



West Central multi-ward forum

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the West Central multi-ward forum held on Tuesday 4 March 2025 at 7.00 pm at Walworth Methodist Church, 54 Camberwell Road, London SE5 0EW

PRESENT: Councillor Jason Ochere (Chair)
Councillor Sam Foster (Vice-Chair)
Councillor John Batteson
Councillor Mohamed Deen
Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle MBE
Councillor Martin Seaton
Councillor Ian Wingfield

OFFICER Dagmar Tolonen (Senior Project Manager)
SUPPORT: Marcina Brown (Neighbourhoods Coordinator)
Ben Richardson (Project Engineer)
Gerald Gohler (Constitutional Officer)

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

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

2. APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Councillors Suzanne Abachor, Naima Ali, Ellie Cumbo, Natasha Ennin, Ketzia Harper, Darren Merrill and Kieron Williams.

3. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

The chair informed the meeting that item 8 - Allocation of Neighbourhoods Fund for 2025-26 would be heard first.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

5. MINUTES

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2024.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2024 be agreed and signed by the chair.

6. DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

8. ALLOCATION OF NEIGHBOURHOODS FUND FOR 2025-26

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

Members informed the meeting that, as in previous years, many great applications had been received this year and that not all could be funded.

Some ward members also explained the process they had used to arrive at their final list of projects to fund. Unsuccessful applicants were encouraged to reapply next year.

RESOLVED:

That the £150,000 of the Neighbourhoods Fund 2025-26 be allocated as follows:

Camberwell Green ward

Ref	Name of Group	Name of Project	Award
160	Jam Speed Rollers	Winter/Spring Roller skating workshop	£1,000
419	Spring Community Hub	Spring Community Hub Holiday Activity Camps	£1,900
475	The Welcome Singers	weekly choral afternoons, community events	£4,480
498	Camberwell After	CASP Community Together to	£1,000

	School Project	Celebrate 40 years	
662	Walworth Golden Oldies	Walworth Golden Oldies Community Care Project	£2,000
743	Unity Football	Free Friday football sessions for young people	£3,000
748	Read Easy Southwark	Read Easy	£500
909	Citizens UK		£1,836
933	Spring Community Hub	Spring Community Hub Holiday Activity Camps for Teens	£2,000
936	Cambridge House And Talbot	Incredible Camberwell - Art Exhibition Event	£1,500
984	EFA	Learning Language, Making Change	£1,000
991	St Michael and All Angels	Saints and Angels Community Hub	£4,650
1018	SE5	Eat around the world	£2,000
1109	Wyndham and Comber TRA	Cultural celebration day, music nights	£1,450
442	Abtima Community Project CIC	Free Food Bank	£700

Faraday ward

Ref	Name of Group	Name of Project	Award
135	Burgess Sports	Food for participant Holiday Programme	£4,000
136	Burgess Sports	Ambassador Leadership Programme	£4,000
425	Edible Rotherhithe C.I.O.	The young food growers at Surrey Square School	£3,000

438	Arts for Dementia	Art at the Treehouse	£2,500
457	Uffo Athletic And Leisure Group Ltd	South London Somali Women's Walking Group	£3,000
483	Inspire Walworth	Inspire to Grow	£2,000
715	Art in the Park	Saturdays at Art in the Park	£3,000
1074	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter	Party in the Park 2025	£3,000
1138	Ignite Hubs	Una Marson Coding & STEM Club	£2,500
1165	Esports Youth Club C.I.C	Esports Youth Club – Faraday Neighbourhood	£3,000

Note: the funding application for item 1074 was missed off the appendix to the report published in the agenda pack due to a clerical error. It was submitted in the correct format at the meeting and considered along with the other funding applications by the ward councillors.

Newington ward

Ref	Name of Group	Name of Project	Award
160	Jam Speed Rollers	Winter/Spring Roller skating workshop	£2,500
616	Link Age Southwark	Seated Yoga - King Charles Court	£2,000
677	MS Romina Sarwar	Learn and Play London CIC: Borough of Southwark	£2,000
719	Surrey Gardens Tenants and Residents Association	Summer Party and Christmas Fayre	£2,000
724	Friends of Pasley	Sergeant Stubbs a	£3,000

	Park	remembrance project and community fete!	
743	Unity Football Club Kennington Cic	Free Friday Football Sessions For Young People	£5,000
904	Southwark Community Gardening team	Manor Place food growing workshop	£3,000
983	Newington Estate TRA	NETRA - Art and Environment-Through Young Eyes	£3,000
1111	St Paul's, Newington	Classical music festival	£3,000
1131	Surrey Gardens Tenants and Residents Association	Bowling trip + Thorpe Park trip	£1,500
1160	Break the Barrier CIC	Summer Camp	£3,000

North Walworth ward

Ref	Name of Group	Name of Project	Award
438	Arts for Dementia	Art at the Treehouse	£2,500
747	Elba Place Nature Garden Collective	Forest Families	£1,000
762	Ms Jill Newman	Qigong for wellbeing in Elba Place Nature Garden	£300
866	Elephant and Castle Business Forum	Urban Elephant Festival 2025	£4,600

1107	Somali Relief And Islamic Cultural Centre	Fostering Cooperation and Respect Among Individuals from Varied Backgrounds	£4,000
1110	Ignite Hubs	Walworth Coding & STEM Club	£2,480
1132	Elephant and Castle Business Forum	Fashion Fusion: Empowering Youth through Style and Skills	£1,000
1173	Bizzie Bodies CIC	STEAM activities	£3,860
1179	Bizzie Bodies CIC	Garden Sessions for Older Adults	£2,980
127	Countdown	Count Down Community Health and Wellbeing Network	£7,280

St Giles ward

Ref	Name of Group	Name of Project	Award
160	Jam Speed Rollers	Winter/Spring Roller skating workshop	£580
214	23rd Camberwell (St Giles) Scouts Group	Summer Expedition 2025 - Norjam25	£1,354
239	Alisa's English School for Ukrainian Refugees	Alias English School	£1,000
367	The Wells Trust	Startwell@se5	£1,579
419	Spring Community Hub	Spring Community Hub Holiday Activity Camps	£1,000
475	The Welcome Singers	weekly choral afternoons, community events	£1,000
477	South London	SLG Families: Family Space	£3,000

	Fine Art Gallery and Library	sessions and Orozco Garden Trail	
513	Mind and Soul Community Choir	Glimmering Camberwell	£1,000
531	The Giggly Hikers	The Giggly Hikers	£451
562	Theatre Peckham	Imagine and Play	£3,500
622	Link Age Southwark	Seated Yoga - Camberwell	£1,000
677	Ms Romina Sarwar	Learn and Play London CIC: Borough of Southwark	£500
919	Camberwell Choir School	Groovy Loops	£1,806
938	Spring Community Hub	Spring Community Hub Holiday Activity Camp for Working Parents	£2,257
944	Spring Community Hub	Spring Community Hub: Spring up Women Project	£ 450
1051	Raven & Rain Ministry	Desert Flowers	£1,500
1059	Flashy Wings Ministry	Project Hyacinth Peer Support Group	£1,500
1090	Step Out Mentoring	Step Out Mentoring- Connected Communities	£1,806
1157	D'Eynsford TMO	Community Gardener - Camberwell	£3,000

7. CLEANER GREENER SAFER 2025-26: CAPITAL FUNDING ALLOCATION (WEST-CENTRAL)

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

The meeting heard that many great applications had been received for this funding

stream, too, but that not all could be funded. Members encouraged unsuccessful applicants to reapply next year.

RESOLVED:

1. That the reallocation of £24,649 underspent funds carried forward from previous years' underspend, current programme underspend and current programme project cancellations, to projects in the 2025-2026 Cleaner Greener Safer capital programme be approved.
2. That the following allocation of funds for the 2025-2026 Cleaner Greener Safer capital programme in the West Central multi-ward area be agreed:

Faraday ward

Ref	Name / Project	Award
723	Access to St Peter's Garden & Community Facilities	£10,000
501	Unity Garden	£10,000
564	Great Estates Aylesbury Missenden Playground Area	£20,000
704	Alvey Estate/Faraday ward Outdoor gym restoration	£6,500
409	Safer growing at Surrey Square School	£7,000
494	Restoring the Garden at Art in the Park Stage 2	£5,000
669	Chumleigh gardens community plant nursery	£10,000
851	Healthful Living	£5,000

Newington ward

Ref	Name/Project	Award
306	Dighton Court Community Garden	£7,000
488	Bike parking, bikes stand	£1,500

653	We're Rooting For You!	£5,000
379	Rutley Close - Identity Revamp	£10,000
427	Rutley Close - Identity Revamp (greening)	£5,000
284	renovation to dog area	£2,500
705	Repairing Lorrimore Road Garden	£10,000
1002	37 Forsyth anti-flytipping	£6,000
1262	Manor Place food growing workshop	£1,700
663	Pullens Gardens: Health, Wellbeing & Skill Share	£6,100
770	Brandon Raised Bed Planter Refurbishment V3	£9,000

North Walworth ward

Ref	Name/Project	Award
1217	Congreve Community Garden phase 3 (final)	£5,000
781	Estate park (Browning)	£11,075
753	Elba Place bio-diversity and community engagement	£5,000
480	Repair and replacement of the children's equipment	£25,000
831	Improving planting and storage in Balfour Street	£2,825
658	Greener and tidier Naylor house and creates	£5,000
730	Completion of Nursery Sensory Area	£5,000
515	Creating a Community Well Being Garden	£5,000

Note: councillors asked that for project 1217, officers consult with Congreve residents' elected representatives, and that for project 781, officers consult with the board of the TMO.

St Giles ward

Ref	Name/Project	Award
260	Community Garden Upgrade	£5,000
314	Irrigated Planters and taps	£6,000
366	Hedge Gaps (Fontenelle)	£2,000
415	Crofton Road Garden Planters	£2,000
424	Crofton Road - Metal security gate for safe living	£4,000
589	Outside Gym bin	£1,000
615	Tarmac renewal	£8,000
617	Flytipping on the Lettsom Estate	£7,500
623	Greening the car park on the Lettsom Estate	£10,000
635	Cycle barrier to reduce speed on Deynsford Estate	£7,000
661	Clean up Kimpton Road Entrance	£10,000

Camberwell Green ward

Note: No funding was allocated in Camberwell Green ward at the meeting. Funding allocations to projects in Camberwell Green ward will be made as per Part 3H, paragraph 3 of the council's constitution.

9. DEVOLVED HIGHWAYS 2025-26: CAPITAL FUNDING ALLOCATION (WEST CENTRAL)

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

RESOLVED:

1. That the reallocation of underspent funds of £206,850 from previous years'

underspend to the 2025-26 devolved highways budget be approved.

2. That the following allocation of funds for the 2025-2026 Devolved Highways budget in the West central multi-ward area be agreed:

Faraday ward

Ref	Project	Award
	Ward-wide improvements	£46,380

Newington ward

Ref	Project	Award
1218	Wooden planters in Fleming Road	£5,000
	Kennington Park Place BHx2	£10,000
	Crampton Street bike hangar	£5,000
	Draco Street bike hangar	£5,000

North Walworth ward

Ref	Project	Award
	East Street improvements	£140,475
	EVCP investigations	£10,000

Note: Ward councillors asked officers to work with the East Street Community Organisation who represent street traders and businesses on East Street when delivering the Improvements to East Street agreed above.

St Giles ward

Ref	Project	Award
813	Planting beds on Coleman Road	£15,000
	Bike Hangars	£24,285

Camberwell Green ward

Note: No funding was allocated in Camberwell Green ward at the meeting. Funding allocations to projects in Camberwell Green ward (including projects to make the ward more accessible) will be made as per Part 3H, paragraph 3 of the council's constitution.

The meeting ended at 7.52pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: