

Walworth Community Council

WE LOVE WALWORTH / COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

Wednesday 14 September 2011

7.00 pm

Walworth Methodist Church, 54 Camberwell Road, London SE5 0EN

Membership

Councillor Martin Seaton (Chair)
Councillor Darren Merrill (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Catherine Bowman
Councillor Neil Coyle
Councillor Patrick Diamond
Councillor Dan Garfield
Councillor Lorraine Lauder MBE
Councillor Abdul Mohamed
Councillor Helen Morrissey

Members of the committee are summoned to attend this meeting

Annie Shepperd

Chief Executive

Date: Tuesday 6 September 2011



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Order of Business

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1.	INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME
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3.	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.	
4.	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.	
5.	MINUTES (Pages 1 - 12)	
	To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 2011.	
6.	DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)	
	The chair to advise on any deputations or petitions received.	
7.	COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (Pages 13 - 16)	7.10pm
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cemeteries consultation - Deborah McKenzie, Parks Service Development Officer • Waste collection and recycling - Sharon Ellis, Veolia • Open spaces research - David Yates • Olympics - Pat Shelly, Head of Youth, Commissioning & IAG • Elephant and Castle - Representatives from Lend Lease and St Modwen to report back • Black History month – Councillor Martin Seaton 	
8.	DEMOCRACY COMMISSION / COMMUNITY COUNCILS	7.30pm
	Darryl Telles - Neighbourhoods Manager	
9.	CONSULTATION FEEDBACK	7.45pm
	Results of the libraries consultation - Adrian Whittle, Head of Culture, Libraries, Learning and Leisure	
10.	WE LOVE WALWORTH / COMMUNITY CONVERSATION	7.55pm
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Overview – Councillor Martin Seaton 	

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11.	PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (Pages 17 - 22)	8.40pm
	<p>This is an opportunity for public questions addressed to the chair.</p> <p>Residents or persons working in the borough may ask questions on any matter in relation to which the council has powers or duties.</p> <p>Responses may be supplied in writing following the meeting.</p>	
12.	LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS (Pages 23 - 26)	8.45pm
	<p>Executive function</p> <p>To consider the information as set out in the attached report.</p>	
13.	COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND (Pages 27 - 32)	8.50pm
	<p>Executive function</p> <p>To consider the information as set out in the attached report.</p>	
14.	EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS	
	<p>That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2, Access to Information Procedure rules of the Constitution.</p>	
15.	SCHOOL GOVERNORS APPOINTMENTS	8.55pm
	<p>Executive function</p> <p>To consider the information in the closed agenda.</p>	

Date: Tuesday 6 September 2011

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WALWORTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Walworth Community Council held on Saturday 2 July 2011 at 2.00 pm at Unit 226-228 (first floor), Elephant & Castle Shopping Centre, London, SE1 6TB

PRESENT: Councillor Martin Seaton (Chair)
Councillor Darren Merrill (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Catherine Bowman
Councillor Neil Coyle
Councillor Patrick Diamond
Councillor Dan Garfield
Councillor Lorraine Lauder MBE
Councillor Abdul Mohamed
Councillor Helen Morrissey

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Peter John

OFFICER SUPPORT: Jon Abbott (Project Director, Regeneration and Neighbourhoods)
Pauline Bonner (Borough & Bankside and Walworth Neighbourhood Coordinator)
Ashoke Chaudhury (Area Manager, Libraries Service)
Gerald Gohler (Constitutional Officer)

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

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

2. APOLOGIES

There were none.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were none.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 May 2011 be agreed as an accurate record of that meeting, and signed by the chair.

6. A SHORT ADDRESS BY THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR OF SOUTHWARK COUNCILLOR LORRAINE LAUDER MBE

The Worshipful The Mayor of Southwark Councillor Lorraine Lauder MBE led a tribute to the former Mayor Councillor Tayo Situ who had died in office in May. This was followed by one minute's silence in remembrance of the former Mayor.

7. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

8. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following community announcements were made:

Elephant Amenity Network

Elephant Amenity Network had held a workshop for residents and local green groups to give their views about what they wanted to see for the area, as a result of which a document was produced. Attendees were encouraged to pick up a copy and to feed back to the group about the regeneration of the area.

Council Assembly

The chair announced that as part of the first phase of the Democracy Commission, themed debates had been introduced at Council Assembly meetings as a way to make these meetings more relevant, responsive and accessible to local people. The Council Assembly meeting on Wednesday 6 July would involve a themed debate on Sports and Young People, and would take place outside the Town Hall for the first time – at the Walworth Academy. The chair encouraged attendees to email their views on themed council debates to the Democracy Commission and to raise questions or deputations on the theme of Sports and Young people. He invited them to also come along to the informal session at 6pm before the debate, which would feature contributions from young people sharing their experiences and vision for sport in Southwark. He also invited residents to stay on and listen to the debate during Council Assembly which started at 7pm.

Democracy Commission Phase 2

Councillor Abdul Mohamed, Cabinet Member for Equalities and Community Engagement explained that the Democracy Commission was a cross-party group of councillors tasked with bringing the council closer to residents and making it more accountable to them and connected with their concerns. The second phase of the Democracy Commission, which started in May 2011, involved a review of the eight community councils that would include: looking at ways to make savings, discussing what community councils currently do, how this could be improved and identifying what residents particularly value about community councils. The Democracy Commission was seeking the views of local people as part of this review. Councillor Mohamed encouraged residents to fill in the questionnaires provided and to return their responses to officers at their local community councils by Monday 29 August 2011, email their views directly to the Democracy Commission at democracy@southwark.gov.uk, or speak directly to officers at their local community councils. The next Democracy Commission would be on Friday 8 July 2011 at 7pm.

Green Spaces / Open Spaces network

The chair said that the first meeting of the green spaces/open spaces network had been held recently. This group was distinct from the Elephant Amenity Network which mainly looked at planning applications. He explained that there were many plots of land and green spaces which needed to be preserved, as they were part of Walworth's heritage. The group could be a precursor of a Walworth Society modelled on the Camberwell Society. The next meeting of the network would be on 14 July 2011 at 7pm in Browning Community Centre. He encouraged attendees to contact himself or Councillor Merrill, if they had further questions, and went on to say that the group hoped to influence important issues and have involvement at several levels.

Topics for future agendas

The chair encouraged attendees to fill in the green sheets indicating which topics they would like to see discussed at future community council meetings.

Libraries consultation

Ashoke Chaudhury, Area Manager in the Libraries service, informed the meeting that a public consultation about libraries was being conducted over the next two months. Residents would be asked to help the council to think through how to maintain a high quality library service within the context of the council having to make savings of £60m in this year's budget and further savings in the years ahead.

Residents would be able to complete a survey at their local library. This asked about the way people currently use the library service and then went on to ask people to give their opinions and preferences for various options which could potentially save money. The survey also offered a chance for people to give their own ideas on ways the council could make savings. This survey would be available at all libraries except Peckham for 3 weeks from 27 June until 17 July, and at Peckham Library from 8 to 28 July (due to the by-election in this ward on 7 July). The survey would also be available on line on the council's website for 3 weeks from 27 June. Details of all the consultation meeting dates and times are available on the website and at the libraries. The meeting at Newington Library would be on 14 July and started at 7pm. Officers would attend the September community council meetings to report back on the review. A formal report would be presented to Cabinet in November 2011.

The chair encouraged people to participate in the survey, as libraries were a very

important service.

Other events

Councillor Garfield informed the meeting of the following events:

Southwark Community Games are running summer activities for young people aged eight to 16 years old.

Football Sessions:

- @ Fusion Elephant and Castle Leisure Centre, Elephant & Castle, SE1
Date: 28 July; 4 and 11 August Time: 4pm to 6pm
- @Aylesbury Wolverton Football Pitch, Thurlow Street, SE17
Date: 26, 29 July; 2, 5, 9 and 12 August Time: 3pm to 5pm

Multi-sports:

- @Kinglake Cage, Opposite Surrey Square Primary School, SE17
Date: 26 July; 2 and 9 August Time: 12pm to 2pm
- @Faraday Gardens Playing Cage, Portland Street, SE17
Date: 28 July; 4 and 11 August Time: 12pm to 2pm
- @Wendover Cage, Aylesbury Estate, Off Thurlow Street, SE17
Date: 27 July; 3 and 10 August Time: 4pm to 6pm
- @Gayhurst Cage, Off Portland Street, SE17
Date: 29 July; 5 and 12 August Time: 12pm to 2pm

50+ IN SE17 JULY 2011

For more information on the following 50+ events, contact Julia on 020 7708 4556 or at julia.honess@southwarkpensioners.org.uk

Four Corners Exhibition

An invitation to Four Corners Exhibition of Work by over 50s and Caribbean Food Tasting

Date: Monday 11 July 2011

Time: 11.30am-1pm

The Elephant and the Nun

5 to 14 August 2011

Southwark's new creative indoor festival with events and activities over 8 days. For more information call Southwark Events: 020 7525 3422

Email: events@southwark.gov.uk

Art in the Park

Chumleigh Gardens, Burgess Park, SE17

Free event. Call Art in the Park on 0207 277 4297 to book a space

Well-Being Workshops - Chi Kung

Tykes Corner, Unit 7 Thurlow Street, SE17 2UZ

Date: Wednesday 6th, 13th, 20th July

Time: 6pm-7pm

£2 contribution for each session

Keep Fit

Pembroke House, 80 Tatum Street SE17

Date: Fridays
£1 contribution for each session

Time: 10am-11am

Creation Event
Blue Huts, 1 Thurlow Street, SE17 2US

Date: Thursday 14th July

Time: 3pm-7pm

Events and activities to let residents know what is on offer in the area and to put the new Creation office on the map. Please note that new members must live on the Aylesbury Estate or in SE17 to take part in activities and advice sessions.

Councillor Coyle informed the meeting that Pullens Yard was hosting an event that weekend which included pottery, books, and arts and craft on this fantastic, historic site.

On Saturday and Sunday 16/17 July 2011 Pembroke House in Tatum Street would host an event around the "Wonderful Walworth" theme which would showcase local groups and activities.

A resident asked whether the South American festival which normally happened in Burgess Park would be moved to Brockwell Park, while the former was being renovated, and whether the festival would it be coming back next year.

ACTION: Parks/events team to report back on where the Carnival del Pueblo will be held this year, and next year.

9. YOUTH FOCUS

The chair introduced Ben and Martin from the Walworth Youth Community Council. The youth community council had been working with the main community council and with the East Street market traders to follow up on issues raised by young people. This was part of young people having more of a say in how services were going to be delivered.

Ben and Martin informed the meeting that the Youth Community Council had been in existence for one year and that its members ranged in age from 13-19. They came from all over the area and met every two weeks to discuss local issues. Last year they had organised several events and activities, e.g. a boat-trip called 'postcodes united' attended by more than 100 young people. They had also produced a video documentary about how young people on estates felt about where they lived. Currently, they were working on a petition about betting shops on Walworth Road, and on organising a tea party event to which all members of the community were invited.

In answer to questions from the floor, Ben and Martin responded that their film had been shown at a Youth Community Council meeting, and that they were planning to show it at other meetings. They explained that the petition was there to gauge opinions about betting shops, and asked whether TRAs could help publicise it. There were several offers of help with the petition from the floor. Ben and Martin went on to explain that the Youth Community Council did not have its own website, and was required to go through the council's communications department. Asked what the Youth Community Council could do to prevent gun and knife crime and gangs in the area, they responded that the education system and families all had to work together, and that families had a big role to play.

The chair thanked the representatives of Walworth Youth Community Council for attending and offered councillors' help with the petition. He said that he would like to see 100 new members of the Youth Community Council by this time next year.

A question was raised about the future of the market traders in the area.

ACTION: Officers to provide an update on the situation around the markets in the area.

A complaint was raised that some shops on Walworth Road sold alcohol, late at night, to underage young people who consumed it in front of and inside the shops. The chair said this information would be passed on to the council's licensing department.

ACTION: Licensing department to provide feedback about the situation regarding alleged sale of alcohol to underage customers on Walworth Road.

10. CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

The chair announced that the consultation feedback about the sex establishments policy would be taken at a future meeting.

Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) – Southampton Way

Councillor Dan Garfield gave feedback on the consultation on the proposed CPZ in the northern section of Southampton Way: there had been only a small number of responses (94) despite a large number of questionnaires having been sent out. 54% of respondents had been against the introduction of the CPZ, 39% had been in favour.

Elephant and Castle consultation

Councillor Merrill fed back about the consultation on the new leisure centre at the Elephant and Castle: 8,000 letters had been sent out and 1,300 responses had been received which represented a return rate of 16%. Residents would like to see a swimming pool, a gym and some had asked for squash courts. Officers would be looking into this. Formal plans would now be drawn up and consulted on. A planning application was scheduled to be submitted in winter 2011 and construction would start in 2012.

In terms of the Heygate Estate demolition, this was on its way and the consultation was in phase two which included the Wansey Street end of the estate. He invited residents to email John Abbott, if they had suggestions about the works.

Steve McAdams, a consultant from Soundings, said that they had come on board to ensure that the community's voice would be heard by developers.

At the last community forum meeting the following had been announced:

1. Lendlease have acquired the block directly behind the leisure centre
2. An independent chair for the community forum has been elected - Sarah Gaventa
3. Architects have been appointed for the Rodney Road development
4. Consultations would be conducted via the Community Forum, but sub-groups on the following issues were being looked at:
 - a. Employment, retail and business
 - b. community focus
 - c. TRAs

40,000 flyers had been printed to advertise the consultation events. These would be distributed on the weekend of 8 and 9 July. The events would commence on 14 July 2011 and last for 2 weeks. A small temporary consultation hub had been set up at 182-184 Walworth Road. The hub would be open from 11am to 6pm on Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun; and from 11am to 8pm on Thursdays. More details were available on the website www.elephantandcastle.org.uk

11. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME WITH THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND CABINET MEMBERS

The chair welcomed Councillor Peter John, Leader of Southwark Council, to the meeting.

Councillor Peter John said the council's mission was to provide a fairer future for all, and to have transparency and openness in its processes. It was important to involve people in the difficult decisions which had to be made. The council had faced a £34m reduction in its budget this year, and was faced with a further £20m reduction next year and the year after that. This meant that at the end of the three years the council's overall budget would have shrunk by 25%. The council had put some measures in place to help voluntary sector groups and young people in the borough, e.g. with the voluntary sector transition fund and the youth fund. A £2m Olympic legacy fund had also been put in place. There was also a pilot scheme in some primary schools for free, healthy school meals. There had also been other developments, for example the redevelopment of the Heygate Estate, a corporation agreement with the company which owned the shopping centre, St Modwen, and plans for the new leisure centre.

Future challenges included further cuts; and delivering these would be tough. However, the council was committed to deliver on its promises, one of which was a 5-year programme to make homes in the borough safe, dry and warm.

Responding to questions from the floor, Councillor John said that:

- he would speak to officers about alternative meeting spaces for the groups which currently use the leisure centre, during the refurbishment. The new leisure centre would be built on a smaller site to allow for a housing development, so there were space constraints and not all facilities (e.g squash courts) could be recreated, but this would be looked into again;
- he would speak to officers about the possibility of making the street names around Walworth more reflective of the area's Latin American community;
- the council was 100% behind the market traders in East Street and Elephant and Castle. The latter would be getting a new market square as part of the redevelopment, and East Street was being resurfaced to make it more attractive;
- the refurbishment of the Elephant and Castle was a 15-year process that had started in 2010. New homes would come on-stream in 2014;
- the demolition and refurbishment of the Heygate estate would also take place over that period of time. It would be tough to achieve the council's target of 30% affordable homes, in the light of reduced funding from central government to housing associations. The council would work on getting more capital receipts to

offset this, as had happened in the New Bankside development;

- charging 80% of the market rate for rents related to housing associations and other, non-council social landlords. Council rents would not be charged at this rate. The council would, however, be facing the problem of people on Housing Benefit in private rented accommodation not being able to afford their rent anymore, due to the changes introduced by central government;
- in terms of pub closures, councillors would support local campaigns or initiatives for the community to take over pubs threatened with closure. However, there wasn't anything the council itself could do, if a brewery decided to close a pub;
- it was important to have free school meals for all so that all children received good nutrition and that the stigma attached to them would be reduced;
- voluntary sector organisations who had lost or were looking for funding should contact Councillor Mohamed, Cabinet Member for equalities and community engagement, and explore the voluntary sector transition fund;
- the council would try to enhance the shopping centre and promote local people doing their shopping in the borough, which currently only 20% did;
- in terms of the housing repairs contract, Gerri Scott, the new director of housing, was addressing this issue and was sorting out the contractors and the department's management structure. He urged residents to inform the council, if they were dissatisfied with the service, as this was an absolute priority
- local jobs were part of the regeneration package and there was a commitment by the developers to provide apprenticeships. These would be rolled out within the next year.

The chair thanked Councillor John for attending.

John Abbot, Project Director, updated the meeting that the council were working with the police in order to increase the safety of people walking through the now mainly empty Heygate estate.

12. COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND ALLOCATIONS

Executive Function

AGREED:

That the following amounts of Walworth Community Council funding (2011/2012) be allocated to:

Name of the group	Name of Activity	Funding Awarded (£)
Art In The Park	Art In The Park - Open Day At Art In The Park	Please see note under project W1110 ("Friends of Burgess Park")
Browning St Community	October Black History Month	£1,000
Camberwell After School Project	Be Safe Project For Children	£ 700
Commus House T&RA (working with Alvey TRA, Mardyke TRA, Congreve & Barlow TRA)	Community Cohesion Fun Day	£1,200
Creative Innovation	E-business Start -up Programme	£1,000
Dyason Preschool	Outdoor Play Equipment	£1,000
Friends of Burgess Park	Burgess Park Revitalisation engagement	£1,500
<p>NOTE: The Community Council agreed this funding on the understanding that Friends of Burgess Park will work together with Art in the Park. If this is not possible, Art In The Park (Project reference W1101) shall receive £1,100 of this £1,500 and the £400 underspend will be brought back to a future meeting.</p>		
Gateway T&RA	Fun Day	£360
Latin American Multicultural Group (LAMG)	Latin Meets Asian Dance Through the Chakras - The River - 'Within And Without'	£960
Catherine Lawrence	Holistic Health & Well Being Day	£980
New Image Youth Centre	Music Lessons For Youth In The Summer	£1,000

Pullens T&RA	Healthy Living And Eating	£600
Rodney Road Resident Association - Peabody Estate	Latin American Party - Peabody Estate	£995
Royal British Legion Club	90th Anniversary Dinner & Dance Of Royal British Legion	£650
Southwark Sea Cadets	Our Naval Heritage	£865
Southwark Somali Refugee Council	Somali Education And Family Engagement Project - Walworth And Aylesbury Area	£1,000
Studio At The Elephant	Studio At The Elephant	£750
Mrs A Vaughan	Community Garden Wall And Plants	£200
Walworth Youth Community Council	Walworth Tea Party	£500
Total amount allocated		£15,260

The chair informed the meeting that some groups had been awarded funding jointly in order to foster working together. Councillors also informed the meeting that all those listed were linked to bonafide organisations, and that some organisations which had received funding in the past had not done so this time in order to give an opportunity to new groups.

13. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following public questions were submitted in writing:

- “Is it necessary to enforce the Heygate Street bus lane 7 days a week for 12 hours a day? This slows up traffic for cars wanting to turn left and go along Walworth Road. Those signs are wrong. It should be 7-10am Monday to Friday and no more. The one bus would not be held up, if the enforcement was only at the peak time in the morning.”
- “Article in the Evening standard, Mon 27 June 2011: Southwark failed to collect £6 million in council tax. How are you going to rectify this problem?”

- “Southwark Play Rangers - Can the council tell me about the cutting off the grant for this group. As it’s used by many local children in the area. It’s particularly used when it comes to the local park. The grant is due to be cut off in November.”
- “All neighbourhoods had targets in rent collection put together. Are we getting a good return to enable us to do repairs to housing as you indicated.”
- “Has the printshop on the corner of Browning Street/Walworth Road put up too much advertising? On 15 June 2011, they covered the outside of four windows next the entrance of York Mansions with large advertising boards.”
- I am a tenant in Darwin Court, Barlow Street and some of the questions relate directly to that area and the green space there:
 1. Why does the council use large grass cutting machines on this area which are too large to cope with undulations in the ground and consequently scrape off the surface down to the mud? And will you rectify this.
 2. Why does the grasscutting etc follow a timetable regardless of the need. It has been cut at times of no growth - in very dry weather - to the detriment of the grass - and at a needless cost presumably?
 3. Could some areas be left free to grow? Flowers grow then, and wild flowers could be encouraged.
 4. Not all residents have been properly consulted about all developments in the past. If there are to be any future changes, of whatever kind, will you make sure they are [consulted] in the future.
 5. What are you doing about light pollution?
 6. There is a surplus of street lighting?
 7. Has the luminosity in Darwin Street been changed or increased recently?
 8. If any more large tower blocks are planned can everyone in the entire area be consulted as they affect a wide area and not simply the neighbouring streets? (Frankly we have enough. They are intrusive, dominant and - as it happens - of no particular merit)

ACTION: Relevant officers to respond to the above questions.

A resident complained about the time it took to receive parking permits, which caused the old permits to expire, before the new ones had arrived. Councillor Garfield responded that residents could leave their old permits in the car, if the new ones had not arrived. Attendants would honour the old permits as they could see on their systems that new permits had been issued. He urged people to get in touch with their councillors, if the system was not working. The chair said officers from the council’s parking section would be invited to a future meeting.

ACTION: Officers from the council's parking section to attend a future meeting to inform residents about parking/permits.

In answer to questions from the floor, the chair explained that the process of allocating the community fund budget had been an open and transparent dialogue, and that members had carefully considered all applications.

14. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2, Access to Information Procedure rules of the Constitution.

15. SCHOOL GOVERNORS APPOINTMENTS

Executive Function

RESOLVED:

That Miss Valerie Collins be reappointed as school governor for St. John's Walworth Church of England Primary School.

The meeting ended at 4.40 pm.

CHAIR:

DATED:

chambers can be more expensive for customers and providers.

D) Find a burial site outside of Southwark

It may be possible to identify land outside of Southwark that could be purchased and used as burial space. If this is possible and not too expensive, residents of the borough would need to travel to wherever the site is to visit the graves of loved ones. The council does not currently own land that is suitable for this use.

E) Share a cemetery elsewhere or buy graves from a private supplier

The council could seek a partner or partners who the council could work with to find an innovative solution to the lack of burial space. A local funeral director is in the process of developing land outside the borough as a private cemetery and early discussions have been held with him with a view to purchasing space within that facility which may be operational within the next two years.

F) Work with other local authorities to source land for a new cemetery

As the majority of inner London local authorities are in a similar position to Southwark it may be possible to find solutions to this issue together. The council is working with neighbouring boroughs to think through the possible solutions to this issue.

G) Use all or some of Honor Oak Park Recreation Ground for burial space

Honor Oak Park Recreation Ground was purchased for burial space in 1901 but has been used as a recreation ground for some years as the land was not needed for burial space.

Local residents use Honor Oak Park Recreation Ground for football; the children's play area, for dog walking and general recreation. The land would provide burial for about 30 years but recreation activities would no longer be possible.

The loss of the football pitches could put additional pressure on other nearby facilities at One Tree Hill, Brenchley Gardens (open space only) and Peckham Rye Park (sports facilities and children's play) in Southwark and Blythe Hill Fields (children's play area) and Hilly Fields (sports facilities and children's play area) in Lewisham.

H) Stop burying in Southwark

Providing a burial service is not a statutory responsibility. The council must ensure the legal disposal of any person who dies within its boundary where no suitable funeral arrangements have been made. If burials in the borough cease the crematorium would continue to operate and hence the council could continue to meet this duty.

Maintaining cemeteries in its ownership is a statutory responsibility of the local authority. Ceasing to bury would mean a year on year reduction in income for Southwark, whilst the costs of maintenance would remain.

People wanting to bury relatives could purchase graves at cemeteries in neighbouring boroughs though they would be charged up to 3 times the standard residential rate.

More information

For further information about this consultation please go to our website:
www.southwark.gov.uk/parks

Contact us

To contact us please email
parks@southwark.gov.uk

Cemeteries consultation

Our cemeteries are nearly full. We want to make the right decisions about future burials and burial space in Southwark.

We have now started a public consultation to hear your views. This is an opportunity to speak with residents about the lack of burial space in the borough and how we plan to tackle it.

We want to hear from you and there will be several ways that you can get involved, including public meetings and a survey.

To start the discussion we have provided answers to some frequently asked questions about cemeteries in Southwark.

Frequently asked questions

Q What are the options?

A There are several options that offer possible solutions to this challenge. They range from looking at available virgin ground within the borough, re-using existing graves, exploring burial space outside of the borough, using some, all or none of the land at Honor Oak Recreation ground, working with other local authorities, and considering the alternatives to traditional earthen burials.

Further explanation of all of the options is provided on page 3 of this leaflet.

Q What is virgin ground?

A Virgin ground is land within the existing cemeteries that has not previously been used for burials. All known virgin ground has been used or has been earmarked for burials in the short term. However extensive work is being undertaken to ensure that all virgin ground has been exhausted.

Q How did our cemeteries get so full?

A The council has been aware of this issue for a number of years, as this is a country wide problem which many local authorities are facing, but there is no easy solution. It is a very

sensitive subject and the council is committed to resolving this issue so as to make the right decision for the benefit of residents.

Q Does the council have to provide this service?

A Southwark Council is not bound by law to bury people. The council is responsible for the disposal of any person who dies within its boundary where no suitable funeral arrangements have been made. However, this disposal does not need to be burial so cremation can be used.

The council is bound by law to maintain cemeteries, in its ownership, in perpetuity.

Q What happens if you stop burying?

A The crematorium would continue to operate.

There are some people who for religious or cultural reasons or as a family tradition do not practice cremation. People wanting to bury would need to use cemeteries outside of Southwark. Council run cemeteries often charge more to people residing outside their borough.

Most neighbouring boroughs are in a similar position to us in terms of the shortage of burial space.

Q Will the crematorium still be used?

A There are no plans to cease cremation operations in Southwark. 70% of people favour cremation over burial. The cremation operations in Southwark are very successful and don't create significant demands for space.

Q Why don't we cremate instead?

A 70% of Southwark residents opt for cremation over burial. However 30% of people still want to be buried. This trend has not changed much over the last few years.

Some people's religion or culture requires that they must be buried and cannot be cremated.

Q What is the demand for the burial service?

A 30% of people in Southwark opt for burial. This equates to around 210 new plot purchases per year and a total of 380 burials per year. The rest of the burials are reopening of graves for two people that have already been purchased.

Q What are other boroughs doing?

A Many boroughs are about to run out, if they haven't already. Some boroughs are selling their cemeteries to private operators, others are re-using graves, some are re-opening previously closed cemeteries, others own enough land to create new cemeteries.

Q Why can't we re-use the old graves?

A It is possible by law to re-use private (purchased) graves that are older than 75 years old (good practice is to wait until they are 100 years old) and this is an option that they are considering. Please see a summary of this option on page 3 and 4 of this leaflet.

Q Why are you considering using Honor Oak Recreation Ground as burial space?

A It is only an option at this stage and we have declared that this is the council's least preferred option. It was originally bought by the council in

the early part of last century (1901) as burial ground, but has been used as a recreation ground because burial space was available elsewhere.

Q What is the designation of the land at Honor Oak and doesn't this protect it from being used as cemetery space?

A The whole area that was purchased as cemetery space is designated in the Southwark UDP/Core Strategy as Metropolitan Open Land. Burial space is considered a suitable use for Metropolitan Open Land.

Q Why can't we move the play area at Honor Oak?

A It would be possible to move the play area but it is a matter of how much this would cost and where the money would come from.

Q Where else in the Honor Oak area can people play football, walk their dog, and take their small children to play?

A In Southwark, the following sites are available for a variety of activities including football, dog walking and children's play: Peckham Rye Park, One Tree Hill and Brenchley Gardens. In Lewisham the following sites are available: Blythe Hill Fields, Hilly Fields and King's College Sports Ground at Brockley Rise.

Q What happens now?

A On pages 3 and 4 we have listed a summary of the options we think are open to us. We are asking the public to consider these and tell us their preferences. Once we have the results of this consultation we will make a decision on developing our burial provision.

Explaining the options

The range of options available to the council includes:

- A) Re-use of common graves
- B) Re-use of private graves
- C) Use of burial chambers
- D) Find a burial site outside of Southwark
- E) Share a cemetery elsewhere or buy graves from private owner
- F) Work with other local authorities to source land for a new cemetery
- G) Use all or some of Honor Oak Park Recreation Ground
- H) Stop burying people in Southwark

A) Re-use of common graves (public graves owned by the council)

i) **Top up** it is possible to re-use common graves by making up the soil level on top of the area of graves in order to provide the appropriate depth for new burials. This prevents the disturbance of human remains. It is also possible to use chamber systems on top of common graves to achieve the same effect.

ii) **Faculty re-use** It is also possible to re-use areas of common graves on consecrated land. This is land that has been dedicated for sacred use in a ceremony performed by the Bishop. With permission or 'faculty' from the Church of England, providing the graves are old enough, the remains can be exhumed and reburied in another area of consecrated ground.

B) Re-use of private grave areas

Legally burial authorities in London can re-use privately purchased graves after 75 years but it is best practice to wait until they are over 100 years old and only once notices and letters have failed to identify living relatives who can make a claim to the grave.

i) **Reclaiming space** In the past some graves have been purchased to accommodate 2 or more people but subsequently not fully utilised. In these circumstances it is possible to reclaim and sell remaining space. This option still requires notices and every effort to be made to identify any living relative.

ii) **Dig and deepen** It is also possible to re-use private graves through a practice called 'dig and deepen' where the human remains are reburied at a greater depth to allow for burials on top. This allows the appropriate depth for the new burial and does not disturb the human remains already buried within the grave.

The City of London, Newham and Croydon councils re-use and it is considered to be the most sustainable option by industry experts however few local authorities are currently undertaking re-use schemes.

C) Use of burial chambers

The installation of chamber systems or mausoleum systems is popular approach to burial taken in some European countries. Due to the nature of the systems it is possible to fit more graves into a space compared to traditional earthen burials. However some argue that this relocates the problem of lack of space to above the ground.

These systems require less maintenance, but the initial costs of purchasing and installing burial

Southwark's cemeteries consultation questionnaire

Please complete the questions below to help us to make decisions about how best to shape the cemetery service in the future. The deadline has been extended to 30 September 2011.

1. How often do you visit the cemeteries or crematoriums in LB Southwark?

- Weekly
- On an occasional basis
- Monthly

2. Could you tell us the reason for your visit(s)?

- To visit a relative or friend's grave or memorial plaque
- Personal interest, e.g. historical research
- Other (please state) _____
- For recreation
- To attend a funeral

3. Do you have a preference for burial or cremation?

- Cremation
- Burial

3a. What is/are your reason(s) for this preference? (tick all that apply)

- My culture dictates my preference
- My choice is dictated by family tradition
- Other (please state) _____
- My religion dictates my preference
- Cost

4. If you have chosen burial as a preference would you mind letting us know what would be important to you when selecting a cemetery plot.

- Locality
- Environment
- Family links
- Other (please state) _____

5. Do you feel it is important for Southwark Council to continue to provide burial space for its residents?

- Yes
- No

5a. Use the space below to comment on your answer to Q5.

6. Please rate the following options in order of those you feel most appropriate for the future of burials in the borough.

An explanation of these options is contained in the accompanying information leaflet or can be found by going to www.southwark.gov.uk/parks

Please number your preference from 1 to 8 with 1 being your first preference and 8 being your least favoured option.

Option	Number
A Re-use of common graves	<input type="checkbox"/>
B Re-use of private graves	<input type="checkbox"/>
C Use of burial chambers	<input type="checkbox"/>
D Finding a burial site outside of Southwark	<input type="checkbox"/>
E Share a cemetery elsewhere or buy graves from a private supplier	<input type="checkbox"/>
F Work with other local authorities to source shared land for new cemeteries	<input type="checkbox"/>
G Use some or all of Honor Oak Recreation Ground for burials	<input type="checkbox"/>
H Stop burying in Southwark	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. If you have any comments or reasons for your choice of option please state below:

8. Some information about you:

Your postcode _____ Your borough _____

Please describe your faith _____

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

Your responses will help us shape our services in the future.

Contact details (optional)

If you would like to be kept informed about this consultation please leave your contact details below.

Name: _____

Postal address: _____

Email address: _____

Please return your completed form to Deborah McKenzie, 160 Tooley Street, London, PO BOX 64529, London SE1P 5LX by 30 September 2011.

Feedback about issues raised at previous community council meetings

Question	Response
<p>ACTION: Parks/events team to report back on where the Carnival del Pueblo will be held this year, and next year.</p>	<p>Carnaval del Pueblo historically takes place at Burgess Park, but will not take place this year. http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200157/festivals_and_events/1784/carnaval_del_pueblo</p> <p>Carnaval del Pueblo taking place at Burgess Park in August 2012 has been conditionally supported by Southwark Council in principle.</p>
<p>ACTION: Officers to provide an update on the situation around the markets in the area.</p>	<p>The following actions have been taken in relation to markets in the Walworth area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 foot pitches introduced on East Street after completion of road improvement works. • Westmoreland Road market traders will move to East Street on a permanent basis on Sundays. • Westmoreland Road will have a reduction in pitches on other days located at the Walworth Road end. • A new legislative framework for markets has been agreed and will come into effect from November 2011. • There will be special themed markets in East Street starting with extended Christmas Markets on selected days - more information shortly.
<p>ACTION: Licensing department to provide feedback about the situation regarding alleged sale of alcohol to underage customers on Walworth Road.</p>	<p>This matter was discussed with the area licensing staff and the trading standards officer who organises the under-age sales covert operations. Neither have had any intelligence around any specific premises.</p> <p>Because of the demands of RIPA (Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000) and the need that now exists to obtain specific authorisation for each test purchase undertaken we cannot carry these out speculatively. As the community council did not identify any particular premises we have nothing to go on at present.</p> <p>However, enforcement officers will speak to the local area Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) and see if they have any information around this situation. Officers have also been asked to pay a couple of visits to the area to see if they note anything.</p>
<p>Article in the Evening standard, Mon 27 June 2011: Southwark failed to collect £6 million in council tax. How are you going to rectify this problem?"</p>	<p>The council has taken the Revenues contract back in-house to focus on and improve council tax collection. The £6 million referred to in the article relates to council tax billed for in 2010/11 but uncollected at the end of that financial year - 31st March 2011. All methods of recovery action will be explored</p>

	<p>and exhausted to ensure we continue to collect any arrears outstanding for that year. Significant progress has been made to address both in year collection and focus on the collection of arrears, improvements in the resolution of customer service enquiries are currently being worked through & initial results have been encouraging.</p>
<p>“Has the print shop on the corner of Browning Street/Walworth Road put up too much advertising? On 15 June 2011, they covered the outside of four windows next the entrance of York Mansions with large advertising boards.”</p>	<p>Officers can confirm that numerous placard/poster signs were being displayed on the flank wall windows of this shop facing Browning Street, SE17. A letter was sent informing the business that Southwark Council planning department had received complaints about the posters/placards which had been placed and remained without advertisement consent.</p> <p>Following this letter, the business in question promised to remove the signage by Friday 26 August 2011. Officers will continue to pursue this matter, and give further updates to the community council.</p>
<p>“I am a tenant in Darwin Court, Barlow Street and some of the questions relate directly to that area and the green space there:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why does the council use large grass cutting machines on this area which are too large to cope with undulations in the ground and consequently scrape off the surface down to the mud? And will you rectify this. 2. Why does the grass cutting etc follow a timetable regardless of the need. It has been cut at times of no growth - in very dry weather - to the detriment of the grass - and at a needless cost presumably? 3. Could some areas be left free to grow? Flowers grow then, and wild flowers could be encouraged. 4. What are you doing about light pollution? 5. There is a surplus of street lighting? 	<p>The grounds maintenance supervisor for this area has inspected this site and there was a small area of scalping on one of the higher areas. He has now advised his team to trim this area in future.</p> <p>Due to scheduling pressures and the area's size, it would not be appropriate to use a smaller machine on this grassed area. This year has been an exceptional one in terms of growth, which would mean that while it would appear that the area has been cut excessively, it has not been cut any more than would normally be scheduled. In other years, once the 'growing' season ends the grass would not require cutting as much due to slower growth.</p> <p>(Awaiting answer from officers)</p> <p>To help tackle light pollution we have adopted the use of energy efficient white light lanterns that have a shallow glass bowl and effective optics. These ensure that the light goes where it is intended with no light being produced above the horizontal plain of the lantern. This means that no light is shone directly in to the sky from these lanterns.</p>

<p>6. Has the luminosity in Darwin Street been changed or increased recently?</p> <p>7. If any more large tower blocks are planned can everyone in the entire area be consulted as they affect a wide area and not simply the neighbouring streets? (Frankly we have enough. They are intrusive, dominant and - as it happens - of no particular merit)</p> <p>8. Not all residents have been properly consulted about all developments in the past. If there are to be any future changes, of whatever kind, will you make sure they are [consulted] in the future</p>	<p>The lighting in Darwin Street was replaced in 2004/2005 and has remained the same since.</p> <p>The planning authority follows best practice and the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) when it notifies neighbours about planning applications. Notices are provided by different means including press notices, site notices, the Council website, and neighbour letters to those most likely to be affected by a proposal. These are the same methods used in practice by all planning authorities and accord with statutory requirements. Should members of the public wish, there is a weekly list of all planning applications available by subscription. More information about consultation on planning applications can be found on the Council's website, or by using the link provided below.</p> <p>http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/485/planning_applications/686/consultation_on_planning_applications</p> <p>It should be noted that the required statutory consultation (planning authority notices) and public consultation undertaken by applicants are not linked. The planning authority is not aware of any recent incidents where the statutory consultation has been improperly handled. Developers and applicants are encouraged to undertake consultation with area residents and local stakeholders at the earliest stage possible as set out in the Council's SCI. At present, it is not a requirement for the applicant or developer to undertake such public consultation prior to the submission of a planning application, but this may become a requirement as proposed under the current Localism bill. Where such voluntary public consultation is conducted by an applicant or developer, the results thereof are considered and set out in both delegated and committee reports.</p> <p>Any changes to the Council's SCI are subject to public consultation in line with all planning policy documents. For more information on the SCI, please consult the Council's website, or by using the link provided below.</p> <p>http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/856/planning_policy/1238/statement_of_community_involvement_sci</p>
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<p>“Is it necessary to enforce the Heygate Street bus lane 7 days a week for 12 hours a day? This slows up traffic for cars wanting to turn left and go along Walworth Road. Those signs are wrong. It should be 7-10am Monday to Friday and no more. The one bus would not be held up, if the enforcement was only at the peak time in the morning.”</p>	<p>This road and its bus lane are operated and controlled by Transport for London, not Southwark. Officers will pass these comments to the suitable managers at TFL for a response.</p>
<p>Southwark Play Rangers - Can the council tell me about the cutting off the grant for this group. As it's used by many local children in the area. It's particularly used when it comes to the local park. The grant is due to be cut off in November.”</p>	<p>The Play Ranger team is one of four mobile units currently delivering supervised play opportunities in Southwark. All are resourced as part of a three year Big Lottery programme (2009-2011).</p> <p>The Play Ranger team and the Mobile Play Unit are both run by the Southwark Play Service, the remaining two are delivered by partner organisations, 'Play In Your Manor' (Bankside Open Spaces Trust) and Play Out Southwark (Woodcraft Folk).</p> <p>Although the main Big Lottery grant comes to an end in November of this year, the Play Service has been permitted to carry over some under spend from the first year of the programme and this will be targeted at keeping one of the mobile teams in operation, at least until September 2012.</p> <p>This will result in a reduction in the overall service provided, but the project will continue to operate across the borough while the Play Service pursues additional avenues for funding for the service.</p> <p>Once the new timetable has been produced, details of the Walworth sessions can be provided to the Community Council (October).</p>
<p>“All neighbourhoods had targets in rent collection put together. Are we getting a good return to enable us to do repairs to housing as you indicated.”</p>	<p>The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) is required by legislation to set a budget each year which is balanced between income into the account and expenditure on items charged to the account.</p> <p>The major items of income into the account are rental income, service charge income, other rents and subsidy.</p> <p>The major items of expenditure charged to the HRA are Repairs and Maintenance (R & M) of stock, Housing Management and debt charges.</p>

In setting the budget at the beginning of the year estimates are made of the rental income arising from Central Government legislation on rent restructuring and estimates on the potential costs arising from the expenditure items. These will take into account previous years spend as well as any requirement for savings and growth. This process was followed last year and in balancing the budget adequate provision was made for Repairs and Maintenance.

The income from rents and expenditure relating to R & M is monitored on a monthly basis to ensure that actual spend is in line with estimates and if not that remedial action is taken. There is however no direct correlation between individual items of income and individual items of expenditure and that is why the income target is set as an overall figure.

Targets for rent collection are set annually and are monitored closely. As at the end of July 2011, rent collection performance was 97.87% for the department. Moving forward, the responsibility for income collection is being centralised into one team reporting to a new Operations Manager. We will focus our efforts through a twin tracking process; concentrating on low-level arrears to avoid them spiralling into large debts which can prove difficult to recover and also on high-level arrears.



**Walworth Community Council
Wednesday 14 September 2011**

Public Question form

Your name:

Your mailing address:

What is your question?

**Please give this to Gerald Gohler, Constitutional Officer, or Pauline Bonner
Neighbourhood Co-ordinator**

Item No. 12.	Classification: Open	Date: 14 September 2011	Meeting Name: Walworth Community Council
Report title:		Local parking amendments	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All wards within Walworth Community Council	
From:		Senior Engineer, Public Realm Projects (Parking Design)	

RECOMMENDATION

1. It is recommended that the following local parking amendment, detailed in the appendices to this report, be approved for implementation subject to the outcome of any necessary statutory procedures:
 - Berryfield Road – Install one disabled persons (blue badge) parking bay

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. This report presents a proposal for a local parking amendment, which are reserved to the Community Council for decision under Part 3H of the constitution.
3. The origins and reasons for the proposal are discussed in the main body of the report.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Origin disabled bays – Berryfield Road

4. An application has been received by the network operations team for the installation of a disabled persons (blue badge) parking bay. The applicant met the necessary criteria for an origin, disabled persons parking bay.
5. The network development team has subsequently carried out a site visit to evaluate the road network and carried out consultation with the applicant to ascertain the appropriate location for the disabled bay.
6. It is therefore recommended that a disabled bay be installed at the following location, see appendix for detailed design:

Reference	Bay location (approx)	Drawing appendix number
1112Q1018	Outside 15 Berryfield Road	Appendix 1

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

7. The recommendations contained within this report are consistent with the policies of the Parking Enforcement Plan and associated Local Implementation Plan (LIP)
8. The proposal will support the council's equalities and human rights policies and will promote social inclusion by:
 - Provide origin disabled bays to assist residents with mobility impairments

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

9. The policies within the Parking and Enforcement Plan are upheld within this report have been subject to an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA).

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

10. All costs arising from implementing the proposals, as set out in the report, will be fully contained within the existing local parking amendment budget.

CONSULTATION

11. No informal (public) consultation has been carried out. Where consultation with stakeholders has been completed, this is described within the main body of the report.
12. Should the community council approve the item(s), statutory consultation will take place as part of the making of the traffic management order. A proposal notice will be erected in proximity to the site location and a press notice will be published in the Southwark News and London Gazette. If there are objections a further report will be re-submitted to the community council for determination.
13. The road network and parking manager has been consulted on the proposals and has no objections.
14. No consultation or comment has been sought from the Strategic Director for Communities, Law and Governance or the chief finance officer.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Parking and Enforcement Plan	Public Realm Environment & Leisure 160 Tooley Street	Tim Walker 020 7525 2021

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Berryfield Road - Proposed disabled bay

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Tim Walker, Senior Engineer	
Report Author	Paul Gellard, Transport and Projects Officer	
Version	Final	
Dated	02 September 2011	
Key Decision?	No	
CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included
Strategic Director for Communities, Law and Governance	No	No
Finance Director	No	No
Parking operations and development manager	No	No
Network manager	Yes	No
Parking and network management business unit manager	Yes	No
Cabinet Member	No	No
Date final report sent to Constitutional Team	02 September 2011	

Item No. 13.	Classification: Open	Date: 14 September 2011	Meeting Name: Walworth Community Council
Report title:		Walworth Community Council Fund 2011- 2012	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Faraday ward	
From:		Stephen Douglass, Head of Community Engagement	

RECOMMENDATION

1. To consider one new application for the Walworth Community Council Fund 2011 -2012, as attached at Appendix 1.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The Community Council Fund 2011-2012 provides revenue grants of between £100 and £1,000 for community projects. Applications are considered by the borough's eight community councils, which are allocated £15, 260 each, for projects that will benefit the community. At the meeting held on 3 May 2011 the community council awarded funding to some groups. As a result of an administrative oversight, one application was not presented to members. Members are asked to consider this new application.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

3. The Community Council Fund forms part of Southwark 2016 objectives of:
 - Improving life chances
 - A better place for people
 - Delivering quality services.

Community impact statement

4. The allocation of the Walworth Community Council Fund 2011-2012 will in the main, affect the people living in the Walworth Community Council area. However, in making the area a better place to live and improving life chances for local people, the Walworth Community Council Fund 2011 -2012 activities will have an impact on the whole of Southwark.
5. The Walworth Community Council Fund 2011-2012 aims to increase community participation and activity within the area and provide such groups with the support that they would have not been able to access otherwise.

Resource implications

6. The budget for the Walworth Community Council Fund 2011-2012 is £15,260 to be spent by the 31 March 2012. This was fully allocated at the meeting on 02

July 2011. If the community council agrees the application then the matter will need to be referred to the Strategic Director, Communities Law & Governance to investigate if any additional funding is available. The maximum amount which can be awarded is £1,000.

7. The application is to be assessed by members against the same criteria as those already assessed.

Legal/Financial implications

8. The Council has power under section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 (“the Act”) to do anything which it calculates is likely to promote or improve the economic, social or environmental well being of the area. This power can be exercised for benefit of the whole or any part of the council’s area or for the benefits of any person resident or present in the area.
9. Section 2(3) of the Act requires the Council to have regard to its Community Strategy when determining whether or not to exercise this power. Section 2(4) of the Act specifies that this includes a power to give financial assistance to any person.
10. The Council has power under the Act to provide funding to voluntary organisations but in exercising this power regard must be had to the Council’s sustainable community strategy. These grants, from the community fund, are from revenue budgets.
11. The Executive in November 2005 agreed for this to be done by the community councils. The money can be granted to community projects ranging from cultural celebrations to providing equipment for local sports teams.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
None		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Walworth Community Council fund application
Appendix 2	Community Council Fund Information Sheet 2011-12

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Stephen Douglass, Head of Community Engagement	
Report Author	Pauline Bonner, Borough & Bankside and Walworth Neighbourhood Coordinator	
Version	Final	
Dated	01 September 2011	
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	No	No
List other officers here		
Cabinet Member	No	No
Date final report sent to Constitutional Team	02 September 2011	

Applicant / Name of group	Activity Name	Nature of Activity	Location	Activity Dates	Amount requested
Helena Sainz de Vicuña	Healthy Popcorn - films on health	PILOT of 3 free film screenings (one every 2 months for a period of six months) on themes about health and illness, post-screening Q&A and discussions led by healthcare professionals. Showing films from autism disorder to disability, the project relies on the power of film to inspire and stimulate understanding and debate.	2InSpire, 1a Wendover, Thurlow Street, SE17 2UD	3 sessions (Oct, Dec 2011, Feb 2012)	£1,000



Walworth Community Council Fund

2011-2012

Information sheet

www.southwark.gov.uk/communityfund

Your community council has £15,000 to support activities run by local groups for local people

Who can apply?

- New and emerging local groups
- Small local organisations (having less than £30,000 in their bank account)
- Any constituted local group
- Any group or individual that has a constituted local organisation to administer the funds on their behalf
- Groups that are active within the community council area

Who cannot apply?

- Organisations not established in the UK
- Organisations which do not have any local links
- Political groups or organisations

What kind of things can be funded?

The community council fund can fund projects benefitting people who live in the community council area, for example

- One-off events such as fun days and festivals
- A series of workshops or activities involving members of the local community
- Publicity or merchandise to advertise an event you are doing

What kind of things will not be funded?

- Loans or interest payments
- Political groups or activities promoting political beliefs
- Activities which have happened or started before the grant decision date
- Activities that finish after 31 March 2012
- Activities that do not benefit people living in the community council area
- Anything which is capital funding, eg, building works or large playground equipment

How much can groups apply for?

- From £100 up to £1000. Groups can only submit one application.



How can people apply?

You can get an application form either by

- going to www.southwark.gov.uk/communityfund to download it or
- by contacting Fitzroy Lewis on 020 7525 3084 fitzroy.lewis@southwark.gov.uk

Closing date for receiving all applications is Tuesday 14 June 2011.
Late or partially filled applications will not be considered.

How can I get more information or support?

If you would like help with filling in the application please contact Fitzroy Lewis on 020 7525 3084 or fitzroy.lewis@southwark.gov.uk

How does the scheme work?

Applications will be screened to make sure they meet the criteria above. Remember that eligibility for the scheme is also conditional on the applicant providing all the necessary information outlined in the application form which includes evidence on how they are or will be complying with appropriate safeguarding and health and safety policies.

Applications not fulfilling any of the above criteria will not be considered.

Locally elected councillors will be responsible for making decisions on all the eligible applications using the priorities outlined below:

- Applications that show a high level of involvement by the local community.
- Applications that involve groups working together.
- Activities delivered by:
 - New and emerging groups/individuals
 - Groups who have not received community council funding in the last two years
 - Groups who are based in the community council area.
- Activities taking place within the community council area – unless they involve an outing, or there is lack of space for it within the area.
- Where the majority of people benefitting from the activity live within the community council area.

Decisions for applications will be made and announced by councillors at the first community council meeting which will take place after the end of May 2011.

Every applicant will be notified of decisions by letter no longer than 15 working days after the decision is taken. Successful applicants will be asked to sign and return a condition of funding agreement. It is only once this agreement has been received that we can release the funding.

So when planning your activity please make sure that you give enough time for this and that it does not start until at least four weeks after the decision date.

Please note that groups that are not constituted or individuals who would like to apply with project ideas should get in touch with the community council development officer (contact details below) for advice as soon as possible.

Remember all applications – whether online, email or post - must reach us by Tuesday 14 June 2011.

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