and delivered as soon as possible in 2012/13. Any under spends or projected overspends will be reported back to Community Council for resolution or reallocation.

Community Impact Statement

8. There are no specific community impact issues arising from the recommendations.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Highways Capital Investment Programme Decision 18 August 2011	160 Tooley Street PO Box 64529 Southwark Council London SE1P 5LX	Matthew Hill 020 7525 3541 Or Franklin Uwaneme 0207525 2207

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Candidate Schemes
Appendix 2	Result of workshop held at Rotherhithe CC

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Gill Davies, Director Environment and Leisure	
Report Author	Matthew Hill, Public Realm Programme Manager / Franklin Uwaneme, PRP - Community Programmes Manager	
Version	Final	
Dated	4 April 2012	
Key Decision?	No	
CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included
Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	No	No
Finance Director	No	No
Date final report sent to Constitutional Support Team	4 April 2012	

APPENDIX 1

Devolved Community Council Funded Schemes

Funding

Community Council : **Rotherhithe**

Date : 10 October 2011

Under spend from previous years £0
 Allocation for FY 2012/13 £100,000
 Total available for 2012/13 **£100,000.00**

Officer Recommendations – 2012/13

Candidate Road	Ward	Identified defects	Suggested treatment	Estimated Cost
Brunswick Quay	Surrey Docks	Carriageway / footway: 2 locations where roots of maturing trees are lifting up block work footways and carriageways. At other locations poor quality sub base ./ grade construction causing local subsidence	Carriageway / footway: Remove problem tree(s) (with agreement of Tree officers and local resident engagement; replace with less invasive specimens in tree pits equipped with root deflectors. Remove and store block work paving: Remove at least 400 mm material and replace with approved sub base / road base (plus sub grade improvement if necessary) ; relay block work	£50,000
Rope St	Surrey Docks	Carriageway / footway: 2 locations where roots of maturing trees are lifting up block work footways and carriageways. At other locations poor quality sub base ./ grade construction causing local subsidence	Carriageway / footway: Remove problem tree(s) (with agreement of Tree officers and local resident engagement; replace with less invasive specimens in tree pits equipped with root deflectors. Remove and store block work paving: Remove at least 400 mm material and replace with approved sub base / road base (plus sub grade improvement if necessary) ; relay block work	£50,000
Gomm Road	Rotherhithe	Carriageway: 100 m section on approach to park gates plus parking areas. Badly deformed , local subsidence; patching stating to fail ; aggregate stripping	Carriageway: Plane off and resurface to 40mm depth plus regulating course.	£68,000
Overall Total				£168,000.00

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APPENDIX 2

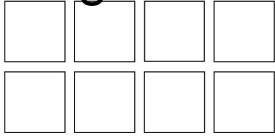
* Workshop results, defects, and cost estimates.

Carriageway Renewal	Red dots Votes for Carriageway Renewal	Blue dots Votes for Footway Renewal	Green dots Votes for Pot Holes works
Albion Street	4		
Brunel Road	4		
Downtown Road		1	1
Greenland Quay	1		
Hawkstone Road	1	3	
King Stair Close		3	
Luxford Street	4		
Oldfield Grove	2		
Russia Dock Road		1	
Warndon Street	5		
Wilson Grove	2		
Total	23	8	1

Candidate Road	Ward	Identified defects	Suggested treatment	Estimated Cost
Warndon Street	Livesey/ Rotherhite	Carriageway: Subsiding trench reinstatements; patched areas in various states of deterioration; potholes.	Carriageway: Plane off and resurface with 40mm and some section 100m Reinstatement of road marking.	£31,250.00
Albion Street	Rotherhithe	Carriageway: Section from Temeraire St to Renforth St Subsiding trench reinstatements; patched areas in various states of deterioration; potholes.	Carriageway: Plane off and resurface with 40mm between Renforth Street and Temeraire Street; reinstatement of road marking	£28,300.00
Brunel Road	Rotherhithe	Carriageway: No major defects were identified. Minor transverse cracks.	Carriageway: Currently no action require at current stage.	0
Hawkstone Road (please refer to paragraph 4 of the report and foot note below)	Rotherhithe			0
				0
King Stair Close	Rotherhithe	Footway: Unsightly appearance, utility trenches, uneven surface	Footways: Various damaged section of Footway with 6mm DBM (Bituminous) as Council standard.	£14,500.00
Luxford Street	Rotherhithe	Carriageway: Subsiding trench reinstatements; patched areas in various states of deterioration; potholes.	Carriageway: Plane off and resurface (40mm) some section up to (100mm); reinstate road marking.	£31,800.00
Downtown Road	Surrey Dock	Footway: Section from Steers way to Somerford Way Unsightly appearance, utility trenches, uneven surface	Footways: Various damaged section of Footway with 6mm DBM (Bituminous) as Council standard.	£18,900.00
Greenland Quay	Surrey Dock	Carriageway: Uneven surface, minor deterioration and deformation.	Carriageway: Relay bricks in various damaged section of Carriageway.	£22,500.00
Russia Dock Road	Surrey Dock	Footway: Uneven surface (within council Intervention level)	Footway: No further action require at current stage.	
			Overall total	£147,250.00

Note: Hawkstone Road is Principal Road and maintenance is funded by Transport for London (TfL)

Agenda Item 14



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A voice for your community



Rotherhithe Community Council

Public question form:

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Your mailing address:

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Forid Ahmed, Neighbourhood Coordinator or Gill Kelly, Community Council Development Officer

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