

Walworth Community Council

Wednesday 18 April 2012

7.00 pm

Pasley TRA Hall, Stopford Road, London SE17 3BP

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

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. | 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.

Item No.	Title	Time
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 - 11)	
	To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2012.	
6.	DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)	
7.	COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (Pages 12 - 13)	7.20pm
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Council Fund launch - Pauline Bonner, Borough & Bankside and Walworth Neighbourhood Coordinator • The future of Community Councils 	
8.	CONTROLLING DIABETES	7.30pm
	Rosie Dalton-Lucas, Southwark PCT	
9.	APPRENTICESHIPS WITH THE COUNCIL	7.45pm
	Ann Cochrane, Organisational Development Business Partner	
10.	WORKSHOPS AROUND S106 / HIGHWAYS BUDGET	7.55pm
	Zayd Al-Jawad, Section 106 Legal Agreements Manager	
	BREAK - OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO TALK TO COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS	8.20pm
11.	CLEANER GREENER SAFER REVENUE FUND (Pages 14 - 21)	8.30pm
	Executive Function	
	Councillors to consider the information contained in the report.	

Item No.	Title	Time
12.	PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (Page 22)	8.40pm

This is an opportunity for public questions to be addressed to the chair.

Residents or persons working in the borough may ask questions on any matter in relation to which the council has powers or duties.

Responses may be supplied in writing following the meeting.

Date: Tuesday 10 April 2012

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WALWORTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Walworth Community Council held on Saturday 10 March 2012 at 1.00 pm at Thurlow Lodge Community Hall, 1 Thurlow Street, London SE17 2US

- PRESENT:** Councillor Martin Seaton (Chair)
Councillor Darren Merrill (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Catherine Bowman
Councillor Neil Coyle
Councillor Dan Garfield
Councillor Lorraine Lauder MBE
Councillor Abdul Mohamed
Councillor Helen Morrissey
- OFFICER SUPPORT:** Chris Alleyne (Youth Development Coordinator)
Pauline Bonner (Area Coordinator)
Paul Cowell (Events, Film and 2012 Manager)
Kate Johnson (Senior Planning Policy Officer)
Fitzroy Lewis (Community Council Development Officer)
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 apologies for absence from Councillor Patrick Diamond; and for lateness from Councillor Helen Morrissey.

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 21 January 2011 be agreed as an accurate record, and signed by the chair.

6. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Walworth Youth Community Council

Members of the Walworth Youth Community Council (WYCC) explained that the purpose of the Youth Community Council was to give young people from 13-19 a voice. Members of the WYCC had been working on a petition about betting shops and payday loan shops in Walworth Road, of which there were at least 17. This created a problem for the community, as the shops attracted people with multiple addiction problems and so turned Walworth Road into a no-go area at certain times of the day. Residents using cash-points were being harrassed for money, which could be very intimidating. Furthermore, in a community, in which many families struggled with poverty, an increase in the number of betting shops did not help. Because under-18s were not allowed to work in these kinds of establishments, they also decreased employment opportunities for local young people in the area. The WYCC had collected more than 250 signatures on their petition and had attracted national press coverage. They called on the council to look at a saturation policy for betting shops and payday loan shops in the Walworth area. Answering questions from the floor, the members of WYCC said that they would be meeting with Harriet Harman MP soon, and that they had not looked at the issue in conjunction with addiction services in the area.

The chair suggested taking this issue to a future council assembly meeting, and asked whether there was general agreement for this from the floor, which there was.

Elephant and Castle Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Kate Johnson, Senior Planning Policy Officer, said that the feedback from the workshops held at the last Walworth Community Council had been used as part of the consultation process which was now closed. As a result of the consultation process amendments to the document had been made. The feedback from the workshops held at the Walworth Community Council was also included in the agenda packs for this meeting. The SPD was scheduled to be adopted by cabinet on 20 March 2012. All the information, including consultation responses were available from the SPD-website:

http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200151/supplementary_planning_documents_and_guidance/2040/elephant_and_castle_spd_oapf

She went on to say that the consultation responses would be made available on the website from 13 March 2012, and there would be a hardcopy available in the library on Walworth Road. She invited residents to give the planning policy team a call, if they had questions about the document. Responding to a question from the chair, Kate said she would find out which organisations and individuals had been written to, to advertise the consultation process. She went on to say that the methods of publicising the consultation and the event were also set out on the website. Kate went on to explain that officers appreciated that the time between the publication of the consultation report and the adoption by cabinet was short, which was why the summary report and the information had been put on the web. A question was raised about the quality of a map used by LendLease as part of their consultation. Kate said she would speak to the resident in question outside the meeting and pass the information on to LendLease.

ACTION: Provide feedback on which individuals and groups had been written to as part of the consultation around the Elephant and Castle SPD.

Safer Neighbourhoods Teams (SNT) feedback

PS Chris Daly, from East Walworth SNT gave apologies on behalf of PS Vinny Gage and said he would feedback on all three wards.

Activities and priorities of Faraday SNT had included rough sleepers on the Bradenham and Chiltern estates, drugs and prostitution on the Nelson Estate, squatters on the Gayhurst Estate, and the sale of stolen goods and trademark offences in a local pub. The next Faraday ward panel meeting would be on 9 May 2012, at Inspire in Liverpool Grove.

Activities and priorities for Newington SNT had included: drug dealing in Penrose House and Pasley Park, illegal DVD sellers and anti-social behaviour on Walworth Road, shutting down two crack houses, and the execution of a warrant on a DVD factory. The next ward panel would be on 21 March 2012, at Pasley TRA Hall

The next ward panel for East Walworth would be in the nursery on Browning Street on 25 April at 7pm. Recent activities and priorities in East Walworth had included robberies and pick-pocketing in East Street, youth anti-social behaviour and criminal damage to motor vehicles. Plain clothes operations on East Street seem to have worked as a deterrence. The team had done outreach work with the youth groups from Victory Church and the Penbrook Youth group. All SNTs had taken part in a junior citizenship course delivered in schools, had addressed the two local gangs, and participated in London-wide operations to stop illegal scrap metal dealing.

PS Daly also informed the meeting that the police had a zero tolerance approach to anti-social behaviour. Parents and guardians were also being spoken to, to inform them of the fact that they may lose their council tenancy, if members of their family persisted in behaving anti-socially. He went on to say that the Safer Neighbourhoods Teams had received information about their Olympic duties, and told the meeting that the police would need to cover many events. Therefore, there would be fewer of them on the ground in the local area, during that time.

Responding to questions from the floor, PS Daly explained that the police had limited powers against squatters, if they were not in possession of a court order. He went on to

say that councillors should speak to PS Gage about arrests on the Nelson Estate, and explained that the police had no powers regarding licensed premises legally dispensing methadone. The SNT were, however, aware of the problems around Congreve Street, and had used plain clothes officers to deal with some of the issues.

The chair expressed his gratitude to the police for risking their lives in the course of their duties.

Walworth Society

Jeremy Leach, from the Walworth Society, informed the meeting that the society was organising three walkabouts in each of the wards. These were aimed at taking stock of the buildings, local places and green spaces, which people wished to protect in light of the new powers for communities contained in the Localism Act. The walkabouts would be on: Saturday 31 March (East Walworth), Saturday 5 May (Newington) and Saturday 12 May (Faraday).

Southwark Probation Service

Louis Ball, from the London Probation Trust, informed the meeting that community groups and institutions could benefit from free work by offenders under the community pay back scheme. PS Daly clarified that the offenders doing the work had all been risk assessed, and would be supervised by PCSOs and/or PCs while they carried out their work. Residents suggested that the probation service should contact the Southwark Pensioners' Centre who were always in need of volunteers and unpaid helpers. Paul said he would leave some leaflets at the welcome desk.

Local history of public health

Councillor Catherine Bowman informed the meeting that films developed by the erstwhile Bermondsey council, as part of a public health and regeneration campaign from 1926 to 1950, were being shown at the Wellcome Collection, 205-301 Euston Road, in an exhibition entitled "Here comes good health".

St Peter's

Father Andrew informed the meeting that there would be a Community Celebration in Faraday Gardens next to St Peter's in Liverpool Grove on the Jubilee Weekend - 2 June 2012. Councillor Lorraine Lauder, the Worshipful Mayor of Southwark, would be the patron of the event. On Saint Patrick's Day, there would also be a fun evening fundraiser for the 2 June event.

East Walworth Green Links

The meeting heard that there was going to be a day of tree planting on 12 April 2012 from 10am-3pm in Tantum Street.

8. OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES

Paul Cowell, Events, Film and 2012 Manager; Chris Alleyne, Youth Development Co-ordinator; and Jon McGrath, Network Co-ordinator (Mouchel), presented information about the Olympics and Paralympics, how these would affect Southwark, and how the council was going to mark the occasion.

The meeting heard about the council's vision for the games, the Southwark Olympic

Delivery Board and the duties of the operational planning group, which had been set up to ensure Southwark supported inspirational, safe and inclusive Games. The group considered the following impacts on the borough: increased footfall, cleanliness, safety and security, illegal trading and environmental enforcement, health and safety, operational planning and testing, as well as transport and networks.

The Olympic key dates were as follows:

Olympic Torch Relay starts (UK Wide)	18 May 2012
Torch Relay arrives in London	21 Jul 2012
Olympics – Opening Ceremony	27 Jul 2012
Olympics – Closing Ceremony	12 Aug 2012
Paralympics – Opening	29 Aug 2012
Paralympics – Closing	09 Sept 2012

The impact on London would be an expected 4 million extra tourists (12 million in total), 20 million extra trips would be made within London during the 2012 Games. 80% of spectators would be travelling by rail (including the Underground), which meant that the Games were likely to impact on service delivery in four main areas: journeys to and from work, business travel, travel for customers or other visitors, and deliveries/collections. In Southwark, commuters were advised not to use London Bridge and Canada Water stations.

Roads

While Southwark did not have any Olympic Route Network (ORN) roads, there were some Alternative Olympic route network (AORN) roads and Road Event Olympic route network (REORN) roads in the borough. The AORNs included Tooley Street and Jamaica Road in the north and Camberwell New Road, Peckham Road, Peckham High Street and Queens Road in the centre of the borough. The AORN would be implemented in the event that the ORN could not be used and when the marathon road races were on. The marathon route included the A201 New Kent Road & A100 Tower Bridge Road, and would be in operation on Day 9 - Sunday 5th August 2012, and day 16 - Sunday 12th August 2012. On these days there would be traffic signal timing changes and adjusted stopping restrictions. TfL's embargo preventing all non-emergency street works/road works on the ORN, AORN and REORN, and on all A and B roads was in effect throughout London from 1 March 2012 to 30 September 2012. Southwark would enforce a road works embargo on all roads in the north of the borough from 1 July 2012 – 9 September 2012. During the torch relay there would also be rolling road closures.

Look and feel

The council would also aim to ensure that Southwark looks and feels its best during the Games and to market the borough's significant cultural offer. There would be over 200 cultural events and activities during the games including: the Rings on the River, LARGACTYL Shuffle, Spectaculars, The Elephant and the Nun, Globe to Globe, Theatre Peckham, Thames Festival and many others. A summer culture brochure detailing events from June – September would also be available.

Furthermore, there would be the Southwark Experience Zone which included a £320,000 GLA-funded street dressing programme for the north of the borough and a £50,000 GLA-funded street dressing programme that included Camberwell. Other public realm projects

included the Riverside accessibility project (£2.6m, GLA-funded) and the Legible London project (£250,000, externally funded) to improve way finding.

Young people

In terms of engaging young people this mainly consisted of liaising and working with schools, with the focus on sports, culture, volunteering and communications.

Legacy fund

The meeting also heard about the capital legacy fund, which had received 40 submissions for stage one (totalling £8.7m). Out of these, 17 projects had been invited back to stage two of the funding process, and 10 projects had been chosen. The implementation stage was now underway. Among the successful projects were: Bethwin Sports, Burgess Park BMX Track, Homestall Road Sports Ground Development, Outdoor disability multi-sports court, Peckham Pulse Pool Hoist, Trinity College Centre Outdoor sports area.

For further information, contact:

Paul Cowell, 020 7525 0857, paul.cowell@southwark.gov.uk or Ben Finden, 020 7525 1289 , benjamin.finden@southwark.gov.uk.

9. BOWEL CANCER UK

Clare Stephenson, from Bowel Cancer UK, spoke to the meeting about the importance of getting tested for bowel cancer. She said the organisation was a small nationwide charity which had three main aims: awareness raising, campaigning for treatment, and providing information for people affected by the disease.

The disease affected men and women equally, and there was a great lack of awareness of the symptoms and risk factors. The symptoms for bowel cancer were bleeding or blood in the stool, bowel habits changing, weight loss, or lumps or bumps in the abdomen. If a person displayed any of these symptoms, they should visit their GP. In terms of the risk factors, these were age (50+) and a family history of Crohn's disease, polyps in the colon and type 2 diabetes.

The good news was that everyone could decrease their risk factors by: reducing their meat intake (especially of processed meat), eating more fruit and vegetables, exercising and drinking enough water. Furthermore, smoking cessation and being screened for polyps in the bowel were important. People aged 60 to 69 were able to pick up free testing kits from their GPs. Responding to questions from the floor, Clare explained that only 60-69 year-olds were eligible for a free testing kit, but that anyone who had the symptoms she had outlined should visit their GP. She encouraged people who knew individuals over 60 to talk to them about the screening programme. Responding to questions from the floor, Clare explained that there were no studies to say whether there were certain types of red meat that were less harmful than others. The scientific advice was not to consume more than 500 grams of red meat a week.

10. OPEN SPACES STRATEGY

Kate Johnson, Senior Planning Policy Officer, informed the meeting about the consultation currently being undertaken. The open space strategy set out a framework for open space provision in the borough, replaced work previously undertaken in 2003 and updated the work carried out in 2010. The document would make up an important part of the evidence base needed in the preparation of planning policy documents. The public consultation on the draft strategy would run until 24 April 2012, and the final strategy was scheduled to be adopted in September 2012. As part of the consultation, a survey among 750 residents had been conducted by telephone. The sample had been stratified by age, gender and location. Some of the results are as follows:

- High levels of satisfaction in open spaces (over 80%); highest amongst older age groups
- Almost 90% rate 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 or health reasons
- Value of smaller open spaces was reinforced, although larger parks were also very popular

As part of the exercise, an open space needs analysis was put together which looked at various factors, such as population density, child density, health deprivation and accommodation type. A site audit was also conducted which had looked at the uses and utilisation of the various open spaces, as well as their level of accessibility. The report also looked at different sub-areas: the Aylesbury and Walworth sub-area had the highest level of park provision per head of the population, largely because Burgess Park formed about 25% of the total area, in addition to which there was a range of smaller open spaces, including a number of allotments and smaller parks. Housing amenity space also provided a significant open space resource in this area.

The Elephant and Castle sub-area had a relatively limited range of open space, consisting mainly of small parks and open spaces. The far west of the area also accommodated Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park which surrounds the Imperial War Museum.

Kate informed the meeting that there would be two workshops on the Open Space Strategy on:

- Saturday 17 March, 10.30am – 12.30pm, at 160 Tooley St , SE1
- Thursday 22 March, 6pm - 8pm at Peckham Library

Responding to questions from the floor, Kate said that more information was available from the website:

http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200272/evidence_base/1611/environment.

Responding to further questions, Kate explained that in order to protect open and green spaces, TRAs and other organisations could write in to recommend the space for protection. Depending on the levels of support, these could then be included in the relevant planning document, which would start to be prepared this year. The process

would take about 3 years: there were statutory consultation periods and an independent inspector would have to assess the space, before it went to cabinet. Responding to a question about green links across the borough, Kate said that officers would like input from residents on what these should look like. Officers would work with the community, and were going to put forward these ideas.

A question was raised about why there was no lighting in Burgess Park, why it was not going to be shut at night, and why the children's area was so close to Albany Road which represented a safety concern. Kate responded that the parks department would have to respond to this.

ACTION: Parks department to respond to the above query.

11. CLEANER GREENER SAFER CAPITAL FUND

Executive Function

Members considered the information in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the following works be funded from the Walworth Community Council Cleaner Greener Safer capital fund budget 2012/13:

EAST WALWORTH	AWARDED
Wansey Street Community Garden	£4,860
Kingslake TRA green play area	£32,000
Congreve Community Gardens/Allotments	£28,000
Improvements to Locksfield Sheltered Housing Unit green area	£12,500
Bins, benches and bird boxes for Burgess Park food project	£2,230
Green walkway in Nursery Row Park	£1,080
EAST WALWORTH TOTAL	£80,670
EAST WALWORTH UNALLOCATED	£4,255
FARADAY	
Nelson estate community gardens and bicycle lockers	£27,000
Protect trees in Faraday gardens	£2,600
Improvements to Charlie and Bett Diamond's Memorial garden	£2,268
Fielding Street allotments improvements	£8,250
Environmental Improvement Fund	£44,807
FARADAY TOTAL	£84,925

NEWINGTON	
Children's gardening project on Brandon estate	£2,700
Landscape the green on Penrose estate	£25,000
Planting and greening on Lorrimore Road	£13,000
Promoting wider use of Pullens centre	£1,000
Improvements to the park environment (Pasley park)	£13,900
Crocus planting at Kennington Open Space	£1,080
Making Walworth Garden Farm more visible and accessible for the community	£19,995
Fielding Street allotments	£8,250
NEWINGTON TOTAL	£84,925

Andrea Allen explained that any under spend would be available to be reallocated for 2 years.

12. CLEANER GREENER SAFER (CGS) REVENUE FUND

Pauline Bonner explained that there would be £10,000 of CGS revenue funding available per ward for the 2012/2013 financial year, and gave a few examples of what could be funded: lollypop ladies or events which fulfilled the cleaner, greener, safer criteria.

This year there was no formal application form, due to the timescales for the 2012/13 programme. The funding had only been agreed by Council Assembly on 28 February 2012. Pauline invited residents to submit their ideas directly to her before Friday 30 March 2012. Pauline can be contacted on 020 7525 1019 or at Pauline.Bonner@southwark.gov.uk.

The chair also encouraged people to submit their ideas.

13. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The chair invited public questions from the floor. The following questions were asked:

Can free parking be introduced on Kinglake Estate, as many residents experienced problems parking on the estate? The chair asked the resident to speak to him after the meeting.

When will TfL be coming to the meeting to explain about the "AD" parking badges? The chair explained that officers had contacted TfL, and would continue to request their attendance at a future meeting.

What could those organisations do, whose projects had not been awarded CGS funding. The chair responded that the under spend would be added to the allocation for next year, and new applications would have to be submitted then.

Did the SPD take the 'right to light' into account, in terms of the height of buildings, especially in Rodney Road, Balfour Street, Henshaw Street and Chatham Street. Members responded that as part of the planning process, they had to take this into account, when making decisions at planning committee.

Further questions were asked, for which feedback will be provided:

1. Where will the temporary public toilets during the Olympics be located?
2. Why did the works carried out on the junction at Manor Place and Penton Place bear no resemblance to what was consulted on in August 2011? Why were people consulted at all, if it does not make any difference?
3. Why are there no signs like the ones in Westminster directing people to tourist sites which point in the direction in which people are facing, like the Imperial War Museum?
4. Why did the Burgess Park consultation not consult on everything: for example that there will be no lighting, the hills at Albany Road end, the track that goes around and the children's playground next to the car park?

In addition to this, the following questions were submitted in writing.

1. "About the wardens: what are you doing about sheltered housing?"
2. "Can the council remove the banners and boards that Ivory Arch attach to the metal barriers at the northern end of Walworth Road?"
3. "Why are there one-way systems operating on parts of East Street and King and Queen Street, when they are massively ignored? Half the cars parked in these zones are facing the wrong direction."

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.

14. SCHOOL GOVERNORS APPOINTMENTS

Executive Function

Members considered the information in the report.

RESOLVED:

That Mrs Olayinka Ewuola be appointed as a school governor at Cobourg Primary School.

That Miss Rebecca Lury be appointed as a school governor at Michael Faraday Primary School.

The meeting ended at 3.30 pm.

CHAIR:

DATED:

Briefing Note – Walworth 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.

Item No. 11.	Classification Open	Date: 18 April 2012	Meeting Name: Walworth Community Council
Report title:		Walworth Community Council Cleaner Greener Revenue Fund 2012/13	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		East Walworth, Faraday and Newington wards	
From:		Stephen Douglass, Head of Community Engagement	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Walworth Community Council allocates £30,000 of the Cleaner, Greener, Safer (CGS) revenue fund 2012/13. The projects to be considered for allocation are set out in Appendix 1.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. A Cleaner, Greener, Safer revenue fund 2012/13 consisting of £210,000 across the borough, with an allocation of £10,000 per ward, has been introduced as part of the budget strategy agreed at the council assembly meeting on the 29 February 2012.
3. The aim of this fund is to give community councils decision making powers over significant amounts of revenue funding that they can allocate to meet locally determined priorities. It is anticipated that the availability of the Revenue Fund will enhance and complement the effectiveness of the Capital Fund.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

4. The community councils will use the criteria set out below for the allocation of this funding.
 - a. Proposals that make an improvement to an area on the basis of making it cleaner, greener or safer or a combination.
 - b. CGS applications from the capital round which were ruled out because they were revenue applications.
 - c. The revenue fund could be used to meet the revenue costs associated with a CGS capital award.
 - d. A Community Council may choose to allocate some or all of their revenue resources to their CGS capital allocations.
 - e. Subject to the availability of resources, the revenue fund may be used to buy services from the council.

5. While the allocation is based on £10,000 per ward a Community Council can, if it chooses, decide to aggregate all or part of the funding and spend more than £10,000 per ward.
6. Community councils will be free to indicate whether they would like expenditure to be an ongoing commitment over more than one financial year or spending over a fixed timescale for a one-off project. Commitments will be subject to final agreement of the council budget and a decision by each community council on an annual basis.
7. As with any executive decision taken by community councils this is subject to the council's existing scrutiny arrangements.

Delivery

8. 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

9. The roles and functions of community councils include the promotion of involvement of local people in the democratic process. Community councils take decisions on local matters including environmental improvement and community safety as well as consultation on a wide range of policies and strategies that affect the area.
10. 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.
11. In fulfilling the above objectives that community councils have of bringing together and involving Southwark's diverse local communities, consideration has also been given to the council's duty under The Equality Act 2010 which requires the council to have due regard when taking decisions to the need to:
 - a. Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation or other prohibited conduct;
 - b. Advance of equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it;
 - c. Foster good relations between those who share a relevant characteristic and those that do not share it.

Of particular regard are issues of age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. Having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity' is further defined in s.149 as having due regard to the need of:

- Remove or minimise disadvantages connected with a relevant

- protected characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the different needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic;
- Encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or any other activity in which they are under-represented.

Resource implications

12. The total cost of the CGS Revenue Fund is part of the Budget process for 2012/13 agreed by Council Assembly. Any costs incurred in implementing this fund will be met within existing resources.

Policy implications

13. The CGS Revenue Fund is fully aligned with the Council's policies toward sustainability, regeneration and community engagement.

Consultation

14. Decisions will reflect longstanding ward priorities and may be complementary to the decisions made in the CGS Capital fund allocation. In this first year of the scheme consultation will take place at the community council meetings and will therefore be an integral part of the decision making process. In future years consultation will be a key part of developing and identifying projects for funding and considering whether to proceed with indicative expenditure.

Legal Implications

15. The Local Government Act 2000 [as amended] ('the Act') gives the leader the power to delegate any executive function to whoever lawfully can undertake the function. The allocation of the Cleaner, Greener, Safer revenue fund ('CGS') is an executive function.
16. Community councils are 'area committees' within the meaning of the Act and executive functions can be delegated to them by the leader.
17. In allocating funding under the CGS Revenue Fund community councils must have regard to the council's equality duties set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. The report author has demonstrated how those duties have been considered in the body of the report at paragraphs 12 in the Community Impact Statement.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background papers	Held At	Contact
The Cleaner, Greener, Safer Revenue Fund Decision Making Report sent to the Leader of the Council on 23 February 2012	Southwark Council Communities, Law & Governance Department Community Engagement Division PO Box 64529 London SE1 5LX	Pauline Bonner 020 7525 1019

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Walworth Community Council CGS Revenue Fund 2012/13 projects for consideration

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Stephen Douglass, Head of Community Engagement	
Report Author	Darryl Telles, Neighbourhoods Manager	
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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
Cabinet Member	No	No
Date final report sent to Constitutional Team	5 April 2012	

Ref Number:	Ward:	Location:	Idea:	Description:	Approx cost [£]:
CGSR01	East Walworth	57-59 Browning Street SE17	Dyason road safety initiatives and projects	Dyason Pre Nursery School road safety initiative and projects.	£5,000
CGSR02	East Walworth	Peabody Estate, Rodney Road SE17	Peabody Community Centre environmental wildlife garden	Would like to create and maintain a wildlife garden with local residents on the Rodney Road estate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Run 2 hour sessions, 1 evening a week, over 10 weeks ▪ Work with approximately 15 resident children (ages 5 to 14 years) of the Rodney Road Estate and east Walworth area. 	£1,219
CGSR03	East Walworth	Peabody Estate, Rodney Road SE17	Street awareness/ personal self-defence	To provide residents of Peabody estate and Walworth with a basic level of understanding on how to respond to unexpected threat by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Running 12 x 1 hour weekly sessions, along with 2 x one day workshops. ▪ Working with Southwark residents aged 18-50. 	£1,230
CGSR04	East Walworth	Peabody Estate, Rodney Road SE17	Neighbourhood watch scheme	Hoping to establish a safer neighbourhood in the east Walworth area encompassing Rodney Road, to include 3500 residents living on the surrounding estates. This is a community response to a growing concern to the recent increases in street crime and burglary.	£1,450

Ref Number:	Ward:	Location:	Idea:	Description:	Approx cost [£]:
CGSR05	East Walworth	Wansey Street SE17	Wansey Street community garden events	To host a number of community driven activities based on or around the newly established Wansey Street Community Garden: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Delivered by residents in the Larcom Street Conservation area. ▪ The Wansey Street Community Garden will act as a focal point for a number of community events in 2012. In particular a street party celebrating the Queens's Jubilee (2-5 June 2012) and the London Olympics (27 July-12 August). Funds will be used to secure insurance/ licences, hire food and equipment. 	£1,000
CGSR06	East Walworth	Wansey Street, SE17	Wansey Street community garden maintenance	To fund the ongoing maintenance and use of the Wansey Street Community Garden. Funds will be used to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Secure the hire of equipment. ▪ To pay bills relating to electricity, water and relevant equipment etc. ▪ The rejuvenation and maintenance of this derelict brown field will enable community planting by local residents. 	£1,000
CGSR07	East Walworth	Wansey Street SE17	East Walworth Green Corridor (EWGC)	To plant a variety of fast growing flowering and fruiting climbing plants that will be trained to cover the metal fencing facing Wansey Street: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This project is expected to be in place for 5-10 year period after initial set-up. ▪ The EWGC project will deliver benefits through community involvement in the planting and long-term local group involvement. ▪ It will deliver educational, fun and edible benefits to local 	£1,000

Ref Number:	Ward:	Location:	Idea:	Description:	Approx cost [£]:
				school children and provide local resident's access to a safe outdoors environment that will promote physical and positive mental health through relaxation and satisfaction.	
CGSR08	East Walworth	Surrey Square Park SE17	The Friends of Surrey Square park poster and DVD initiative	Producing a full poster with the map of the park, illustrated commentaries and advertisement of our activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This will be delivered to around 250 dwellings, surrounding the park. ▪ Producing a DVD (a short documentary) explaining in detail the poster themes. 	£1000
CGSR09	Faraday	Art in the Park, Chum Leigh Gardens, Burgess Park SE17	Art in the Park growing without a garden workshops	Art in the Park are proposing a series of workshops for both children and the whole family centred on growing without a garden. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The workshops will combine art and gardening. ▪ Local people will make ceramic containers with in-house potter. ▪ Each week there will be different themes. ▪ The group will also learn about composting and visit wormery. ▪ Run an after school workshop. 	£2,240

Ref Number:	Ward:	Location:	Idea:	Description:	Approx cost [£]:
CGSR10	Newington	Lorrimore Square Gardens SE17	Surrey Gardens TRA Sensory Garden	<p>Surrey Gardens Tenants and Residents Association (TRA) would like funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To buy plants, seeds and nesting boxes for ladybirds, butterflies, birds, bees, bats etc. ▪ To install signposting to provide educational information about the habitats of the insects and birds and animals and the plants. 	£1,151
CGSR11	Newington	Lorrimore Square Gardens SE17	Surrey Gardens TRA wildlife and sensory park community open day	<p>Seeking funding to celebrate the enormous amount of good work that the Surrey Gardens TRA have achieved over its 15+ years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For an event to bring everyone along for the Wildlife and Sensory Park opening. This would include planting and nest building on the day. ▪ For food, a bouncy castle, face painting and some art in the park projects. 	£2,150
CGSR12	Newington	Walworth Garden Farm, Manor Place SE17	Walworth Garden Farm	<p>Help ensure older and disabled people can manage their own gardens and avoid crime:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administer a series of networking campaigns. ▪ Work the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT). ▪ Will distribute SNT stickers, marker pens and develop a method to become more vigilant by communicating information on anti social behaviour instantly between estates. 	£5,000



**Walworth Community Council
Wednesday 18 April 2012**

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