

## South multi-ward forum

Monday 11 March 2024  
7.00 pm  
Christ Church, 263 Barry Rd, SE22 0JT

### Membership

Councillor Andy Simmons (Chair)  
Councillor Charlie Smith (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Margy Newens  
Councillor Maggie Browning  
Councillor Jon Hartley  
Councillor Esme Hicks

Councillor Sarah King  
Councillor Richard Leeming  
Councillor James McAsh  
Councillor Portia Mwangangye  
Councillor Catherine Rose

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Members of the committee are summoned to attend this meeting

**Althea Loderick**

Chief Executive

Date: 1 March 2024



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**Note:** This is an executive function for decision by the multi-ward forum.

To approve a reallocation and the allocation of funds for the Devolved Highways Programme.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS AS NOTIFIED AT THE START OF THE MEETING AND ACCEPTED BY THE CHAIR AS URGENT.**

#### **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The following motion should be moved, seconded and approved if the committee wishes to exclude the press and public to deal with reports revealing exempt information:

“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 1-7, Access to Information Procedure rules of the Constitution.”

Date: 1 March 2023



## South multi-ward forum

MINUTES of the South multi-ward forum held on Tuesday 14 March 2023 at 7.00 pm at Christ Church, 263 Barry Rd, London, SE22 0JT

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Andy Simmons (Chair)  
 Councillor Margy Newens (Vice-Chair)  
 Councillor Maggie Browning  
 Councillor Jon Hartley  
 Councillor Esme Hicks  
 Councillor Richard Leeming  
 Councillor Portia Mwangangye  
 Councillor Charlie Smith

**OFFICER SUPPORT:** Mitu Ahmed, Community Projects Manager  
 David Bass, Highways Officer  
 Fitzroy Lewis, Empowering Communities Programme Officer  
 Beverley Olamijulo, Constitutional Officer

### 1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The chair welcomed those present at the meeting and asked councillors and officers to introduce themselves.

### 2. APOLOGIES

Councillors Sarah King, Catherine Rose and James McAsh submitted their apologies for absence.

### 3. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

The members listed as present were confirmed as voting members of the sub-committee.

#### 4. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were no urgent items.

#### 5. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None were disclosed.

#### 6. MINUTES

##### RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

#### 7. DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

#### 8. CLEANER GREENER SAFER 2023-2024: CAPITAL FUNDING ALLOCATION (SOUTH)

**Note:** This is an executive function for decision by the multi-ward forum.

##### RESOLVED:

1. That the reallocation of underspent funds (£27,952) carried forward from previous years underspend, current programme underspend and current programme project cancellations be approved.
2. That the allocation of funds (£234,300) for the 2023-24 Cleaner Greener Safer capital programme in the South Multi Ward Area from the list of applications set out in Appendix 1 be approved.

#### Goose Green

Ref	Project name	Award
1901840	Closing devices on Goose Green park gates	£500
1903485	Cleaner Air for HPAD children – Harris Academy	£2,500
1903772	Hinckley Road alley	£2,000

	improvements	
500127	Improving Lytcott Grove	£8,000
No app	Contribution towards CIL project East Dulwich Grove / Lordship Lane pedestrian crossing	£63,900

### Dulwich Village

Ref	Project name	Award
1889683	Safer Neighbourhood Notices: Dulwich Village /Calton Avenue	£2,000
1901250	Village Way bench improvements	£2,300
1901300	Sunray Gardens lake report – feasibility study	£2,785
1901317	Sunray Gardens lake wildlife platform	£7,000
1901830	Delawyk Drought-Busters	400
1902631	Replacing the greenhouse at Dulwich Vegetable Gardens (DVG)	£1,545
1903235	Shelters and Cargo Bike parking (Dulwich Infants School) cycle parking	£3,500
1903333	Outdoor Sensory dining area and Friendship seating (Dulwich Hamlet School)	£3,500
1903414	Native Hawthorn Hedges for a Greener Gallery (Dulwich Picture Gallery)	£4,000
1903567	Tend the park 2023/24 (Dulwich park)	£3,000
1903582	Improving security at Peckham Town FC	£12,500
1903713	Planting on Dulwich Village roundabout	£1,500
1904095	Dulwich Park Lake improvements	£5,000
500107	Benches for the Estate – Sunray Estate	£3,000
Cllr app	Streets for People 2023-24	£621.50

### Dulwich Hill

Ref.	Project name	Award
1899678	Green alleyway	£10,000
1903428	Telephone Book Exchange, Friern Road	£1,500
1903518	Safer Barry Road	£1,500
1903769	Dawson Heights Food Hub	£12,904
1897020	Greening Friern Road	£7,000
1903819	Street Trees for all seasons (Upland Road)	£6,104

### Champion Hill

Ref.	Project name	Award
1898481	Safe and secure Dylways /Crossthaite Avenue	£5,000
1899852	Pollution planting hedge, Denmark Hill	£7,500
1903919	Curtains for Hall (Bessemer Grange TRA)	£5,000
1904198	The Communal Gardens Greenhouse Project for the Hillcrest Estate	£2,500
500116	Seeds and Plants – Dog Kennel Hill Primary School	£1,000
Cllrs app	Small children's play equipment, Wheatland Court, (East Dulwich Estate)	£2,500
1903799 & 1903885	Improve safety along Greendale footpath Abbotswood to Greendale	£19,100

### Dulwich Wood

Ref.	Project name	Award
1900004	Dulwich Wood community noticeboard repairs	£4,000
1900215	Kingswood Gym Area Revamp – feasibility work	£3,000
1901991	Secure bike storage for Crystal Court and Princess Court	*£8,500

1904006	Dulwich Wood Primary outdoor classrooms	£3,000
1904131	Melford Court Allotments and Gardens equipment	£250
500117	Gipsy Hill History Wall and Planters 2023-24	£3,150
	Dulwich Wood /WoodVale Speed Calming measures - Phase 2	£24,600

Correction to – 1901991 Secure bike storage for Crystal Court and Princess Court is \*£8,500

## 9. ALLOCATION OF NEIGHBOURHOODS FUND FOR 2023-2024

**Note:** This is an executive function for decision by the multi-ward forum.

### RESOLVED:

That the following amounts of the Neighbourhoods Fund 2023-24 in the South Multi-Ward Forum be allocated:

### CHAMPION HILL WARD

Ref:	Name of group:	Name of project / activity:	Awarded [£]:
2071	Bermondsey Community Kitchen London Community Kitchen Inc	Bermondsey Community Kitchen London Community Kitchen	£500
1927	Bessemer Grange Tenants and Residents Association	Circus and Performance Skills After Schools Club	£5,000
1978	Dream Believe Achieve (DBA) CIC	DBA Youth Engagement Project (11-16s) - Southwark	£2,500
1739	Mother Goose Nursery	Monthly outdoor community events	£2,000
2341	St Faith's Community & Youth Foundation	St Faith's Summer Holiday Programme	£6,476
1857	Stepping Stones Learning and Leisure	Group Exercise Classes for Adults with Learning Disabilities	£3,524



**DULWICH HILL WARD**

<b>Ref:</b>	<b>Name of group:</b>	<b>Name of project / activity:</b>	<b>Awarded [£]:</b>
1918	Dulwich Festival	Dulwich Festival - 30th Anniversary Event	£2,250
1783	Friern Road Street Party Association	Friern Road Annual Street Party	£400
2005	Link Age Southwark	Seated Yoga	£3,650
2225	London Kickers FC	Football for all	£4,586
2317	Platform Cricket (Tower Hamlets Youth Sport Foundation)	Dulwich Diamonds Cricket Hub	£1,590
2203	Spring Community Hub	Holiday club	£3,975

**DULWICH VILLAGE WARD**

<b>Ref:</b>	<b>Name of group:</b>	<b>Name of project / activity:</b>	<b>Awarded [£]:</b>
1964	Bell House Dulwich - Pottery group	Bell House Pottery	£1,300
2247	Bell House Dulwich - Sunflower Stitchers	Sunflower Stitchers	£1,863
2040	Bell House Dulwich Specialists Empowering Neurodiversity (SEN)	Dyslexia Fair 2023: Celebrating Our Strengths	£1,300
1994	Delawyk Residents Management Organisation	Spring Outing	£100
1918	Dulwich Festival	Dulwich Festival - 30th Anniversary Event	£1,750
2198	Dulwich Park Friends	Dulwich Park Fair 2023	£2,275

2213	Dulwich Park Friends	Dulwich Park Concert Bands 2023	£1,130
1751	Dulwich Picture Gallery	Mark Makers - Art and Wellbeing for Southwark Schools	£4,990
1814	Dulwich Sports Club	The Dulwich CC Diversity and Inclusion project, also known as "The Snow Leopards"	£3,000
2263	Dulwich Village Association	Dulwich Village Christmas Stocking 2023 and The Village Egg Hunt 2023	£6,500
2155	Friends of Dulwich Square	Harmony in the Square	£500
1866	Lively Minds	Reaching Out	£990
2317	Platform Cricket (Tower Hamlets Youth Sport Foundation)	Dulwich Diamonds Cricket Hub	£1,600
1883	South London Women's Football Club	South London Women's Football Club Advancement	£500
2184	Southwark Hindu Centre	Diwali (Festival of Lights) Celebration	£1,500

### DULWICH WOOD WARD

Ref:	Name of group:	Name of project / activity:	Awarded [£]:
1918	Dulwich Festival	Dulwich Festival - 30th Anniversary Event	£1,750
2110	Holistic Mastery CIC	Football Fridays Youth Club	£2,500
2012	Melford Court Allotments and Gardens	Melford Court Allotments and Gardens	£1,000
2150	New Leaf Educational Gardens CIC	New Leaf Educational Gardens Path of Natural Knowledge Botanic Garden	£2,500
Transfer to DHB	Safer Routes	Dulwich Wood Road safety improvements	£12,750

### GOOSE GREEN WARD

Ref:	Name of group:	Name of project / activity:	Awarded [£]:
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2071	Bermondsey Community Kitchen Inc London Community Kitchen	Bermondsey Community Kitchen Inc London Community Kitchen	£500
1918	Dulwich Festival	Dulwich Festival - 30th Anniversary Event	£2,500
2139	East Dulwich Community Centre	Two Give and Take Events	£1,074
2167	Goose Green Coffee Morning	Continuing to increase the offer at the Goose Green Coffee Morning	£5,160
2059	Matham Grove Residents	2023 Street Party	£1,082
866	Nexus Education Schools Trust t/a Goose Green Primary School	"P is for Poetry" Mental Health Programme	£7,800
2317	Platform Cricket (Tower Hamlets Youth Sport Foundation)	Dulwich Diamonds Cricket Hub	£3,000
2199	Restoration City Church	Joy4 All Together Music	£5,145
2147	Roadworks Media CIC	No More Eugene/Film and Publishing	£3,739
1893	Youth Learning Network Ltd	Hope for Tomorrow (H4T)	£2,898

#### 10. DEVOLVED HIGHWAYS 2023-24: CAPITAL FUNDING ALLOCATION (SOUTH)

**Note:** This is an executive function for decision by the multi-ward forum.

#### RESOLVED:

That the following amounts of the 2023-24 Devolved Highways capital programme in the South Multi Ward Forum be allocated:

**Champion Hill** £25,396

Reference	Title	Amount
1904019	Pavement safety outside Bessemer Grange Primary	£10,000
1898479	Bike lockers Denmark Hill Estate	£4,000

	Stories Road	£6,396
1904022	Safer pavements Grove Vale/St Francis Road	£5,000

**Dulwich Hill** £25,396

Reference	Title	Amount
1903819	Street Trees for all seasons (Upland Road)	£896
1903563	Intervention for St Aidans Road	£5,000
1903566	Speed humps of Friern Road	£12,500
1903568	Road Safety on Underhill Road	£7,000

**Dulwich Village** £25,396

Reference	Title	Amount
1901248	Herne Hill Shady Trees	£6,000
1903770	Court Lane Raised Beds Restoration	£3,500
1904178	On street bike parking - Green Dale	£4,000
	Dulwich Village Streets for People	£11,896

**Goose Green** £38,095

Reference	Title	Amount
1890526	Bike Hangars on The Gardens	£5,000
1892702	Bike Parking	£1,500
	Lordship Lane Junction with East Dulwich Grove (contribution towards CIL project)	£31,595

**Dulwich Wood** Available Funding £25,396

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Dulwich Wood safer routes	Road safety improvements in Dulwich Wood ward	£25,396

The meeting ended at 7.30 pm

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**

<b>Item No.</b> 7	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 11 March 2024	<b>Meeting Name:</b> South Multi Ward Forum
<b>Report title:</b>		Cleaner Greener Safer 2024-25: Capital Funding Allocation (South)	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		Champion Hill, Dulwich Hill, Dulwich Village Dulwich Wood, Goose Green	
<b>From:</b>		Head of Highways	

### RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the South Multi Ward Forum:

1. Approves the reallocation of £48,832 being underspent funds carried forward from previous years underspend, current programme underspend and current programme project cancellations to the Funded Projects;
2. Approves the allocation of funds of £234,300 for the 2024-25 Cleaner Greener Safer (“CGS”) programme from the programmed capital expenditure over the ten year period 2019-20 to 2028-29 to the list of applications set out in appendix 1 within the South Multi Ward area (“Funded Projects”);
3. Notes the total available funds for allocation by the South Multi Ward Forum in the 2024-25 financial year is £283,132.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

4. The South Multi Ward Forum has the authority to approve the allocation of funds for the CGS programme to projects within the South Multi Ward area using the resources and criteria identified by Cabinet, pursuant to Part 3H of the council’s constitution.
5. The South Multi Ward area is made up of the Goose Green ward, the Dulwich Hill ward, the Dulwich Village ward, Champion Hill ward and the Dulwich Wood ward.
6. The council’s CGS programme funds project ideas from local organisations and individuals who live or work in Southwark, which improve their local area and has been running since 2003.<sup>1</sup>
7. Funding is allocated to Multi-ward areas based on a per councillor calculation.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> [The Cleaner, Greener, Safer Capital Programme report dated 20 May 2003.](#)

<sup>2</sup> [IDM report – 20 December 2018 Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport Management and Air Quality](#)

8. In 2019, the total programmed capital expenditure over the ten year period 2019-20 to 2028-29 was updated leading to a capital budget variation of £9.4m (£1.88m per annum) and this was approved at the Cabinet meeting 17 September 2019.<sup>3</sup> The CGS programme allocates £1.88 million every year for capital projects within the borough so this amount is available for allocation in the 2024-25 financial year.
9. Funding for the CGS programme can only be spent on capital improvements, which means permanent, physical changes and projects. Examples of the types of projects that have been funded include:
  - Parks, community gardens, landscaping, tree planting and wildlife areas;
  - Children’s playgrounds, youth facilities, ball courts and cycle tracks;
  - Lighting, security measures, pavements, streets, and tackling ‘grot spots;’ and
  - Grants to local groups to self-deliver projects.

### **KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

10. There is £234,300 available for the 2024-25 CGS programme for new projects in the South Multi Ward Forum area.
11. There is £48,832 in additional funding from previous years underspend, current programme underspend and current programme project cancellations.
12. Eligible proposals must bring about a permanent improvement and make an area cleaner, greener or safer. Proposals with revenue costs, including salaries, costs for events, festivals, workshops or other one-off events are not eligible for CGS programme funding. CCTV proposals and internal improvements to housing, property and works on schools where there is no access to the public are also not eligible. Works on private property are not eligible unless there is a long-term guarantee of public access or a demonstrable public benefit.
13. The application form for CGS programme funding invited expressions of interest for the applicants to deliver projects themselves. Officers have undertaken a due diligence exercise to ensure that this is both practical and realistic as part of the feasibility process. In cases where the applicant is to deliver the project, the council will give the funding allocation to the applicant in the form of a capital grant, with appropriate conditions attached.

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<sup>3</sup> [Policy and Resources Strategy: capital monitoring report, including capital programme update 2019-20 \(month 4\) dated 17 September 2019](#)

## **Policy framework implications**

14. The CGS programme is fully aligned with the council's policies around sustainability, regeneration and community engagement as detailed in "Fairer Greener Safer – Southwark Council Delivery Plan 2022-2026 and the Streets for People Strategy 2023-2030 which further outlines the council's ongoing commitment to, and ambition for, healthier neighbourhoods, cleaner air, thriving town centres and safer roads.
15. Specific examples where the projects funded through the CGS programme support the commitments made by the Delivery Plan and Streets for People Strategy include the provision of new and improved playgrounds, increasing the number of secure cycle parking spaces, creating new and improving existing green spaces, improving estate lighting and providing access to food growing and gardening opportunities.
16. The programme also enables community engagement as part of the application process including pitching meetings where applicants are able to advise why their proposal should be considered.

## **Community, equalities (including socio-economic) and health impacts**

### **Community impact statement**

17. The roles and functions of the Multi Ward Forums include the promotion of involvement of local people in the democratic process to take decisions about local matters. The application process supports this because the local community is able to propose project ideas to be funded by the CGS programme.
18. An explicit objective within Multi Ward Forums is that they are 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 CGS programme is an important tool in achieving community participation.
19. The programme is promoted widely across the borough to as many residents and community groups as possible using the council's main marketing team and via other teams across the council including Resident Services, Community Engagement and Parks and Leisure services.
20. We also try to use external resources such as Community Southwark to increase the outreach of the programme across the borough.

### **Equalities (including socio-economic) impact statement**

21. The Public Sector Equality Duty ("PSED") is set out at section 149 of Equality Act 2010 and requires the council to have due regard, in the exercise of its functions (including decision making), 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 characteristics 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.
22. The protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.
23. Ideas for CGS projects come from the local community, the majority via a simple project nomination form available in electronic and paper format. This simple process enables individuals and groups to nominate projects that have a direct impact on their community and meet the needs of those that make up that community.
24. Equalities data is collected at this time so that an analysis can show where applications have come from and where there are gaps which need to be addressed by specific targeted outreach.
25. Decisions on funding are agreed by ward councillors with specific consideration to the needs of individual wards, feedback from the community and with reference to the Multi Ward Profiles created as part of Southwark's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. Funding for CGS projects is equal across all wards ensuring that the opportunity is the same for all parts of the borough.
26. At this stage, no specific projects have been funded so the allocation of funds for the CGS programme is not considered to have any adverse effects, including socio-economic or health impacts, on those with protected characteristics. Officers will consider the equalities impacts and the council's PSED for each of the Funded Projects as they progress through the detailed design and decision-making stages.
27. Officers will also look at the range of areas where grants are allocated, gather information for analysis where possible and look at how we can improve allocation in relation to specific needs across the borough.
28. A process of continuous improvement is in place to ensure that we improve data collection and analysis in the future and use this to reach groups identified as missing or hard to reach.

### **Health impact statement**

29. There are no direct health implications as a result of the allocation of funds for the CGS programme. However, the following health benefits are expected from the Funded Projects based on the types of projects normally funded via the CGS programme.
30. An increase in community assets in the public realm – providing more places for people to spend time in their local community. This has the

potential to have a positive impact on social and mental wellbeing, by creating connected and cohesive communities.

31. Increased ownership over community public realm – this helps people within the community join together around a project, supporting connected and cohesive communities.
32. Project examples such as parks, community gardens, landscaping, tree planting and wildlife areas may have the following impacts:
  - a. Improve mental wellbeing by increasing access to the outdoors and nature
  - b. Improved access to affordable healthy food, supporting people to be more food insecure
  - c. Tree planting and green spaces may help to reduce or disperse air pollution, supporting people's physical health.
33. Projects such as children's playgrounds, youth facilities, ball courts and cycle tracks, encourage physical activity that has a huge number of health benefits including supporting people to achieve a healthy weight.
34. Projects such as lighting, security measures, pavements, streets, and tackling 'grot spots' support community safety.

### **Climate change implications**

35. The allocation of funds for the CGS programme does not have any direct climate change implications. However, the Funded Projects will support the council's ambition to become carbon neutral by 2030 and aligns with the programme of work set out within the Climate Strategy and Action Plan, namely through priorities One, Two, Three and Five – Greener Buildings, Active and Sustainable Travel, Thriving Natural Environment and Renewable Energy.
36. By allocating the funds to the Funded Projects, the council is investing in community led projects that reduce carbon and promote biodiversity. For example, the development of community gardens, wildlife areas and additional tree planting all aid in the protection of local flora, fauna and wildlife.
37. Additionally, the projects involving lighting upgrades will look to improve energy efficiency and the development of cycle tracks through this scheme help residents' transition towards active travel, reducing the reliance on motor vehicles.
38. These types of projects are common across all Multi Ward Forum areas.
39. With all CGS spending decisions, potential carbon impact is into account as part of the allocation process and where possible, officers will attempt to monitor and evaluate potential carbon emissions from individual schemes.

### **Resource implications**

40. There are no additional staffing implications, as provision is made from the Highways Division to deliver the recommendations included in this report.

### **Financial implications**

41. All professional fees related to the project are also treated as the capital costs of the project. Where projects are awarded as a grant to organisations, the award amount announced at multi ward forum includes professional fees. The Multi Ward Forum award notification to grant recipients details the grant amount only, excluding these fees.

42. CGS projects must be completed within two years of award of funding. Projects that are unlikely to be completed within two years will be reported to the relevant Multi Ward Forum and available budgets may be reallocated to other projects. Revenue costs not covered by maintenance or the contractual liability period will fall upon the asset owner. The department will be notified of the likely costs before the schemes proceeds, in order to secure permission to implement the scheme.

43. After the defects and liability period, or three year maintenance period in the case of planting works, all future maintenance is assumed by the asset owner, for example Housing, Parks, Highways, or in some cases external asset owners. Therefore, there are no revenue implications to the Highways division as a result of approving the proposed allocation.

44. The total expenditure and sources of funding for the scheme will be monitored and reported on as part of the overall Capital Programme.

45. Value for money will be ensured when the contract is procured by following the council's contract standing orders.

### **Legal Implications**

46. Not applicable.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS**

### **Assistant Chief Executive – Governance and Assurance (AGG 20/02/24)**

47. The South Multi Ward Forum is asked to approve the allocation of £283,132 for the 2024-25 CGS programme and previous years underspend to the Funded Projects within the South Multi Ward area as recommended by officers in paragraphs 1 to 3 of this report. The South Multi Ward Forum has the authority to make this decision in accordance with paragraph 2, Part 3H of the council's constitution.

48. Officers have considered the council's PSED under section 149 of the 2010 Act at paragraphs 21 to 28 of this report and have concluded that, at this stage, the allocation of funds for the 2024-25 CGS programme including previous years underspend is not considered to have any adverse impacts on persons with protected characteristics.
49. The Human Rights Act 1998 imposes a duty on the council as a public authority to apply the European Convention on Human Rights; as a result the council must not act in a way which is incompatible with these rights. The relevant rights for highway and traffic purposes are Article 8 (respect for homes); and Article 1 of the First Protocol (peaceful enjoyment of property). The allocation of funds for the 2024-25 CGS programme including previous years underspend is not anticipated to engage or breach the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.
50. Council Assembly on 14 July 2021 approved a change to the council's constitution to confirm that all decisions made by the council will consider the climate and equality (including socio-economic disadvantage and health inequality) consequences of taking that decision. This has been considered at paragraphs 35 to 39 above.

#### **Strategic Director of Finance (CAP23/077)**

51. This report seeks the approval of the South Multi Ward area for the allocation of funds (£234,300 + £48,832 reallocated) for the 2024-25 Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS) programme in the South Multi Ward Area from the list of applications set out in appendix 1.
52. The Strategic Director of Finance notes the resource implications in the report and that the proposed allocations will be contained within the CGS element of the council's capital programme.
53. It is also noted that officers' time and any other costs connected with this recommendation will be contained within existing departmental revenue budgets.

**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

<b>Background Papers</b>	<b>Held At</b>	<b>Contact</b>
The Cleaner, Greener, Safer Capital Programme	Neighbourhoods and Growth / Highways 160 Tooley Street	Craig Dove 020 7525 0955
<a href="https://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/Data/Executive/20030520/Agenda/Item%20267%20-%20The%20Cleaner,%20Greener,%20Safer%20Capital%20Programme.pdf">https://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/Data/Executive/20030520/Agenda/Item%20267%20-%20The%20Cleaner,%20Greener,%20Safer%20Capital%20Programme.pdf</a>		
IDM report – 20 December 2018 Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport Management and Air Quality	Neighbourhoods and Growth / Highways 160 Tooley Street	Craig Dove 020 7525 0955
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Cabinet Meeting Minutes 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Neighbourhoods and Growth / Highways 160 Tooley Street	Craig Dove 020 7525 0955
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**APPENDICES**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Title</b>
Appendix 1	All South Multi-Ward Cleaner Greener Safer Applications 2024-25

## AUDIT TRAIL

<b>Lead Officer</b>	Dale Foden, Head of Highways	
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<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Yes	No
<b>Date final report sent to Constitutional Team</b>		26 February 2024

## Appendix 1 - Cleaner Greener Safer Applications 2024-25

### All South Multi-Ward

Reference	Proposal Name
2078924	Bike parking for champion hill
2079657	TCSND fire alarm upgrade
2081053	Community hub
2093818	Albrighton Orchard
2094025	Path improvements, Lettsom Allotments, Camberwell
2096140	Lighting in and around Dog Kennel Hill Adventure Playground
500137	Tra hall trespasser prevention
500138	Biodiversity planting Turner Court and Crossthwaite Avenue
2101359	Charter Garden
2098739	recycling centre trellis blanchdowne
2101761	Seated in Nature at DKHAP
2102748	Denmark Hill Estate
2102746	Denmark Hill Estate Barriers
2102752	Hillcrest Estate
2102753	Supporting a resident
2103061	Green Dale play improvements
2103139	Denmark Hill Estate Green Roof
2103172	Growing Together at the Southwark Day Centre for Asylum Seekers Garden
500179	Life Saving Community Bleed Control
2083594	Safe Path to School
2095004	EYFS Playground Improvement at Goodrich Community Primary.
2096408	Dawson Heights Tool Library
2097202	Baby change facilities at St Clement with St Peter church
2102860	Friern Road Estate Outdoor Gym
2102861	Friern Road Estate Community Allotment
2102939	Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) installation within St Clement w St Peter church grounds
500175	Life Saving Community Bleed Control
2085225	Biking at DVIS
2090629	Regeneration of the American Gardens, Dulwich Park
2091319	New bins for Dulwich Park
2091342	Tend the Park 2024/25
2091502	Enhancement to Dulwich Park Playground
2092487	Stencilled safety signs in Dulwich Park
2096521	Tree planting at Judith Kerr Primary School
2097236	More Cycle Racks at Bell House Dulwich
2101429	Picnic Tables for visitors to Dulwich Picture Gallery's gardens
2101713	Sunray Gardens flowerbed planting
500152	Improving spectator access at Peckham Town FC
500176	Life Saving Community Bleed Control
2083210	Lordship Lane estate safety improvements

Reference	Proposal Name
2088111	Access Kingswood
2089270	Putting structures in Melford Court to a good use
2095434	Dulwich Wood estates cycle hangars
2097109	Dulwich Wood Primary School gardens and pond
2102797	Kingswood Estate Bike Hangar Scheme
2102991	Dulwich Upper Wood Habitat Wall
2103001	North Crofts fence improvement
2103177	Safer Neighborhoods
500177	Life Saving Community Bleed Control
2103175	New play, gym and communal area on Lordship Lane Estate
500190	Princess Court and Crystal Court missing swing
2081246	The Goose Green Playground Quiet Areas
2082488	Halliwell Court Communal Gardens
2083397	Everyone welcome
2096184	Sustainable playground and landscaping project
2102405	Replace missing plastic door panels to notice board in North Cross Road
2102225	Renew notice board outside East Dulwich Station
2102283	Repair notice board in Copleston Road.
2102380	New metal and timber bench
2102383	Pride of Grove Vale
2103079	The Derbyshire Estate
2103136	Harris Primary Academy East Dulwich - Summer Shade/Winter Shelter
2103145	Restoration of the famous William Blake mural at Goose Green by international artist Stan Peskett
2083397	Everyone welcome ignore this record
500178	Life Saving Community Bleed Control



<b>Item No.</b> 8	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 11 March 2024	<b>Meeting Name:</b> South Multi-Ward Forum Meeting
<b>Report title:</b>		Allocation of Neighbourhoods Fund for 2024-25	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		Champion Hill, Dulwich Hill, Dulwich Village, Dulwich Wood and Goose Green	
<b>From:</b>		Director of Stronger Neighbourhoods	

## RECOMMENDATION

1. That the South Multi-Ward Forum allocates a total of £143,237 of the Neighbourhoods Fund 2024-25 to the list of applications outlined in Appendix 1, subject to this funding being approved in the 2024-25 budget.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The Neighbourhoods Fund (NsF) was introduced in 2015 by merging two former revenue programmes known as Cleaner, Greener, Safer revenue (CGS) and Community Council Fund (CCF). The cabinet member for communities, employment and business authorised the amalgamation of the CGS revenue fund and community council fund, into a single funding programme to create a new Neighbourhoods Fund for the 2015-16 round and onwards. This decision was taken on 12 December 2014.
3. The NsF has a borough-wide funding budget of £630,000 with an allocation of £10,000 per Councillor, for each ward. This is subject to annual budget setting process.
4. The purpose of introducing the NsF was to give local areas decision making powers over significant amounts of revenue funding, that they could allocate to meet locally determined priorities.

## KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

5. Each ward will have £10,000 per Councillor of revenue grants to allocate and it is proposed that any unallocated funds from the previous rounds (years) are to be carried forward and added to the financial year commencing 1 April 2024.
6. The Multi-Ward forums will use the criteria set out below for the allocation of this funding:
  - a. Creating opportunities for people from different backgrounds to get on well together; (e.g. community cohesion)
  - b. Establishing projects which treat each other with respect and consideration (e.g. being a good neighbour, inter-generational contacts)

- c. Encouraging residents to be responsible for their own neighbourhood (e.g. community clean-ups; volunteering initiatives)
  - d. Specific measures to enhance a neighbourhood's environment (e.g. increased cleaning).
7. A Multi-Ward forum may choose to allocate some of their NsF resources to their CGS capital allocations.
  8. Subject to the availability of resources, the NsF may be used to 'buy' services from the council.
  9. As with any executive decision taken by Multi-Ward forums, this is subject to the council's existing scrutiny arrangements.

### **Policy framework implications**

10. The NsF has a borough-wide funding budget of £630,000 with an allocation of £10,000 per Councillor, for each ward. This is subject to annual budget setting process. The fund can allow individuals and community groups to organise their own events /projects to enable communities to come together.

### **Community, equalities (including socio-economic) and health impacts**

#### **Community impact statement**

11. The roles and functions of Multi-Ward forums include the promotion of involvement of local people in the democratic process. Multi-Ward forums 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.
12. An explicit objective within the Empowering Communities Programme (ward and multi-ward meetings) 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 mutual interest.
13. The allocation of the 2024-25 NsF South Multi-Ward forum budget will in the main, affect the people living in the South Area. However, in making the area a better place to live and improving life chances for local people, the South Multi-Ward area, NsF activities will have an impact on the whole of Southwark.
14. The NsF is an important tool in achieving community participation and cohesion. Having a strong, vibrant and engaged community is a key part of creating a fairer and just society through enabling volunteering, participation, inclusion and well-being at a borough wide and neighbourhood level.

## **Equalities (including socio-economic) impact statement**

15. In fulfilling the above objectives that Multi-Ward forums have of bringing together and involving Southwark's diverse local communities, consideration has also been given to the council's duty under section 149 of 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.

The protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.

16. Having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity between those who share a relevant characteristic and those who do not share it is further defined in s.149 as having due regard to the need to:
- 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. Applications for NsF projects come from the local community via a simple online form. This simple process enables individuals and groups to apply for projects that have a direct impact on their community and meet the needs of those that make up that community.
  - Encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or any other activity in which they are under-represented. The programme is promoted widely across the borough to as many residents and community groups as possible using the council's main marketing team and via other teams across the council including Resident Services, Community Engagement and via Community Southwark and other community networks. The programme is also advertised in Southwark News to reach a wider audience.
  - Equalities data is collected at this time so that an analysis can show where applications have come from and where there are gaps that need to be addressed by specific targeted outreach.
17. When undertaking the duties under section 149 the council must ensure:
- The duty must be fulfilled before the decision in question is enacted;
  - The duty must be exercised in substance with 'rigour and an open mind'; it is not a matter of 'ticking boxes'; and

- The duty is continuing; it does not end with the completion of any equality impact assessment and due regard must be had as policy evolves and is implemented.

18. Equalities data is collected at this time so that an analysis can show where applications have come from and where there are gaps that need to be addressed by specific targeted outreach. The open application process enables residents with protected characteristics to facilitate events that are relevant to them, and equality monitoring is required which will assist the council in continuous compliance with the public sector equality duty.

### **Health impact statement**

19. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has disadvantaged many communities in the borough and highlighted health inequalities.
20. Improving access to council funding will enable organisations to better support the health and wellbeing of their communities. It will also increase their ability to support their communities and address key issues within their localities.

### **Climate change implications**

21. There are projects listed in the Appendix that may have positive climate change implications in the South Area (e.g. community gardening projects) if they are successful.

### **Resource implications**

22. There are no resource implications.

### **Legal implications**

23. There are no legal implications arising from this report

### **Financial implications**

24. The South multi-ward NsF has been allocated a total of £110,000, for 2024-25. In addition to this, funds totaling £33,237 remain unallocated from previous years' allocations and thus are also available for allocation.
25. It is recommended that Multi-ward forums set aside some unallocated funds from previous years in order to prevent an over allocation of funds, as well as to act as a contingency from which urgent or incidental requests can be funded throughout the year.

## Consultation

26. The NsF projects may require consultation with stakeholders, including the project applicant, local residents and tenants and residents associations where applicable.

## SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

### Assistant Chief Executive (Governance and Assurance) (CM 26.02.2024)

27. The Local Government Act 2000 (“the 2000 Act”) gives the Leader the power to delegate any executive function to area committees. The allocation of the neighbourhoods fund is an executive function.
28. Multi-Ward Forums are ‘area committees’ within the meaning of the 2000 Act.
29. The delegation can be found in Part 3H of the Constitution, which enables Multi Ward Forums to approve “the allocation of neighbourhood funds, cleaner, greener, safer and devolved highway capital schemes of a local nature using the resources and criteria identified by the cabinet”. This is therefore a decision that the Multi-Ward Forum is empowered to take.
30. The Localism Act 2011 gives councils a general power of competence whereby they have power to do anything that individuals generally may do. This power can be used even if legislation already exists that allows a local authority to do the same thing. However the general power of competence does not enable a local authority to do anything which it was restricted or prevented from doing under the previous legislation.
31. The general power of competence includes the power to:
- (a) incur expenditure
  - (b) give financial assistance to any person
  - (c) enter into arrangements or agreements with any person
  - (d) co-operate with or facilitate or co-ordinate the activities of any person
  - (e) exercise on behalf of any person any functions of that person; and
  - (f) provide staff, goods, services or accommodation to any person.
32. The provision of funding under the NsF falls within the scope of the kind of activities the council can undertake under the general power of competence as this includes the power to give financial assistance to any person.
33. In allocating funding under the NsF multi-ward forums 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. .

34. This report is recommending that the multi-ward forum approve the allocation of monies from the NsF 2024-25 as specified at Appendix 1.

### **Strategic Director of Finance – (FIN1403 – JB)**

35. The 2024-25 budget allocation for the neighbourhoods fund will be agreed by council assembly as part of the budget setting process. The report notes the allocation is £10,000 per councillor by ward and thus £110,000 should be awarded to the South Multi-Ward. The report allocates a further £33,237 from prior year allocations, this being the current estimate of the funds available at the conclusion of 2023-24.
36. Paragraph 25 notes the need to maintain a contingency element from the funding available for urgent or incidental requests. This is a prudent measure to assist in the effective running of the Neighbourhoods Fund.

### **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

<b>Background Papers</b>	<b>Held At</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Neighbourhoods Fund 2024/25 - Information sheet	Environment , Neighbourhoods & Growth, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Pauline Bonner, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator 0207 525 1019
<a href="https://www.southwark.gov.uk/assets/attach/210042/NF-info-sheet-2024-25.pdf">https://www.southwark.gov.uk/assets/attach/210042/NF-info-sheet-2024-25.pdf</a>		

### **APPENDICES**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Title</b>
Appendix 1	South Multi Ward NsF Applications 2024-25 list

**AUDIT TRAIL**

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Strategic Director of Environment, Neighbourhoods and Growth	No	No
<b>Cabinet member</b>	No	No
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Ward: Champion Hill

Ref ID	Organisation	Project Title	Project Description:	Amount Requested [£]:
*3376	Bermondsey Community Kitchen Inc London Community Kitchen	Bermondsey Community Kitchen	<p>Bermondsey Community Kitchen is a grassroots local non for profit community organisation. Our project has operated out of Bermondsey for the last several years providing a variety of services for our local community. However our support reaches across Southwark and because of this we are changing our name to the London Community Kitchen, so more people are aware of our services and are not excluded.</p> <p>This program provides free healthy nutritional homemade meals across the whole of Southwark. The continuing cost of living crisis is greatly impacting many local residents, with rising energy costs and grocery shopping prices rocketing, people will have to decide whether to heat their homes or eat. In some cases people won't be able to afford to do either. Our project will provide a lifeline for those most in need, families struggling financially, isolated elderly residents and vulnerable residents. It will provide them with a meal they haven't had to worry about how much it will cost to buy or even cook. It will be healthy, substantial and tasty. It will help to improve wellbeing and reduce stress.</p> <p>BCK will work with ward councillors, so that they can direct us to groups they already work with and advise how meals should be distributed. BCK will work with numerous local groups and TRA's to utilise the contacts they already have in the community to deliver the meals those most in need.</p>	£4,500
3291	Bessemer Grange TRA	Circus Skills After Schools Club	<p>In a questionnaire to tenants and residents within the Bessemer Grange TRA catchment in 2019, the lack of provision for children and young people under 16 was identified as critical. The 2019 LBS multi-ward survey for South Southwark showed that the Champion Hill Ward has higher than average levels of childhood obesity and higher levels of 0-15s in out-of-work benefit households. Since then we have organised a lively, quality offer of performance and circus skills, delivered by local professionals, using various small grants and crowd funding to maintain provision, albeit intermittently. The successfully achieved aims are confidence building, mobility and group activity, within a safe, non-pressurised and nurturing space. It is very popular and successful with children and families. Recent feedback said: had no confidence and didn't try new things. I can't stop him now. He will give everything a go; Best class ever; I've seen such a change in M. she has come out of her shell. Up to 25 participants are recorded weekly, with capacity for more attendees. We are constantly trying to obtain more secure, longer term</p>	£4,995



Ref ID	Organisation	Project Title	Project Description:	Amount Requested [£]:
			<p>funding, but the Neighbourhood Fund grants have been the bedrock of our provision. There are few if any activities locally that estate children can access “these are mainly within the wealthier areas of South Southwark and require a financial outlay. The project format is well-established and proven to be a success and as such is ready to roll out again “running termly one evening per week with two age groups. We intend to continue our healthy eating strategy for session participants by providing fresh fruit and refreshments and where possible encouraging the participants to sit and eat together.</p>	
3493	Dog Kennel Hill Adventure Playground	Dog Kennel Hill Adventure Playground (DKHAP)	<p>The project is to create a music festival at the Adventure Playground that takes place around midsummer June 2024 that will become an annual local event. Since Covid, we have increasingly realised the importance of the community coming together. This festival will be open and accessible to all and strengthen community relationships and respect by bringing together and building connections between local people of all ages, backgrounds and beliefs, as performers and participants, for an enjoyable event supporting, celebrating and enjoying local musical talent.</p> <p>The festival will attract local children, families, carers and others to the Playground for a musical event and family day out. Performers will include children and young people who visit the Playground and rehearse there, as well as being open to other young local musicians and more established local performers and bands. It will build on the engagement we have had at previous events. We will provide all of the AV equipment and help the performers to set up. In addition to the all-day music, we will create a festival atmosphere by decorating the Playground and, have face painting and street food.</p> <p>We will utilise the links we have the local schools to encourage more local young people to perform. DKHAP is a large green open space, wild in parts and perfect for an outdoor festival. We are keen to welcome local people to use the space and access the Playground, and the festival will provide an opportunity for more local children to visit the Playground at the weekend and to explore.</p> <p>Quinn and Wilks' (2013) study of small music festivals found that they enhanced bonding between attendees as well as well as between attendees and performers. We will work to minimise the environmental impact of the festival locally and globally.</p>	£2,200

Ref ID	Organisation	Project Title	Project Description:	Amount Requested [£]:
*3485	Holistic Well Women	Self Care and Wellbeing Hub	<p>Self-Care and Well-being Hub The aim of the project is to improve mental health and well-being and reduce loneliness in the community.</p> <p>We are offering a safe space for people to come together and use creativity, social activities that would address well-being practice and support and enhance health and well-being. Our activities aim to bring people together to support each other through a peer support, creativity and building resilience. We are offering a range of unique range of workshops, Art Therapy, Creative Crafts Machine Embroidery, natural body products Well-being coaching and financial resilience Workshop. We will also offer green connecting in nature in local green spaces and the opportunity to go away for a short weekend break to Camber sands</p> <p>We believe that mental health and well-being will be improved along with Confidence and self-esteem so participants can cope with daily life stress to empower them cope in this unchanging and unpredictable times</p> <p>We will also hygiene products to support people in need and reduce hygiene poverty. We will train well-being connector’s volunteers to support the project. We aim to sign post support and empower our community on a journey of hope, improved well-being using and Holistic approach to take the community on a journey rediscovery and peer support to each other We will also use the five ways of well-being for this project.</p> <p>5 ways to wellbeing Step 1 - Connect. Connecting with others can help us feel close to people, and valued for who we are. Step 2 - Get active. Many people find that physical activity helps them maintain positive mental health. Step 3 - Take notice. ... Step 4 - Learn. ... Step 5 - Give.</p>	£6,500

Ref ID	Organisation	Project Title	Project Description:	Amount Requested [£]:
3243	Mother Goose Nursery	Community Events	<p>To foster a sense of neighbourhood and community for people in the Champion Hill and wider area by providing outdoor social events primarily aimed at families with young children but open to anyone to attend. We would like to organise a series of events taking place throughout the year to bring people together outdoors and into our natural setting to share food, to be creative, to enjoy live music and in an environmentally sustainable way.</p> <p>We hope to bring people together to reap the benefits of spending time outside in a natural environment and meeting people from the diverse community in the Champion Hill area.</p>	£4,920
*3581	Platform Cricket (Tower Hamlets Youth Sport Foundation)	Dulwich Diamonds Cricket Club	<p>We will create a "Pop Up" Youth Cricket Club in Dulwich that will address the current inequalities in access to cricket, whilst supporting personal and social development.</p> <p>The hub will be open to any child aged 7-11 living in the area, but will be grown from a schools coaching programme (NOT funded through this grant) that will involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dulwich Hamlet; Goodrich; Goose Green; Harris Academy East Dulwich; Heber; Judith Kerr; St Anthony's; St John &amp; St Clement</li> </ul> <p>Children from introductory activities delivered at each school will be encouraged/supported to migrate to evening/weekend activity which features physical literacy, fitness, strength &amp; conditioning, team-building, problem- solving, nutritional workshops and social events, alongside the cricket content.</p> <p>The activity will utilise the Sports Hall at The Charter School (Jan-Apr) and Dulwich Park (May-Aug). The programme will also feature important competitive opportunities (leagues/cups/festivals) that provide a focus, support identity and allow opportunities for recognition/achievement. These events are also mechanism to get children travelling around Southwark, getting comfortable with new/different neighbourhoods and facilities, and forming new relationships with children from different backgrounds. It will also help to build a relationship with Dulwich Cricket Club, where the project aims to signpost children to from 11 years old onwards.</p>	£5,200

Ref ID	Organisation	Project Title	Project Description:	Amount Requested [£]:
			Activities will be led by highly qualified coaches with youth work/mentoring experience, alongside participants' family members, local residents and local Sixth Form students who will be trained/qualified as Coach Assistants through the project.	
3377	Stepping Stones Learning and Leisure	Dance and Fitness Classes for Adults with Learning Disabilities	<p>We are requesting funds to support the delivery of a programme of weekly dance and fitness classes for adults with learning disabilities. People with learning disabilities have poorer health outcomes and lower life expectancies than the general population. In addition to health inequalities they are also at great risk of social exclusion and isolation.</p> <p>Taking part in physical activity has been proven to improve physical and mental well-being. The sessions will include accessible and engaging content and exercises, including a chair based class for people who either use wheelchairs and/or have restricted mobility. In addition to the benefits of exercise, these sessions also provide a vital space for socialising and connecting with other members of the community in a warm and welcoming space.</p>	£3,580

\*3376 also applied in Champions Hill, Goose Green, Dulwich Hill, Dulwich Village, and Dulwich Wood

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Ward: Dulwich Hill

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3376	Bermondsey Community Kitchen Inc London Community Kitchen	Bermondsey Community Kitchen	<p>Bermondsey Community Kitchen is a grassroots local non for profit community organisation. Our project has operated out of Bermondsey for the last several years providing a variety of services for our local community. However our support reaches across Southwark and because of this we are changing our name to the London Community Kitchen, so more people are aware of our services and are not excluded.</p> <p>This program provides free healthy nutritional homemade meals across the whole of Southwark. The continuing cost of living crisis is greatly impacting many local residents, with rising energy costs and grocery shopping prices rocketing, people will have to decide whether to heat their homes or eat. In some cases people won't be able to afford to do either. Our project will provide a lifeline for those most in need, families struggling financially, isolated elderly residents and vulnerable residents. It will provide them with a meal they haven't had to worry about how much it will cost to buy or even cook. It will be healthy, substantial and tasty. It will help to improve wellbeing and reduce stress.</p> <p>BCK will work with ward councillors, so that they can direct us to groups they already work with and advise how meals should be distributed. BCK will work with numerous local groups and TRA's to utilise the contacts they already have in the community to deliver the meals those most in need.</p>	£4,500
*3547	Dulwich Festival	Dulwich Festival 2024	<p>Dulwich Festival is an annual 10 day celebration of the arts, culture, history, and community of Dulwich and South-East London. In spring 2023 we celebrated 30 years of local arts provision for all ages, contributing to a cohesive &amp; inclusive community for Southwark residents. We've developed a suite of much-loved free community programming items including public events, youth projects, exhibitions, the Goose Green Fair, gallery open days &amp; our ever-popular Artist Open House initiative.</p> <p>We have also created a series of annually changing ticketed events, allowing local creatives from across the arts community to be paid to showcase their work in front of a live audience, and supporting local venues, cafes, pubs, restaurants, church halls, parks, schools and community centres. By platforming local talent and promoting the resources of our neighbourhood, Dulwich</p>	£8,000

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			<p>Festival contributes hugely to our local economy (calculated at £2.8mil in 2023) and strengthens the social capital of our communities.</p> <p>The festival has become an annual calendar highlight for Southwark residents and our 30th anniversary celebrations, including an exhibition of our history, showed how passionately local people feel about the opportunities facilitated by the festival. As we look to the future, we want to invest in more free programming that provides access to the arts for harder-to-reach groups, especially young people, artists from under-represented groups and local residents with protected characteristics.</p>	
3271	Friern Road Street Party Association	Annual Street Party	The aim of our annual street party is to bring local residents together in order to get to know one another better and increase social cohesion. Our street is ethnically and socially diverse and the street party encourages all residents to come out and share in a sit down lunch and participate in outdoor activities such as games, music and dancing. It provides an informal and relaxed situation where neighbours can get to know one another.	£500
242502	Friern Road TRA	Friern Rd TRA community activities	The Friern Road estate has recently set up a TRA. Funding from the Neighbourhood Fund would allow the TRA to run community events and activities such as a summer party, coffee mornings, kids clubs, and day trips for residents on the estate.	£10,000
3314	Link Age Southwark	Seated Yoga	We have been running a seated yoga group at Lew Evans House for a number of years. The group is run in partnership with the Lew Evans House which is an extra care residential setting. The group aligns with our mission which is focused on alleviating loneliness, reducing social isolation and improving health and wellbeing for older people. Sheltered housing units can be lonely places for older people, many of whom spend extended periods in their accommodation unit on their own. Our specialist tutor has worked with us for a number of years and adapts the group to meet the complex health and mobility needs of group members. All those who want to attend the group are required to complete a questionnaire to inform us about their individual needs which is then shared with the tutor. The group, which runs on a weekly basis encourages people to come into the communal living space and to exercise with other residents of Lew Evans House as well as non-residents who attend	£4,272

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			<p>specifically for the group. This provides a social element to the group as group members have the opportunity to mix with their peers both residents and non-residents, as well as the group tutor. For many group members the exercise group provides a focus to their week and a reason to leave their accommodation unit or their home. The tutor ensures that the group is both accessible and fun.</p>	
*3581	Platform Cricket (Tower Hamlets Youth Sport Foundation)	Dulwich Diamonds Cricket Club	<p>We will create a "Pop Up" Youth Cricket Club in Dulwich that will address the current inequalities in access to cricket, whilst supporting personal and social development.</p> <p>The hub will be open to any child aged 7-11 living in the area, but will be grown from a schools coaching programme (NOT funded through this grant) that will involve: Dulwich Hamlet; Goodrich; Goose Green; Harris Academy East Dulwich; Heber; Judith Kerr; St Anthony's; St John &amp; St Clement</p> <p>Children from introductory activities delivered at each school will be encouraged/supported to migrate to evening/weekend activity which features physical literacy, fitness, strength &amp; conditioning, team-building, problem- solving, nutritional workshops and social events, alongside the cricket content.</p> <p>The activity will utilise the Sports Hall at The Charter School (Jan-Apr) and Dulwich Park (May-Aug). The programme will also feature important competitive opportunities (leagues/cups/festivals) that provide a focus, support identity and allow opportunities for recognition/achievement. These events are also mechanism to get children travelling around Southwark, getting comfortable with new/different neighbourhoods and facilities, and forming new relationships with children from different backgrounds. It will also help to build a relationship with Dulwich Cricket Club, where the project aims to signpost children to from 11 years old onwards.</p> <p>Activities will be led by highly qualified coaches with youth work/mentoring experience, alongside participants' family members, local residents and local Sixth Form students who will be trained/qualified as Coach Assistants through the project.</p>	£5,200

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3359	Spring Community Hub	Dawson Heights Holiday Club	<p>Spring Community Hub works to achieve equality in our communities, we want to be a vehicle for positive and lasting change in our clients so that they never need a food bank again.</p> <p>Our Holiday Club is part of a range of wraparound services that we provide for families who are experiencing financial challenges and food insecurity. The Holiday Club, has since its inception, provided nutritious, culturally sensitive food, play and learning opportunities for hundreds of children. These activities and the food provided to the families reduces money worries triggered by food insecurity. Additionally, recent research carried out on the impact of HAF funding found a probable link between food insecurity and poor mental health for parents and carers - this underlines the importance of our Holiday Club provision.</p> <p>The Club provides many social benefits; most of the activities we run are fun and inclusive and they nudge children towards healthy eating, exercise, integration and social inclusion. While our overarching aim is to alleviate hunger, we also give families the opportunity to engage with their children through arts and crafts, cooking, dance, storytelling and our fun trips which have included visits to the sea side, Legoland, museums, and the Tower of London.</p> <p>We are fortunate to receive HAF funding, however, the Neighbourhoods Fund helps us to serve families with children aged zero upwards and we also serve the working poor - many of our families are in employment but are also experiencing food insecurity.</p> <p>Finally, helping to run the Club develops confidence in our volunteers, some of whom are Spring Community Hub adult clients, this means the benefits of the Clubs are shared across the organisation and our efficiency is improved.</p>	£4,174

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3137	Bell House Dulwich	Dyslexia Fair	<p>The annual Bell House Dyslexia Fair brings together families, teachers and the wider dyslexia community to learn more about dyslexia, talk to experts, and discover useful resources and share experiences and advice. With up to 20% of the population being dyslexic, the Dyslexia Fair provides a valuable and unique resource to the local dyslexic community of both adults and children.</p> <p>We offer a diverse programme of talks with experts in their field who will be presenting on key topics such as the use of assistive technology, improving reading fluency and developing spelling skills. We will be featuring our popular primary and secondary school panel discussions which give students, parents and educators a voice and where we can learn from each other, workshops exploring how parents can support learning at home and at school and one to one advice clinics with local dyslexia experts offering free advice. Following demand last year for one to one advice we will be increasing the number of experts available and they are all local.</p> <p>Creative workshops, including our in house letterpress printing, for both adults and children take place throughout the day and there is an exhibition of local and national dyslexia resources and products.</p> <p>The Dyslexia Fair enables the Bell House Dyslexia Group to network with the local community and find out what their needs and concerns are which helps us to shape our programme for the following year.</p>	£2,460
3533	Bell House Dulwich	Outdoor Learning Space	<p>Bell House is a volunteer led charity in Dulwich Village. Our dedicated volunteers help to deliver on our purpose of creating opportunities for wider learning beyond the normal school curriculum. In consultation with schools, both from our ward and beyond, we have delivered successful hands-on experiences incorporating the outdoors and nature for young learners.</p> <p>We would like to build on early successes and extend the reach of these enrichment days, offered at no cost to schools. We are focussed on making best use of the outdoor spaces at Bell House to</p>	£4,100

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			<p>engage, excite, and educate young people. Feedback has indicated that these learning opportunities particularly benefit children who may not otherwise be considered academic or who find mainstream education challenging.</p> <p>Funding will support the creation of a dedicated outdoor learning space which will increase the opportunities to study, to experiment, to discover, to understand more about nature, the green environment, and the bees. The area will offer space for formal presentations and teaching sessions. Space to sit, to write, to read, to draw. We have considered equity and accessibility in order to offer opportunities for as many learners as possible. Our main aim is to connect the pupils with the garden, with nature, to appreciate all matters connected with growing, healthy eating, and green issues. The structured learning space in the garden with the appropriate resources will enable all learners to study and to develop new skills in a safe space.</p> <p>Whilst young learners are very much the intended primary beneficiaries we are fully aware that they would not be possible without the knowledge and commitment of our volunteers. These activities also provide an ideal opportunity for intergenerational interaction and connecting with others, passing on skills that might otherwise be lost and supporting emotional and mental health and wellbeing.</p>	
3376	Bermondsey Community Kitchen Inc London Community Kitchen	Bermondsey Community Kitchen	<p>Bermondsey Community Kitchen is a grassroots local non for profit community organisation. Our project has operated out of Bermondsey for the last several years providing a variety of services for our local community. However our support reaches across Southwark and because of this we are changing our name to the London Community Kitchen, so more people are aware of our services and are not excluded.</p> <p>This program provides free healthy nutritional homemade meals across the whole of Southwark. The continuing cost of living crisis is greatly impacting many local residents, with rising energy costs and grocery shopping prices rocketing, people will have to decide whether to heat their homes or eat. In some cases people won't be able to afford to do either. Our project will provide a lifeline for those most in need, families struggling financially, isolated elderly residents and vulnerable residents. It will provide them with a meal they haven't had to worry about how much it will cost to buy or even cook. It</p>	£4,500

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			<p>will be healthy, substantial and tasty. It will help to improve wellbeing and reduce stress.</p> <p>BCK will work with ward councillors, so that they can direct us to groups they already work with and advise how meals should be distributed. BCK will work with numerous local groups and TRA's to utilise the contacts they already have in the community to deliver the meals those most in need.</p>	
*3547	Dulwich Festival	Dulwich Festival 2024	<p>Dulwich Festival is an annual 10 day celebration of the arts, culture, history, and community of Dulwich and South-East London. In spring 2023 we celebrated 30 years of local arts provision for all ages, contributing to a cohesive &amp; inclusive community for Southwark residents. We've developed a suite of much-loved free community programming items including public events, youth projects, exhibitions, the Goose Green Fair, gallery open days &amp; our ever-popular Artist Open House initiative.</p> <p>We have also created a series of annually changing ticketed events, allowing local creatives from across the arts community to be paid to showcase their work in front of a live audience, and supporting local venues, cafes, pubs, restaurants, church halls, parks, schools and community centres. By platforming local talent and promoting the resources of our neighbourhood, Dulwich Festival contributes hugely to our local economy (calculated at £2.8mil in 2023) and strengthens the social capital of our communities.</p> <p>The festival has become an annual calendar highlight for Southwark residents and our 30th anniversary celebrations, including an exhibition of our history, showed how passionately local people feel about the opportunities facilitated by the festival. As we look to the future, we want to invest in more free programming that provides access to the arts for harder-to-reach groups, especially young people, artists from under-represented groups and local residents with protected characteristics.</p>	£8,000
3138	Dulwich Park Friends	Dulwich Park Fair 2024	Dulwich Park Fair has been running since 2007 and aims to showcase local groups on the stage, crafts and food stalls and foster a sense of pride in Dulwich Park. The Fair is run entirely by volunteers and provides free entertainment including city farm, magician, Punch and Judy, fun fair and a dog show.	£2,500
3212	Dulwich Park Friends	Concert Bands 2024	We aim to showcase the talent of local concert bands, offer free entertainment, enhance a community spirit and foster a sense of pride in Dulwich Park.	£1,150

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3327	Dulwich Picture Gallery	Workshops	<p>We will run arts workshops for 400 children from schools from Southwark.</p> <p>The workshops aim to reduce the stigma around mental health and help children to support their own wellbeing through creativity. They will promote respect, consideration and empathy for others through individual and group activities. We will build the creative confidence of the students we work with, as well as supporting their cultural capital in accessing the Gallery, an important site in Southwark's cultural landscape.</p> <p>Workshops will be delivered by a team of artist facilitators who have experience of working using the arts to support mental health. The sessions will be designed for a whole class to participate at the same time.</p> <p>We will also run a CPD training session for the teachers involved and the Mental Health leads of each school to share our activities and promote a 'whole school approach' which can support each school's mental health plan.</p> <p>We will use the Gallery and our purpose-built art studio as a base for the workshops, drawing on themes from our art collection to promote discussion and enquiry, thinking particularly about feelings which may arise from the artworks. We will introduce the children to 'slow looking' which promotes mindfulness and relaxation. Children will also explore different art techniques which they may not have had access to at school.</p> <p>This project was formulated in response to high demand from teachers for our wellbeing programmes developed in partnership with local healthcare providers. Although many schools have targeted mental health support, our 'whole class approach' reaches those who may not qualify for referral and tackles stigma. The project will benefit from learnings of previous two iterations which were supported by the Neighbourhood Fund 2022/23 and 2023/24.</p>	£4,990

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3233	Lively Minds	Lively Minds - Reaching Out	<p>We are aiming to achieve a continuation of the concept of Lively Minds which was to counter social exclusion, promote wellbeing and maintain links in the community. We are a group of retired seniors, many of whom live alone, and find that attendance and participation in the social activities can improve mental health and wellbeing, increase confidence, improve skills and knowledge and significantly contribute to the members' sense of belonging to the neighbourhood, as well as providing a focus for their week. Unfortunately due to the rising cost of speakers and our dwindling membership/income we have decided that these are no longer affordable and have changed our programme to include discussions on a theme of members' choice, craft sessions and quizzes, armchair exercise sessions, tea parties and bring and buy, homemade soup lunches, board games, DVDs and occasional lunches out. Funding will cover the cost of rent of our premises, plus insurance, enabling us to ensure a base for our Club and continue for as long as possible.</p>	£950
*3581	Platform Cricket (Tower Hamlets Youth Sport Foundation)	Dulwich Diamonds Cricket Club	<p>We will create a "Pop Up" Youth Cricket Club in Dulwich that will address the current inequalities in access to cricket, whilst supporting personal and social development.</p> <p>The hub will be open to any child aged 7-11 living in the area, but will be grown from a schools coaching programme (NOT funded through this grant) that will involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dulwich Hamlet; Goodrich; Goose Green; Harris Academy East Dulwich; Heber; Judith Kerr; St Anthony's; St John &amp; St Clement</li> </ul> <p>Children from introductory activities delivered at each school will be encouraged/supported to migrate to evening/weekend activity which features physical literacy, fitness, strength &amp; conditioning, team-building, problem- solving, nutritional workshops and social events, alongside the cricket content.</p> <p>The activity will utilise the Sports Hall at The Charter School (Jan-Apr) and Dulwich Park (May-Aug). The programme will also feature important competitive opportunities (leagues/cups/festivals) that provide a focus, support identity and allow opportunities for recognition/achievement. These events are also mechanism to get children travelling around Southwark, getting comfortable with</p>	£5,200

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			<p>new/different neighbourhoods and facilities, and forming new relationships with children from different backgrounds. It will also help to build a relationship with Dulwich Cricket Club, where the project aims to signpost children to from 11 years old onwards.</p> <p>Activities will be led by highly qualified coaches with youth work/mentoring experience, alongside participants' family members, local residents and local Sixth Form students who will be trained/qualified as Coach Assistants through the project.</p>	
242501	Southwark Council Wardens	Dulwich Safer Streets	<p>There are great concerns in our community about a rise in street robbery of teenagers. There have been some very unpleasant incidents this year with children being assaulted by older teenagers who have taken their phones and laptops.</p> <p>The funds will help to support existing community initiatives including providing training to staff of businesses who have agreed to operate as "Safe Havens" for teenagers if they feel threatened on the street. This could be extended to other community members too.</p> <p>We also plan to work with local police and community groups such as the Dulwich Village Safe Neighbourhood Panel and the recently established Love Your Doorstep initiative to support community safety, potentially with additional patrols by Southwark Community Wardens.</p>	£9,000
3497	Southwark Hindu Centre	Diwali (Festival of Lights) Celebration	<p>Diwali, popularly known as Festival of Lights and is one of the most important festival of the year and is celebrated by Indian community with all religions around the world. The festival celebrates the victory of good over evil, light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance.</p> <p>By organising this activity which includes Musical evening followed by Indian traditional Dinner, we are going to achieve Community cohesion by bringing other communities of different religion and faith together. Also to make awareness of Indian culture and festival among different communities especially younger generation.</p>	£2,275

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3415	The Dulwich CC Diversity and Inclusion project, also known as 'The Snow Leopards'	Cricket training, matches and tournaments	The project aims to make club cricket at Dulwich CC accessible to players from a broad range of cultural, racial and socio-economic backgrounds. We approach participants from different backgrounds to join us, through a variety of channels (including the networks of existing participants, Surrey cricket foundation and cricket platform, local schools), and have also had players referred to us by youth support workers in different London boroughs. Several participants have now been involved in our programmes who were referred to us by these channels. The project is not restricted to a particular ethnic group, although as the name suggests, in practice we have a high proportion of Afghanistani young people, many of whom are refugees. This is partly because we have built on our existing group of players and the commitment, we had made to them.	£3,000
*3296	Wild Ride Parenting	The Invisible Doula - Bridging Disparities in Maternal Healthcare and Supporting At-Risk Mothers	<p>The "Invisible Doula" project is a vital initiative aimed at providing comprehensive support to young, at-risk, and low-income mothers in Southwark who face significant challenges during pregnancy and early motherhood. These mothers often contend with financial constraints, limited healthcare access, and a lack of social support networks, leading to inadequate prenatal care and heightened risks during childbirth and the postnatal recovery phase. This situation is further compounded by systemic racism and implicit bias within the healthcare system, disproportionately affecting minority groups such as Black, Indigenous, and people of colour (BIPOC).</p> <p>The project is deeply needed, as research has shown that doula care can be transformative for women and their families. However, many mothers cannot afford, access, or are unaware of this crucial support. To address these issues, "The Invisible Doula" will provide free doula support, ensuring that these mothers receive the guidance, emotional assistance, and practical tools they require to make informed decisions for themselves and their families.</p> <p>Our project will involve leading sessions with mothers, enabling them to build personalised birth and postnatal plans, access practical and emotional support, learn about their options and rights, and make informed choices. Additionally, mothers will have the opportunity to create maternal memory journals to work through any elements of trauma while documenting and cherishing this special moment in their lives.</p>	£2,782

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			As an ongoing informative resource, each woman participating in the sessions will be gifted a "Cradle for Life" micro learning deck to take home. These comprehensive, expert-checked information flash cards will serve as a valuable source of ongoing support, reference and guidance, further empowering them with the knowledge and tools needed for a healthy and confident transition into motherhood.	
3427	Yoga by Jenna	Yoga @ The Library	I would like to apply for funding to use the hall at Dulwich Library to teach an accessible and inclusive community yoga class every Monday evening at 6:30-7:30pm. I am a local resident and fully trained yoga teacher specialising in beginner and inclusive yoga styles. I have been teaching this community yoga class at Dulwich Library since February 2023 and I think it is a really good community initiative. I do not charge and the class is donation-based, there is always between 5-15 people present many of whom have tried yoga for the first time and are enjoying its mental and physical health benefits. I really enjoy teaching the class and getting new people into yoga who might feel intimidated to go to an expensive yoga studio and I want to keep doing it. I provide all the props for the class and advertise in local shops and online on local forums. I'm a local resident, I live in SE22, 5 minutes from the Library. However, even with the community rate, I am struggling to break even every week. I often make a loss on booking the room but I have kept teaching because I think it's an important resource for the community to have. I am applying for funds for 2024 to keep the class going.	£3,120

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*3547	Dulwich Festival	Dulwich Festival 2024	<p>Dulwich Festival is an annual 10 day celebration of the arts, culture, history, and community of Dulwich and South-East London. In spring 2023 we celebrated 30 years of local arts provision for all ages, contributing to a cohesive &amp; inclusive community for Southwark residents. We've developed a suite of much-loved free community programming items including public events, youth projects, exhibitions, the Goose Green Fair, gallery open days &amp; our ever-popular Artist Open House initiative.</p> <p>We have also created a series of annually changing ticketed events, allowing local creatives from across the arts community to be paid to showcase their work in front of a live audience, and supporting local venues, cafes, pubs, restaurants, church halls, parks, schools and community centres. By platforming local talent and promoting the resources of our neighbourhood, Dulwich Festival contributes hugely to our local economy (calculated at £2.8mil in 2023) and strengthens the</p>	£8,000

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			<p>social capital of our communities.</p> <p>The festival has become an annual calendar highlight for Southwark residents and our 30th anniversary celebrations, including an exhibition of our history, showed how passionately local people feel about the opportunities facilitated by the festival. As we look to the future, we want to invest in more free programming that provides access to the arts for harder-to-reach groups, especially young people, artists from under-represented groups and local residents with protected characteristics.</p>	
3239	Friends of Gipsy Hill	Gipsy Hill Village Fete	<p>About the project: A biennial community event focusing on the concept of "village fete" uniting diverse local residents and businesses, held on Long Meadow, a key open green space in the cross border community of Gipsy Hill within easy walking range for many.</p> <p>Objectives: Bring the local community together. Provide a family fun day for all ages. Enrich local knowledge with what's on offer with local support networks. Provide small scale entertainment. Promote local business.</p> <p>Who was involved in identifying the need: Friends of Gipsy Hill (est. 2018) is a local community group formed by local residents. Through consultation, local residents and businesses expressed a desire to have a local community neighbourhood event that was accessible to all. The event was developed as a pilot in 2019 and then successfully run again 2022, bringing the community around Gipsy Hill together.</p> <p>How our project differs and adds value from other events: In Crystal Palace Park (across five boroughs), the Crystal Palace Festival provided a largescale event, "South Facing" is a larger pan-London music festival; the Kingswood Estate including Kingswood Arts host small scale community events.</p>	£8,500

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			<p>The Gipsy Hill Village Fete is the only large community event in the area that uses Long Meadow as a venue and meeting point, providing enrichment through family craft activities, fact-finding tasks about the locality and information on sustainable greening projects. It appeals to a wider local demographic within easy walking distance. It forms a natural focal point for this community, on a local granular scale, with an opportunity for traditional fun and games appealing to all ages, a place to meet and interact with neighbours, a showcase for local creative talent at a small scale, a dog show for regular users of Long Meadow, a community tent showcases local endeavours/opportunities.</p>	
3572	Holistic Mastery CIC	Rest Bite Drop In	<p>By providing a drop in session mid-week every week (of at least 40 sessions each year) that provides food, shelter, befriending, practical advice and support, mental first aid support and a place to rest and socialise, this will achieve a reduction in isolation, food hunger/starvation, mental health crisis and also increasing and improving on health, wellbeing and positive connections and relationships amongst the residents and wider community.</p>	£5,000
*3485	Holistic Well Women	Self Care and Wellbeing Hub	<p>Self-Care and Well-being Hub</p> <p>The aim of the project is to improve mental health and well-being and reduce loneliness in the community.</p> <p>We are offering a safe space for people to come together and use creativity, social activities that would address well-being practice and support and enhance health and well-being. Our activities aim to bring people together to support each other through a peer support, creativity and building resilience. We are offering a range of unique range of workshops, Art Therapy, Creative Crafts Machine Embroidery, natural body products Well-being coaching and financial resilience Workshop. We will also offer green connecting in nature in local green spaces and the opportunity to go away for a short weekend break to Camber sands</p> <p>We believe that mental health and well-being will be improved along with Confidence and self-esteem so participants can cope with daily life stress to empower them cope in this unchanging and unpredictable times</p>	£6,500

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			<p>We will also hygiene products to support people in need and reduce hygiene poverty. We will train well-being connector’s volunteers to support the project. We aim to sign post support and empower our community on a journey of hope, improved well-being using and Holistic approach to take the community on a journey rediscovery and peer support to each other We will also use the five ways of well-being for this project.</p> <p>5 ways to wellbeing</p> <p>Step 1 - Connect. Connecting with others can help us feel close to people, and valued for who we are. ...</p> <p>Step 2 - Get active. Many people find that physical activity helps them maintain positive mental health. ...</p> <p>Step 3 - Take notice. ...</p> <p>Step 4 - Learn. ...</p> <p>Step 5 - Give.</p>	
3280	Kingswood Arts	Kingswood December 2024	<p>We want to open the doors to Kingswood House where we are based and welcome people in during the winter season 2024. Many people have asked about how the House will be decorated and there are requests for a 'Victorian Christmas' atmosphere, which we will incorporate, whilst also acknowledging the celebrations of other faiths and cultures. We hope to purchase a tree and decorations in time to set the House from November 2024 to February 2025. It will provide a backdrop to a programme of events including performances (by local groups) and activities including Father Christmas visits, Ghost tours and food events. In this way we hope to strengthen the sense of community, attract people to services and facilities that can support them throughout the year, and boost morale and fulfilment by celebrating together.</p>	£5,000

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3085	Kingswood Estate T.R.A	Academic Support (After School Tuition Classes	<p>The aim of this project is ensure young people from low income family that are struggling with their learning have the necessary support to improve on their learning and grades in Maths, English and Science. Statistics have shown that inability of children from deprived area and financially disadvantaged family are unable to achieved the necessary grades that will enable them to progress in their learning to great university due to lack of support for extra tuition classes after school. This have widen the gap between the academic performances of children from rich background to the children that their parents are low income. Sadly, same lack of opportunity to thrive affected the lives of the parents of disadvantaged children. It is so sad that this injustice continue happening in our society. This systemic problem need addressing head on. We are of the opinion that children from BAME community facing this lack of opportunity to excel academically should be given tools to do well like their counterpart. We all know that since the Covid-19 pandemic, children from financially disadvantaged family are still under performing at school as a result of school closure and prolonged visual learning.</p> <p>Also, children with SEND are generally underperforming at school due to regular exclusion from school. Therefore, there will be sufficient support for SEND children requiring 1:1 or 1:2 or 1:4 support in order to improve on their learning and grades at school. So that can have same opportunity with their age groups.</p>	£13,800
3324	Melford Court TRA & Gardens	Sessions with the Community Gardener	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- continue enthusiasm and interest in community space that was enhanced by previous sessions which brought the gardeners and wider community together.</li> <li>- ensure we sow and harvest seasonal vegetables at the right times.</li> <li>- maintain interest in the community</li> </ul>	£1,500
2154	New Leaf Educational Gardens CIC	New Leaf Educational Gardens CIC	<p>The project has been a part of West Dulwich for several years. We transformed an area that was an eyesore, frequented by drug users and other forms of antisocial behaviour, into an interesting asset. The inspiration for the project is to restore our botanic garden teaching resource at West Dulwich train station, (beside the walkway at Platform 2), where we have turned a roofless bin shed into a community hub, Our purpose is to illustrate the evolution of flowering plants (angiosperms) from their distant origins, over 150 million years ago, to the present day, providing examples of specimen plants in timeline succession.</p>	£3,877

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			<p>When we first took over the site, it was an eyesore, full of litter, some of it quite dangerous; for example broken glass, and drug paraphernalia, including hypodermic needles (these were safely removed with the use of a litter picker and sharps tins. Local residents benefitted by not having to walk past a derelict litter-strewn area, and seeing it transformed into an interesting and beautiful space. We also had two murals, of Carl Linnaeus, Charles Darwin, Alfred Russel Wallace and other science heroes, including Sir David Attenborough and Rosalind Franklin.</p> <p>We have given talks and supervised volunteering sessions to groups of local people from the Borough of Southwark, including schools and colleges, young offenders and older people. This gives people a chance to learn various gardening and environmental skills, and socialise with other people. It also has an effect in reducing antisocial behaviour and minimising litter in the area.</p> <p>The project was well-liked by local residents, station commuters, schools and local and international visitors to the area, especially Dulwich Picture Gallery and Belair Park.</p> <p>The COVID lockdown, and certain health issues, mean that we need funding to restore the garden.</p>	
3367	NextGen Youth club	Bew Court - lordship lane estate	<p>Our project strives to prevent antisocial behaviour and criminal involvement among young individuals. By offering artistic, personal development and life skills programs, we intend to break the cycle of anti-social activity and the stigma against young people. Many young people in the ward face challenging circumstances, including parents having limited money to invest into activities for children, lack of support from the community, limited opportunities and a lack of guidance. The CSHEN Project seeks to be a guiding light, providing them with the tools they need to make positive life choices. For residents of this ward, our project is designed to empower young individuals, regardless of their background, fostering a sense of purpose and direction. By addressing the root causes of antisocial behaviour, we aim to create a safer and more harmonious community. Our tailored programs offer residents the opportunity to develop resilience, enhance their personal growth, and lead more fulfilling lives. Southwark Council asked Lordship Lane residents for feedback in 2020 and residents stated that Antisocial behaviour and noise created by the various activities on the estate and the Lack of activities for young children. Upon gaining some feedback from residents</p>	£4,500

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3347	Paxton Green Time Bank	PGTB community hub	<p>Over 36 weeks we will run weekly sessions where local people can drop in, learn and share creative skills, and share a healthy lunch. We will have 4 guest facilitator's too leading special sessions where participants can learn a new craft and take something home to complete. The space will also enable people to talk, share ideas and have a drink and a snack, in a warm safe free space. The benefits will include reduced isolation, art for wellbeing, skills exchanging, signposting to other services and the chance to join the time bank and the pantry. Post pandemic the community is increasingly isolated, and the cost of living crisis means people are struggling even more. There is also a lack of open accessible community space. We will also have 3 inspirational visits to other communities in London to share learning and ideas. All this will spark creativity that will benefit the whole community around the Kingswood estate and local areas.</p>	£3,760
*3240	Phoenix Players	Phoenix Players Theatre Hire 2024-25	<p>Phoenix Players shows bring members and audiences together from across Southwark to help them find community, learn new skills and have fun.</p> <p>Our audiences, made up primarily of local residents, get to experience everything from new works of art written locally to former West End shows at community-friendly prices. They explore themes our community cares about - like love, neighbourliness, trauma and anxiety, workers' rights, austerity.</p> <p>Phoenix is different because we are not non-exclusionary - all local residents can join, no matter their talent, experience or background (most groups require a successful audition). We meet weekly and prioritise creating a safe space for self-expression and growth. A recent member survey showed the most common word member's associate with Phoenix is "inclusive".</p>	£5,000

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3287	St Stephens Church South Dulwich	St Stephen's Community children's choir	This choir consists of 33 children who meet on Tuesday evenings to learn to sing, to learn to appreciate classical music, to bond across ethnic and social boundaries, to give concerts and make recordings	£10,700
3296	Wild Ride Parenting	The Invisible Doula - Bridging Disparities in Maternal Healthcare and Supporting At-Risk Mothers	<p>The "Invisible Doula" project is a vital initiative aimed at providing comprehensive support to young, at-risk, and low-income mothers in Southwark who face significant challenges during pregnancy and early motherhood. These mothers often contend with financial constraints, limited healthcare access, and a lack of social support networks, leading to inadequate prenatal care and heightened risks during childbirth and the postnatal recovery phase. This situation is further compounded by systemic racism and implicit bias within the healthcare system, disproportionately affecting minority groups such as Black, Indigenous, and people of colour (BIPOC).</p> <p>The project is deeply needed, as research has shown that doula care can be transformative for women and their families. However, many mothers cannot afford, access, or are unaware of this crucial support. To address these issues, "The Invisible Doula" will provide free doula support, ensuring that these mothers receive the guidance, emotional assistance, and practical tools they</p>	£2,782



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*3376	Bermondsey Community Kitchen Inc London Community Kitchen	Bermondsey Community Kitchen	<p>Bermondsey Community Kitchen is a grassroots local non for profit community organisation. Our project has operated out of Bermondsey for the last several years providing a variety of services for our local community. However our support reaches across Southwark and because of this we are changing our name to the London Community Kitchen, so more people are aware of our services and are not excluded.</p> <p>This program provides free healthy nutritional homemade meals across the whole of Southwark. The continuing cost of living crisis is greatly impacting many local residents, with rising energy costs and grocery shopping prices rocketing, people will have to decide whether to heat their homes or eat. In some cases people won't be able to afford to do either. Our project will provide a lifeline for those most in need, families struggling financially, isolated elderly residents and vulnerable residents. It will provide them with a meal they haven't had to worry about how much it will cost to buy or even cook. It will be healthy, substantial and tasty. It will help to improve wellbeing and reduce stress.</p> <p>BCK will work with ward councillors, so that they can direct us to groups they already work with and advise how meals should be distributed. BCK will work with numerous local groups and TRA's to utilise the contacts they already have in the community to deliver the meals those most in need.</p>	£4,500
*3547	Dulwich Festival	Dulwich Festival 2024	<p>Dulwich Festival is an annual 10 day celebration of the arts, culture, history, and community of Dulwich and South-East London. In spring 2023 we celebrated 30 years of local arts provision for all ages, contributing to a cohesive &amp; inclusive community for Southwark residents. We've developed a suite of much-loved free community programming items including public events, youth projects, exhibitions, the Goose Green Fair, gallery open days &amp; our ever-popular Artist Open House initiative.</p> <p>We have also created a series of annually changing ticketed events, allowing local creatives from across the arts community to be paid to showcase their work in front of a live audience, and supporting local venues, cafes, pubs, restaurants, church halls, parks, schools and community centres. By platforming local talent and promoting the resources of our neighbourhood, Dulwich</p>	£8,000

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			<p>Festival contributes hugely to our local economy (calculated at £2.8mil in 2023) and strengthens the social capital of our communities.</p> <p>The festival has become an annual calendar highlight for Southwark residents and our 30th anniversary celebrations, including an exhibition of our history, showed how passionately local people feel about the opportunities facilitated by the festival. As we look to the future, we want to invest in more free programming that provides access to the arts for harder-to-reach groups, especially young people, artists from under-represented groups and local residents with protected characteristics.</p>	
3442	East Dulwich Community Centre	Open day	<p>We are planning an open day at the East Dulwich Community Centre, invitees to include local people and organisations, voluntary and faith groups as well as local schools. A focal point will be a mobile farm. This will benefit local children in a highly urban area who may not have ever been to a farm or met animals before Our aim is to raise awareness in the area of the Community centre and also the activities taking place there. We will invite our centre users to showcase their activities.</p> <p>The event provides free networking for the local community, enabling young/old to meet, the public and community group providers to meet thus furthering community cohesion. We hope to provide taster sessions from some of our users, which might be exercise, for those who may not have considered taking up exercise.</p>	£1,941
3319	Goose Green Coffee Morning	Goose Green Coffee Morning	<p>The Goose Green Coffee Morning (GGCM) continues to attract a regular healthy attendance. It offers an informal atmosphere for people to meet over a coffee and a cake. Regular activities also take place including singing sessions, crafts and a range of talks. In 2022, the GGCM exercise group, Strong and Steady, started. It is an evidence-based exercise programme which reduces falls risk and is led by a level 4 trained postural stability exercise instructor. Participants from the coffee morning, wider community and those finishing NHS exercise programmes attend. In 2023, we increased the number of classes to 2 per week to increase capacity. We are also in the process of setting up a gardening group that meets after coffee morning. We are working towards increasing self-sufficiency</p>	£5,220

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			<p>with 'Strong and Steady' and the gardening group, requesting less funding for this in 24-25.</p> <p>The GGCM seeks to provide a warm and welcoming place that combats loneliness and isolation and provides people with an opportunity to improve their health. We are constantly looking to expand the activities available to ensure there is sufficient variety to appeal to a diverse population. Our exercise programme is aimed at improving physical fitness, preventing falls and promoting functional independence and the activities such as gardening, gathering to chat and organised craft activities are proven to enhance mental, emotional and spiritual health. Current times are challenging with respect to cost of living and access to health and social care. In 24/25, we would like to continue with what works well and in response to GGCM guest feedback expand our offer aiming to hold two half-day courses on health and wellbeing, sessions on nutrition and introduce a Tai Chi class for older people.</p>	
*3485	Holistic Well Women	Self Care and Wellbeing Hub	<p>Self-Care and Well-being Hub</p> <p>The aim of the project is to improve mental health and well-being and reduce loneliness in the community.</p> <p>We are offering a safe space for people to come together and use creativity, social activities that would address well-being practice and support and enhance health and well-being. Our activities aim to bring people together to support each other through a peer support, creativity and building resilience. We are offering a range of unique range of workshops, Art Therapy, Creative Crafts Machine Embroidery, natural body products Well-being coaching and financial resilience Workshop. We will also offer green connecting in nature in local green spaces and the opportunity to go away for a short weekend break to Camber sands</p> <p>We believe that mental health and well-being will be improved along with Confidence and self-esteem so participants can cope with daily life stress to empower them cope in this unchanging and unpredictable times</p>	£6,500

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			<p>We will also hygiene products to support people in need and reduce hygiene poverty. We will train well-being connector’s volunteers to support the project. We aim to sign post support and empower our community on a journey of hope, improved well-being using and Holistic approach to take the community on a journey rediscovery and peer support to each other We will also use the five ways of well-being for this project.</p> <p>5 ways to wellbeing</p> <p>Step 1 - Connect. Connecting with others can help us feel close to people, and valued for who we are. ...</p> <p>Step 2 - Get active. Many people find that physical activity helps them maintain positive mental health. ...</p> <p>Step 3 - Take notice. ...</p> <p>Step 4 - Learn. ...</p> <p>Step 5 - Give.</p>	
3307	Link Age Southwark Gentle Exercise Group	Gentle Exercise	<p>Our Gentle Exercise group has been running for a number of years. It was relocated to the United Reformed Church in 2022. The group is well attended with between 10-12 active group members. The charity's mission is to alleviate loneliness and reduce social isolation as well improving older people's physical health and mental wellbeing. The tutor who runs the group has specialist knowledge and experience in adapting the sessions to ensure that they are inclusive and accessible for those with complex health needs and/or issues with mobility. We provide transport to our sessions to encourage those with limited mobility to attend as well as encouraging them to leave their homes and spend time in the company of their peers, our tutor and our volunteers. The social aspect of the group is an important one as group members get to know each other over time and form friendships through attending the group. This helps to encourage people's attendance as they know that there will be people at the group who they know and this helps them to feel included and welcome. For many group members, the group is one of the main reasons that they choose to leave their home each week. At the end of the exercise session, the tutor hosts a small social catch up with the group where</p>	£4,960

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			<p>they spend time talking about what they have been up to and sharing stories about their week or about specific topics if there is useful information that we wish to convey to them. During the period of Southwark's warm spaces initiative we introduced a free lunch and social session in partnership with the United Reformed Church. Many of the exercise group members stay on for this and we have kept this group running through to this winter.</p>	
3103	My First 1000 Days	Yoga workshops for young people at risk of offending	<p>Due to a huge increase in the demand for our activities, we are applying for a small grant to run our project with yoga and self-defence classes for young girls, that come from vulnerable backgrounds, minority groups and that have been subjected or are at risk of domestic violence, abuse or social exclusion.</p> <p>Our classes are aimed for girls that come from extremely poor backgrounds and are not able to afford any paying activity. Girls and young women who experience abuse can suffer from symptoms such as dissociation, physiological regulation difficulties, and mood disturbances that might not respond to traditional interventions. Given the benefits of exercise and sport, we hypothesized that activities such as yoga and martial arts with a focus on self-defence would ameliorate the negative impact of abuse on psychological functioning. After working with teams of professionals, psychologist and local organisations that also offer support to vulnerable women, our findings suggest that frequent exercise practice might ameliorate the negative impact of abuse history on self-concept and coping skills. In addition, our findings suggest that women who incorporate yoga and into other areas of life could get the greatest psychological benefits. Our Project aims to encourage local girls and young women to realize their own potential, especially individuals experiencing isolation and social exclusion or minority ethnic women facing language barriers. Those taking part gain new skills and become more confident in their everyday lives, while becoming involved in the wider community. The project targets girls and young women who are socially isolated and may be experiencing mental health issues. It aims to empower individuals and encourage integration back into the community by building self-confidence through group activities as well as one-to-one support.</p>	£4,650

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3306	Nexus Education Schools Trust t/a Goose Green Primary School	"P is for Poetry" Mental Health Programme	<p>Thanks to last year's Neighbourhoods Fund, we currently offer the "P is for Poetry" programme to all of our children, encouraging them to engage with words and express ideas confidently. Theatre-maker Naomi Cortes use both classic and contemporary poems from around the world as the framework for workshops, encouraging pupils to speak clearly, convey ideas and develop vocabulary, while gaining confidence with reading/sharing aloud. The programme culminates with an end-of-term poetry assembly, enabling participants to recite/perform their class poems.</p> <p>The wonderful gift of poetry is how it makes us feel from within. Being able to climb inside the world of a poem enables our children to develop a sense of belonging and self-worth, creating positive experiences that they can reflect on when necessary. They tell us that, Remembering a poem and the actions that go with it helps me to feel calm and when I sit on my own and think about my class poem it relaxes me.</p> <p>Budget constraints dictate that we can only offer the programme to our KS2 children (aged 8 and above) without external funding. Last year's funding enabled us to reach almost twice as many pupils this year (all of KS1 and KS2), enabling us to offer a much-needed whole-school mental health intervention as an unprecedented time when there simply isn't enough 1-to-1 support available. During the pandemic, a number of pupils suffered with family bereavement, poverty, loneliness and mental health issues. Many pupils suffered due to over-crowded homes, anxiety and lack of access to school support (many did not take emergency school places offered or did not have electronic devices to access school work). Our aim is to help our pupils return to normality and process any trauma/anxieties they have suffered during the pandemic as the scars still affect our pupils deeply.</p>	£7,800
*3240	Phoenix Players	Phoenix Players Theatre Hire 2024-25	<p>Phoenix Players shows bring members and audiences together from across Southwark to help them find community, learn new skills and have fun.</p> <p>Our audiences, made up primarily of local residents, get to experience everything from new works of art written locally to former West End shows at community-friendly prices. They explore themes our community cares about - like love, neighbourliness, trauma and anxiety, workers' rights, austerity.</p>	£5,000

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*3581	Platform Cricket (Tower Hamlets Youth Sport Foundation)	Dulwich Diamonds Cricket Club	<p>We will create a "Pop Up" Youth Cricket Club in Dulwich that will address the current inequalities in access to cricket, whilst supporting personal and social development.</p> <p>The hub will be open to any child aged 7-11 living in the area, but will be grown from a schools coaching programme (NOT funded through this grant) that will involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dulwich Hamlet; Goodrich; Goose Green; Harris Academy East Dulwich; Heber; Judith Kerr; St Anthony's; St John &amp; St Clement</li> </ul>	£5,200



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			<p>Children from introductory activities delivered at each school will be encouraged/supported to migrate to evening/weekend activity which features physical literacy, fitness, strength &amp; conditioning, team-building, problem- solving, nutritional workshops and social events, alongside the cricket content. The activity will utilise the Sports Hall at The Charter School (Jan-Apr) and Dulwich Park (May-Aug). The programme will also feature important competitive opportunities (leagues/cups/festivals) that provide a focus, support identity and allow opportunities for recognition/achievement. These events are also mechanism to get children travelling around Southwark, getting comfortable with new/different neighbourhoods and facilities, and forming new relationships with children from different backgrounds. It will also help to build a relationship with Dulwich Cricket Club, where the project aims to signpost children to from 11 years old onwards.</p> <p>Activities will be led by highly qualified coaches with youth work/mentoring experience, alongside participants' family members, local residents and local Sixth Form students who will be trained/qualified as Coach Assistants through the project.</p>	
3404	Roadworks Media CIC	Southwark Youth Justice Service	<p>The publication of a book, which will be launched at an exhibition that will screen a film production, hang canvass art, framed photographs and provide a stage for performance poetry. The book will feature the poems, art, and photography from a workshop, which will provide information about PTSD to young people who are at risk of offending or reoffending. Led by an ex-offender and gang member who can relate to issues that causes the condition to impact mental health. The information will be used to inspire, have discussion, break down boundaries, develop character and support growth for the young participants. There is a need to educate the most vulnerable in society, by helping them to become more aware and knowledgeable about a condition, which is likely to be impacting them will increase their awareness to boost self-esteem, confidence, and belief. Increasing their opportunities and supporting them to avoid crime, drug use and violent gangs. This will also provide a chance for residences from the borough to bridge communities and be immersed into a space that highlights a condition that impacts many despite race, gender, ethnicity, or background. The book will also be provided to the Eighty-Seven Primary and Forty-Two Secondary schools in the borough, so that every young person can read and see how the PTSD condition can be used to influence positivity. Providing</p>	£6,850

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			<p>a literal and visual tool that has the power to deter other young people from harming society, repair negative thoughts or emotions that provides ill informed decision making, but instead empower young individuals to understand their lives have purpose to create a vision and to build a life for themselves. A project like this will increase knowledge that residence and parents with young adults are being given opportunities to confront issues they are likely to have.</p>	
3296	Wild Ride Parenting	The Invisible Doula - Bridging Disparities in Maternal Healthcare and Supporting At-Risk Mothers	<p>The "Invisible Doula" project is a vital initiative aimed at providing comprehensive support to young, at-risk, and low-income mothers in Southwark who face significant challenges during pregnancy and early motherhood. These mothers often contend with financial constraints, limited healthcare access, and a lack of social support networks, leading to inadequate prenatal care and heightened risks during childbirth and the postnatal recovery phase. This situation is further compounded by systemic racism and implicit bias within the healthcare system, disproportionately affecting minority groups such as Black, Indigenous, and people of colour (BIPOC).</p> <p>The project is deeply needed, as research has shown that doula care can be transformative for women and their families. However, many mothers cannot afford, access, or are unaware of this crucial support. To address these issues, "The Invisible Doula" will provide free doula support, ensuring that these mothers receive the guidance, emotional assistance, and practical tools they require to make informed decisions for themselves and their families.</p> <p>Our project will involve leading sessions with mothers, enabling them to build personalised birth and postnatal plans, access practical and emotional support, learn about their options and rights, and make informed choices. Additionally, mothers will have the opportunity to create maternal memory journals to work through any elements of trauma while documenting and cherishing this special moment in their lives.</p> <p>As an ongoing informative resource, each woman participating in the sessions will be gifted a "Cradle for Life" micro learning deck to take home. These comprehensive, expert-checked information flash cards will serve as a valuable source of ongoing support, reference and guidance, further</p>	£2,782

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			empowering them with the knowledge and tools needed for a healthy and confident transition into motherhood.	
3142	Youth Learning Network Ltd	Route 2 Success 2 (R2S2)	The Route 2 Success (Parents Partnership Programme) is a yearlong project that we have put together to target working with children and young people from the African and African Caribbean and other minorities communities with complex and difficult needs within the communities especially those with poor attendance records, poor behaviour and other social needs and above all seeking to address the complexity of poor education attainments in core subjects like English, Science & Maths. These includes direct tutorials, parenting programmes to engage parents in respect to playing their parts both at homes and in their respective children and young people schools and colleges in helping raise aspirations and hope and help narrow the existing education gap that currently exist among the different groupings in the borough and made worse by the COVID - 19. Youth Learning Network has been delivering various projects within the Borough of Southwark over the past 16 years and have been very successful. We have been recognised as a key partner in the fields of supporting and delivering youth development projects and haven awarded numerous accolades in various fields and at different times.	£6,090

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<b>Report title:</b>		Devolved Highways 2024-25: Capital Funding Allocation (South)	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		Champion Hill, Dulwich Hill, Dulwich Wood, Dulwich Village & Goose Green	
<b>From:</b>		Head of Highways	

## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the South Multi-Ward Forum approves:

1. the allocation of £139,679 for the 2024-25 Devolved Highways programme from the programmed capital expenditure over the ten year period 2019-20 to 2028-29 and to the list of projects set out in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 (“Funded Projects”) within the South Multi-Ward area.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The South Multi-Ward Forum has the authority to approve the allocation of funds to devolved highway capital schemes within the South Multi-Ward area using the resources and criteria identified by Cabinet pursuant to Part 3H of the council’s Constitution.
3. The South Multi-Ward area is made up of the Champion Hill ward, the Dulwich Hill ward, the Dulwich Wood ward, Dulwich Village & Goose Green ward.
4. The council’s non-principal road investment programme prioritises works on non-principal roads on a borough-wide basis and this investment forms the largest part of the annual investment programme.
5. The Devolved Highways programme is allocated £800,000 each year from the total annual non-principal road investment programme to be spent by Multi-Ward areas on their priorities for highway renewal and maintenance that may not be prioritised as part of the borough-wide programme.
6. Funding is allocated to Multi-Ward areas based on the number of councillors.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [In accordance with the decision dated 7 January 2019 for the Allocation of funds to wards via Cleaner Greener Safer and Devolved Highways programmes](#)

7. The scope of the Devolved Highways programme has been widened to permit the full range of minor traffic and highway capital schemes rather than solely like-for-like repair and replacement. Examples of the types of works which can now be funded include:
- a. Footway and carriageway resurfacing.
  - b. Traffic calming.
  - c. Localised repairs.
  - d. Accessibility improvements.
  - e. Footway buildouts.
  - f. Cycle hangars.
8. Advertisement of the application process for project funding in the South Multi-Ward area from the Devolved Highways programme was carried out in the local press, on social media, the council's website and mailing lists from Multi Ward area forums between 4<sup>th</sup> September and 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023.

### **KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

9. There is £139,679 available for the 2024-25 Devolved Highways programme for new projects in the South Multi-Ward area.

### **Policy framework implications**

10. The Devolved Highways programme is fully aligned with the council's policies around sustainability, regeneration and community engagement as detailed in "Fairer Greener Safer – Southwark Council Delivery Plan 2022-2026" because the Funded Projects support active modes of transport and will provide improvements to road safety so all road users are prioritised. The programme also enables community engagement as part of the application process including pitching meetings where applicants are able to advise why their proposal should be considered.
11. The council's Streets for People strategy outlines the council's ongoing commitment to, and ambition for, healthier neighbourhoods, cleaner air, thriving town centres and safer roads as part of the "Our Pledges" listed on page 7 of the strategy. The Funded Projects include the introduction of cycle parking, traffic calming, and footway and junction improvements at the relevant areas which will create a more pleasant environment for pedestrians and cyclists by reducing motor vehicle dominance, and will create a safer road network for all road users.

### **Community, equalities (including socio-economic) and health impacts**

#### **Community impact statement**

12. As part of the application process the local community is able to propose ideas for projects to be funded by the Devolved Highways programme. This has a positive impact in terms of the promotion of involvement of local people in the democratic process. Officers will also carry out the relevant consultation procedures for the Funded Projects as set out in paragraph 29 of this report.

### **Equalities (including socio-economic) impact statement**

14. The Public Sector Equality Duty (“PSED”) is set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 and requires the Council, in the exercise of its functions, to have due regard to the need to:

- eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation;
- advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it;
- foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it.

15. Ideas for the Funded Projects came from the local community, the majority via a simple project nomination form which was available in electronic and paper format. The advertising of the project funding application process was through a variety of modes to reach a wide audience and different groups within the area, such as in local press, on social media, the council’s website and mailing lists from Multi Ward area forums.

16. At this stage no specific projects have been funded so the allocation of funds from the Devolved Highways programme is not considered to have any adverse effects, including socio-economic or health impacts, on those with protected characteristics. Officers will consider the equalities impacts and the council’s PSED for each of the Funded Projects as they progress through the detailed design and decision-making stages.

### **Health impact statement**

17. There are no direct health implications as a result of the allocation of funds for the Devolved Highways programme. However, the Funded Projects will have the following benefits.

18. An increase in community assets in the public realm – providing more places for people to spend time in their local community. This has the potential to have a positive impact on social and mental wellbeing, by creating connected and cohesive communities.

19. Increased ownership over community public realm – this helps people within the community join together around a project, supporting connected and cohesive communities.

20. Project examples such as tree planting, street lighting, landscaping traffic calming, junction improvements, pedestrian crossings, cycle parking and cycling infrastructure may have the following impacts:

- a. improve mental wellbeing by increasing access to the outdoors and nature, improve mental and physical wellbeing by improving street space and encouraging active travel;

- b. improved access to affordable and secure cycle parking which should contribute to less congestion and air pollution locally;
- c. tree planting and green spaces may help to reduce or disperse air pollution, supporting people's physical health; and
- d. improved street lighting can improve safety and reduce the chances of crime or anti-social behaviour.

### **Climate change implications**

21. The allocation of funds for the Devolved Highways programme does not have any direct climate change implications. However, the Funded Projects are in line with the council's Streets for People strategy which encourages active travel in order to reduce congestion and improve air quality within the borough.

22. The Funded Projects support the aims of the council's Climate Change Strategy under Priority 2 – Active and Sustainable Travel. Key aims of the council's Climate Change Strategy include to 'reduce car journeys to a minimum by 2030' and to 'be a borough where the walking and cycling becomes the default way to get around'. Part of meeting the borough's ambition of net zero emissions by 2030 includes a reduction in vehicle kilometres travelled and a shift to active and public transport; road transport currently accounts for 15% of the borough's emissions. The Funded Projects include the delivery of secure cycle parking facilities which will encourage cycling as a mode of transport over motor vehicles.

23. A just and inclusive transition is at the heart of the council's emerging climate policy. The Funded Projects prioritise the movement of people first and foremost, while retaining vehicle access for those who require it. In delivering a safer and more equitable highway network, these projects are in accordance with the council's approach to addressing the climate emergency.

### **Resource implications**

24. The total expenditure and sources of funding for the scheme will be monitored and reported on as part of the overall Capital Programme.

### **Legal implications**

25. Not applicable.

### **Financial implications**

26. On 7 April 2020, Cabinet approved the capital bid of £12.6 million to allow current spend on highway planned maintenance for the following 10 years thereby approving the funding for the 2024-25 Devolved Highways programme.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> [Policy and Resource Strategy Capital Monitoring Policy and Resources Strategy: capital monitoring report, including capital programme update 2019- 20 \(month 9\)](#)

27. All professional fees related to the project are also treated as the capital costs of the project.
28. The total expenditure and sources of funding for the scheme will be monitored and reported as part of the overall Capital Programme.

### **Consultation**

29. All Devolved Highway projects require consultation with stakeholders, including the project applicant, local residents, tenants and residents associations and local community groups where appropriate. Statutory consultation will be carried out for any projects which require orders made under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

### **SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS**

#### **Assistant Chief Executive – Governance and Assurance (AGGG 20/02/2024)**

30. The South Multi-Ward Forum is asked to approve the allocation of £139,679 for the 2024-25 Devolved Highways programme to the Funded Projects within the South Multi-Ward area as recommended by officers in paragraph 1 of this report. The South Multi-Ward Forum has the authority to make this decision in accordance with paragraph 2, Part 3H of the council's constitution.
31. Officers have considered the council's PSED under section 149 of the 2010 Act at paragraphs 14 to 16 of this report and have concluded that at this stage the allocation of funds for the 2024-25 Devolved Highway programme is not considered to have any adverse impacts on persons with protected characteristics.
32. The Human Rights Act 1998 imposes a duty on the council as a public authority to apply the European Convention on Human Rights; as a result the council must not act in a way which is incompatible with these rights. The relevant rights for highway and traffic purposes are Article 8 (respect for homes); and Article 1 of the First Protocol (peaceful enjoyment of property). The allocation of funds for the 2024-25 Devolved Highway programme is not anticipated to engage or breach the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.
33. Council Assembly on 14 July 2021 approved a change to the council's constitution to confirm that all decisions made by the council will consider the climate and equality (including socio-economic disadvantage and health inequality) consequences of taking that decision. This has been considered at paragraphs 21 to 23 above.
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**Strategic Director of Finance**

34. This report seeks the approval of the South Multi-ward area for the allocation of funds £139,679 for the 2024-25 Devolved Highway programme in the South Multi-ward Area from the list of projects set out in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.
35. The Strategic Director of Finance and Governance notes the resource implications in the report that the proposed allocations will be contained within the council's capital programme.
36. It is also noted that officers' time and any other costs connected with this recommendation will be contained within existing departmental revenue budgets.

**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

<b>Background Papers</b>	<b>Held At</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Policy and Resource Strategy Capital Monitoring Policy and Resources Strategy: capital monitoring report, including capital programme update 2019- 20 (month 9)	Environment, Neighbourhoods and Growth / Highways 160 Tooley Street	George Mellish  020 7525 7903
<a href="#"><u>Issue details - Policy and Resources Strategy: capital monitoring report, including capital programme update 2019-20 - Southwark Council</u></a>		
Allocation of funds to wards via Cleaner Greener Safer and Devolved Highways Programmes 2018	Environment, Neighbourhoods and Growth / Highways 160 Tooley Street	George Mellish  020 7525 7903
<a href="#"><u>Issue details - Allocation of funds to wards via Cleaner Greener Safer and Devolved Highways programmes - Southwark Council</u></a>		
Streets for People strategy 2023	Environment, Neighbourhoods and Growth / Highways 160 Tooley Street	George Mellish  020 7525 7903
<a href="#"><u>Streets for People strategy 2023-30 by Southwark Council</u></a>		
Fairer, Greener, Safer Southwark's Council Delivery Plan	Environment, Neighbourhoods and Growth / Highways 160 Tooley Street	George Mellish  020 7525 7903
<a href="#"><u>Fairer, Greener, Safer Southwark's Council Delivery Plan - Southwark Council</u></a>		

**APPENDICES**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Title</b>
Appendix 1	South Multi-ward Area Devolved Highway Capital programme 2024-25: Applications
Appendix 2	South Multi-ward Area 2024-25: Officer Proposals

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Climate Change Director	Yes	Yes
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## Appendix 1

## Devolved Highways Capital Investment programme 2024/25: Applications

## South Multi Ward Area

Reference	Proposal Name	Ward	Programme
2103119	Greening Friern Road	Dulwich Hill	Highways
2087161	Cycle Hanger on Holmdene Ave	Dulwich Village	Highways
2088280	Protect pedestrians	Dulwich Village	Highways
2091696	Inclusive pavements for Dulwich Village	Dulwich Village	Highways
2091717	Inclusivity bench along Village Way	Dulwich Village	Highways
2095193	Cleaner Greener Safer grass verge for Dulwich Village No. 1	Dulwich Village	Highways
2095309	Cleaner Dulwich Village	Dulwich Village	Highways
2100984	Improvements to Grass Verges Dulwich Village	Dulwich Village	Highways
2102863	Half Moon Lane Safe Route	Dulwich Village	Highways
2103015	Creating a safer road space outside JKPS Part 1	Dulwich Village	Highways
2103020	Creating a safer road space outside JKPS Part 2	Dulwich Village	Highways
2103157	Fiveways Phase 2	Dulwich Village	Highways
2085285	Bollard style lights in 2 footpaths in Little Bornes, SE21	Dulwich Wood	Highways
2095145	Dulwich Wood safer streets	Dulwich Wood	Highways
2095187	Bowen Drive street lighting	Dulwich Wood	Highways
2101901	Street tree	Dulwich Wood	Highways
2103100	Farquhar Road pedestrian dropped curb improvements	Dulwich Wood	Highways
2103106	Cyclists improved permit to turn left into College Road	Dulwich Wood	Highways
2103109	Road Safety Improvement Farquhar Road	Dulwich Wood	Highways
2103117	Farquhar Road pedestrian dropped curb improvements	Dulwich Wood	Highways
2093171	Keston Road/Trees and Paving	Goose Green	Highways
2102388	A new bike hanger in Hindmans Road, SE22	Goose Green	Highways

**Appendix 2**

**Devolved Highways Capital Investment programme 2024/25: Officer Proposals**

**South Multi Ward Area**

<b>Proposal Name</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Programme</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Cycle Parking - Beside 179 East Dulwich Grove	Dulwich Village	Highways	£2,000

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