

Walworth Neighbourhood Community Meeting

Tuesday 3 March 2026 7.30 pm
(or at the rise of the Camberwell Neighbourhood community meeting)
Walworth Methodist Church 54 Camberwell Rd, London SE5 0EW

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Althea Loderick

Chief Executive

Date: 23 February 2026



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EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The following motion should be moved, seconded and approved if the sub-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: 23 February 2026

Meeting Name:	Walworth Neighbourhood Community Meeting
Date:	3 March 2026
Report title:	Cleaner Greener Safer 2026-27: Capital Funding Allocation (Walworth Neighbourhood)
Ward(s) or groups affected:	North Walworth, Newington and Faraday
Classification:	Open
Reason for lateness (if applicable):	N/A
From:	Head of Highways and Sustainable Transport Policy

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Walworth Neighbourhood Community Meeting:

1. Approves the reallocation of £4,130, comprising of underspent funds carried forward from previous years, current-year programme underspend and project cancellations within the current programme, to the 2026-27 Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS) budget for Walworth Neighbourhood;
2. Approves the allocation of £191,700 for the 2026-27 CGS programme from the programmed capital expenditure for the ten-year period 2019-20 - 2028-29, together with the funds reallocated under (1), to the list of applications set out in Appendix 1 to this report within the Walworth Neighbourhood (“Funded Projects”);
3. Notes the total available funds for allocation by the Walworth Neighbourhood in the 2026-27 financial year is £195,830.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

4. Walworth Neighbourhood Community Meeting has the authority to approve the allocation of funds for the CGS programme to projects within the Walworth Neighbourhood area using the resources and criteria identified by Cabinet, pursuant to Part 3H of the council’s constitution.
5. The Walworth Neighbourhood area is made up of North Walworth ward, Newington ward and Faraday 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 2003.¹
7. Funding is allocated to Neighbourhood areas based on a per councillor

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

calculation.²

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 on 17 September 2019.³ The CGS programme allocates £1.88 million every year for capital projects within the borough so this amount is available for allocation in the 2026-27 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 previously 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.
10. The CGS programme is one of three programmes where funding is allocated through the Neighbourhood Community Meetings.
11. The additional programmes are the Neighbourhoods Fund which supports revenue-funded community activity and the Devolved Highways Budget which can only be used to deliver projects on the adopted highway.
12. The application process for funding was revised this year so that a single application form was used for all three programmes. Once applications were received, officers reviewed and allocated them to the applications to the correct programme.
13. This combined process is known as the Neighbourhood Grants.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

14. There is £ 191,700 available for the 2026-27 CGS programme for new projects in the Walworth Neighbourhood area.
15. There is £4,130 in additional funding from previous years’ underspend, current programme underspend and current programme project cancellations.
16. Eligible proposals must bring about 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

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

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

demonstrable public benefit.

17. 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. Where an applicant is approved to deliver the project directly, the council will give the funding allocation to the applicant as a capital grant, issued with appropriate conditions attached.

Policy framework implications

18. 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.
19. 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.
20. The CGS programme also enables community engagement as part of the application process, including pitching meetings where applicants can advise why their proposal should be considered.

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

Community impact statement

21. The roles and functions of the Neighbourhood Community areas 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 can propose project ideas to be funded by the CGS programme.
22. An explicit objective within Neighbourhood Community areas 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.
23. 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.
24. Officers 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

25. The Public Sector Equality Duty (“PSED”) is set out at section 149 of the 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 people 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.
26. The protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.
27. Ideas for CGS projects come from the local community, the majority via a simple project nomination form available in electronic 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.
28. 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.
29. Decisions on funding are agreed by ward councillors with specific consideration given to the needs of individual wards and feedback from the community. Funding for CGS projects is equal across all wards ensuring that the opportunity is the same for all parts of the borough.
30. 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.
31. Officers will also look at the range of areas where grants are allocated, gather information for analysis where possible and look at how the council can improve allocation in relation to specific needs across the borough.
32. A process of continuous improvement is in place to ensure that officers improve data collection and analysis in the future and use this to reach groups identified as missing or hard to reach.

Health impact statement

33. 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.

34. 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.
35. Increased ownership over community public realm – this helps people within the community join together around a project, supporting connected and cohesive communities.
36. 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 less food-insecure
 - c. Tree planting and green spaces may help to reduce or disperse air pollution, supporting people’s physical health.
37. 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.
38. Projects such as lighting, security measures, pavements, streets, and tackling “grot spots” support community safety.

Climate change implications

39. 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 align with the themes set out within the Climate Action Plan which was adopted in September 2025.
40. Specific actions addressed by projects funded via the CGS programme include:
 - a. Action 11: Encourage sustainable transport options to reduce emissions from vehicles
 - b. Action 14: Plant and maintain more trees
 - c. Action 15: Enhance our streets and green spaces to increase biodiversity
 - d. Action 21: Work with residents, local groups and partners to support climate friendly behaviours.
 - e. Action 24: Collaborate with our communities and partners to take climate action and improve resilience

41. By allocating the funds to the Funded Projects, the council is investing in community-led projects that reduce carbon emissions 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.
42. Additionally, the projects involving lighting upgrades will look to improve energy efficiency and the development of cycle tracks through this scheme will help residents' transition towards active travel, reducing their reliance on motor vehicles.
43. These types of projects are common across all Neighbourhood areas.
44. With all CGS spending decisions, potential carbon impact is considered as part of the allocation process and where possible, officers will attempt to monitor and evaluate potential carbon emissions from individual schemes.

Resource implications

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

Financial implications

46. 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 Ward councillors and available budgets may be reallocated to other projects. Revenue costs not covered by maintenance or the contractual liability period will fall on the asset owner. The department will be notified of the likely costs before the schemes proceed, to secure permission to implement the scheme.
47. 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 for the Highways division as a result of approving the proposed allocation.
48. The total expenditure and sources of funding for the scheme will be monitored and reported on as part of the overall Capital Programme.
49. Value for money will be ensured when the contract is procured by following the council's contract standing orders.

Legal implications

50. See supplementary advice given by the Assistant Chief Executive – Governance and Assurance in paragraphs 52 to 55 of this report.

Consultation

51. No consultation has taken place and will not take place in the future.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Assistant Chief Executive – Governance and Assurance (CM 02.02.2026)

52. The Walworth Neighbourhood Community Meeting is being asked to approve various allocation and reallocations of monies as recommended by officers in paragraphs 1 to 3 of this report. The decision maker has the authority to make these decisions in accordance with paragraph 2, Part 3H of the council's constitution.
53. Officers have had due regard to the PSED under section 149 of the 2010 Act at paragraphs 25 to 32 of this report and have concluded that, at this stage, the allocation of funds for the 2026-27 CGS programme including previous years underspend is not considered to have any adverse impacts on persons with protected characteristics.
54. 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 2026-27 CGS programme including previous years underspend is not anticipated to engage or breach the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.
55. 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 39 to 44 above.

Strategic Director of Resources (ESL25/141)

56. This report seeks approval for the allocation of £195,830 of funds (£191,700 new allocation plus £4,130 reallocated underspend) for the 2026–27 Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS) programme in the Walworth Neighbourhood area, as set out in Appendix 1.
57. The Strategic Director of Resources notes the resource implications described in the report and confirms that the proposed allocations will be contained within the CGS element of the council's approved capital programme.
58. It is further noted that officers' time and any associated costs arising from these recommendations will be managed within existing departmental revenue budgets.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
The Cleaner, Greener, Safer Capital Programme	Neighbourhoods and Growth / Highways 160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH	Craig Dove Tel: 020 7525 0955
Link: https://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/Data/Executive/20030520/Agenda/Item%20267%20-%20The%20Cleaner,%20Greener,%20Safer%20Capital%20Programme.pdf		
IDM report – 20 December 2018 Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport Management and Air Quality	Neighbourhoods and Growth / Highways 160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH	Craig Dove Tel: 020 7525 0955
Link: http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50018979&Opt=0		
Cabinet Meeting Minutes 17 September 2019	Neighbourhoods and Growth / Highways 160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH	Craig Dove Tel: 020 7525 0955
Link: http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/documents/g6415/Agenda%20frontsheet%20Tuesday%2017-Sep-2019%2016.00%20Cabinet.pdf?T=0		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	All Walworth Neighbourhood Applications 2026-27

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Polyvios Polyviou, Head of Highways	
Report Author	Craig Dove, Senior Project Manager	
Version	Final	
Dated	2 February 2026	
Key Decision?	Yes	
CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments Included
Assistant Chief Executive – Governance and Assurance	Yes	Yes
Strategic Director, Resources	Yes	Yes
Cabinet Member	No	No
Date final report sent to Constitutional Team	16 February 2026	

CLEANER GREENER SAFER 2026-27

Request ID	Ward	Request Title
2138	Faraday	Greener cleaner cars at Empress St part2
2236	Faraday	Bridge culture growing food.
2321	Faraday	Surrey Square Primary School/ Old Kent Road Family Zone- All-Weather Community Well-being and Sports Hub Capacity Upgrade
2475	Faraday	Healthy Burgess Park woodlands
2588	Faraday	Restoring the Garden at Art in the Park Stage 3
2647	Faraday	Safer Growing at Surrey Square School Part Two
2733	Faraday	Site enhancement Community Plant Nursery
2869	Faraday	Bike hangars for residents of Dunnico & Innis Houses, Alvey Estate, Faraday Ward
3053	Faraday	Walworth Living Room Community Courtyard
3148	Faraday	Painting railings around Kinglake Estate
3355	Faraday	Lights Lady Margret
2057	Newington	Greener Connections: Harvard Garden & Doddington Glade
2151	Newington	Good Food Community Kitchen
2214	Newington	Community Garden Raised Beds (X 8)
2307	Newington	Alberta Street Mural
2386	Newington	Improved bin storage area to improve look and feel of area
2461	Newington	Dighton Court Community Garden
2491	Newington	Crampton Primary School Reimagining Of Its Green Space For Better Play In An Educational Context
2616	Newington	Lorrimore-Fleming cut through
2627	Newington	renovation of small dog exercise area in Pasley Park
2831	Newington	Enhancing Community Spaces with Safe and Attractive Seating - Refurbishment of Metal Benches on Newington Estate
2857	Newington	Crampton St Planters
2939	Newington	Metered feeder pillar
3008	Newington	Educational improvements at Keyworth Primary school
3072	Newington	Crampton St Planters (smaller planters)
3140	Newington	Materials and plants for Manor Place Homeless Hostel Community Gardening Sessions
3188	Newington	Pelier park
3191	Newington	Raised beds
3204	Newington	Alberta Estate - Albert Westcott Gardens Playground Replacement
2034	North Walworth	Browning Wellness Hub
2092	North Walworth	Angel Lane & Occupation Road - Repair and Replace Gardening Group
2204	North Walworth	pickle ball faraday
2344	North Walworth	Wheelchair friendly surface in Community Orchard
2346	North Walworth	Raised vegetable beds and water supply
2372	North Walworth	Upgrading our Community Nursery and Sensory Room
2596	North Walworth	Wheels for Wellbeing: Roller Skating for Draper Kids Club
2728	North Walworth	Portland & Kingston Estate community garden
2890	North Walworth	A Warmer Space for Elders at the Mosque or community centre
3060	North Walworth	MUGA
3165	North Walworth	Oasis on Larcom Street: opening up the St John's Memorial Garden and outdoor space to the local community
3281	North Walworth	East Street Market Solar Project
3303	North Walworth	Roots & Roofs
3342	North Walworth	Outdoor Sports and Fitness for All
3382	North Walworth	Bike lockers for Nelson, Portland and Kingston Estate, including Studland block

Meeting Name:	Walworth Neighbourhood Grants Decision Meeting
Date:	3 March 2026
Report title:	Neighbourhood Grants (Neighbourhoods Fund 2026-27) (Walworth Neighbourhood)
Ward(s) or groups affected:	North Walworth, Newington, Faraday
Classification:	Open
Reason for lateness (if applicable):	Not Applicable
From:	Director of Stronger Neighbourhoods

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Walworth Neighbourhood Community Meeting allocates a total of £90,000 of the Neighbourhoods Fund 2026-27 to the list of applications outlined in Appendix 1, subject to this funding being approved in the 2026-27 budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The Neighbourhood Grants is now part of Southwark Council's new Neighbourhoods Programme, which aims to give local communities more direct influence over funding and local decision-making. Neighbourhoods Fund (NsF) is the revenue element of the pot.
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 Neighbourhoods Grant was to give local areas decision making powers over significant amounts of funding, that they could allocate to meet locally determined priorities.
5. Under Part 3H of the Council's Constitution, Neighbourhoods have delegated authority to allocate funding to eligible projects within their areas.
6. The Walworth Neighbourhood comprises the Newington, North Walworth and Faraday wards.
7. The Neighbourhood Fund is a revenue fund designed to support small-scale, community-led activities, including events, workshops, training, outreach, community development, and other non-capital project delivery.
8. The programme supports activities that directly benefit local communities,

strengthen neighbourhood identity, and encourage participation and cohesion across Southwark.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

9. 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 2026.
10. The Neighbourhood Community Meeting will use the criteria set out by cabinet 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).
11. A Neighbourhood may choose to allocate some of their revenue resources to their capital allocations.
12. Subject to the availability of resources, the revenue fund may be used to 'buy' services from the council.
13. As with any executive decision taken by Neighbourhood meetings, this is subject to the council's existing scrutiny arrangements.

Policy framework implications

14. The Neighbourhoods Fund contributes to delivery of the Fairer, Greener, Safer Southwark Council Delivery Plan 2022–2026, particularly commitments relating to community wellbeing, equality, participation and strengthening neighbourhoods.
15. It also supports the aims of the Neighbourhoods Programme to build more empowered, connected and active communities.
16. The programme enhances local democratic participation through community-informed decision making.

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

Community impact statement

17. The roles and functions of Neighbourhoods programme include the promotion of involvement of local people in the democratic process. Neighbourhood Community Meetings 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.
18. The Neighbourhoods Fund enables residents and community groups to shape local priorities, strengthening civic participation.
19. The allocation of the 2026-27 Walworth Neighbourhood NsF budget will in the main, affect the people living in the Walworth Area. However, in making the area a better place to live and improving life chances for local people, the Walworth Neighbourhood area NsF activities will have an impact on the whole of Southwark.
20. 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.
21. The application process encourages involvement from both established and emerging community organisations, including those historically underrepresented.

Equalities (including socio-economic) impact statement

22. In fulfilling the above objectives that Neighbourhood Community Meetings 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.

23. 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.
 - 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.
24. When undertaking the duties under section 149 the council must ensure:
- The duty must be fulfilled before the decision in question is enacted;
25. 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.
26. 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.
27. At this stage, the allocation of revenue funding is not anticipated to have any negative impacts on persons with protected characteristics.

Health impact statement

28. While the allocation itself has no direct health implications, funded activities commonly:

- Improve mental wellbeing through social connection
- Support physical activity through community sports and workshops
- Enhance community safety through positive local engagement
- Build skills and confidence through training and volunteer opportunities

Climate change implications

29. The Neighbourhoods Fund is a revenue programme and does not directly support capital infrastructure.
30. However, many community activities funded may deliver indirect environmental benefits, including environmental education, community gardening activities, or low-carbon local events.
31. Applicants are encouraged to consider environmentally sustainable approaches to project delivery.

Resource implications

32. There are no resource implications.

Legal implications

33. All approved applicants will need to comply with all relevant council grant approval requirements.

Financial implications

34. The Walworth Neighbourhood NsF has been allocated a total of £90,000, for 2026-27.
35. It is recommended that Walworth Neighbourhood set aside some unallocated funds to prevent an over allocation, as well as to act as a contingency from which urgent or incidental requests can be funded throughout the year.

Consultation

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

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Assistant Chief Executive (Governance and Assurance) (NBC/20260212)

37. This report is recommending that the Neighbourhood Meeting approve the allocation of monies from the NsF 2026-27 for the Walworth Neighbourhood as specified at Appendix 1.

38. The Local Government Act 2000 (“the 2000 Act”) gives the Leader the power to delegate any executive function to area committees. The Neighbourhood Community Meetings are ‘area committees’ within the meaning of the 2000 Act. The allocation of the neighbourhood fund is an executive function.
39. The delegation can be found in Part 3H of the Constitution, which enables Neighbourhood Community Meetings to approve “the allocation of neighbourhood funds, using the resources and criteria identified by the cabinet”. This is therefore a decision that the Neighbourhood Community Meetings is empowered to take. The neighbourhood fund was established in December 2014 by amalgamating the Area Committee Fund and the Cleaner Greener Safer revenue scheme
40. 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.
41. 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.
42. 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.
43. In allocating funding under the NsF Neighbourhood Community Meetings 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

Strategic Director of Resources (ESL25/167)

44. The 2026-27 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 £90,000 should be awarded to the Walworth Neighbourhood.
45. Paragraph 35 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

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Neighbourhoods Fund 2026/27 – Funding information	Environment, Sustainability & Leisure, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Fitzroy Lewis, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator Tel: 020 7525 3084
Link: https://www.southwark.gov.uk/community-engagement/grants-and-funding/neighbourhood-grants		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Walworth Neighbourhood NsF Applications 2026-27

AUDIT TRAIL

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North Walworth ward

Ref:	Organisation/ Group:	Name of Project:	Project Description:	Amount Requested [£]:
2041	MACULELE UK- AFRO- BRAZILIAN ARTS & CULTURAL EXCHANGE INSTITUTE (ABACEI)	Fighting Inequality	The aims of our organization is to use the arts, music, dance and performing arts as the vehicle of education and inspiration for disadvantaged people in the community. Our activities are aimed to support, people to develop their skills in order to have a better chance to integrate in the community and a better future. As a result of our activities, we are aiming to reach our outcome of building stronger relationships within the community. and break barriers among members of the community coming from different backgrounds and cultures, facilitating their social inclusion. The main activities of our organisation are Afro-Brazilian Martial Arts, dance, performing arts, and music.	£5,500
2131	Melanin Health and Wellness	North Walworth Girls into Football- The Development	North Walworth Girls into Football is a community-based football and well-being programme for girls under 13 in North Walworth. We aim to break down barriers for those often excluded from sport, especially girls from Black, minority ethnic, low-income, and hard-to-reach communities. Building on our Neighbourhood Fund 2024/25 award, we're proud to have expanded our girls' squad from six to fifteen committed players. Each season includes around 30 weekly training sessions and 30 competitive league matches, led by three qualified coaches who also serve as mentors. We aim to cover all costs: kit, boots, equipment, travel, registration, insurance, and matchday fees, ensuring no girl is excluded due to financial reasons. Girls Into Football directly supports key Southwark Council strategies:	£18,120
2147	Phoenix 12 CIC	Caring Aromas	Caring Aromas: Aromatherapy for Unpaid Carers and Community Volunteers Caring Aromas is a community wellbeing programme designed to support unpaid carers and active grassroots community volunteers through a series of accessible,	£14,240

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			<p>sensory-based aromatherapy workshops.</p> <p>Delivered by Phoenix 12 CIC, the programme offers a gentle yet powerful intervention for those who give their time, energy, and emotional labour to others, often without formal recognition or support.</p>	
2231	Elephant and Castle Business Forum	Urban Elephant Festival 2026	<p>Build on the success of last year's Urban Elephant Festival which has promoted local diversity and creativity. Bring together a consortium of funders with the North Walworth Cllrs, Lendlease, Get Living and Notting hill Genesis. This year we want also to develop an Art Council application to develop further the cross-cultural work from the festival. Promote local businesses in the Elephant and Castle and North Walworth. Blend across the traditional communities and newer residents which have made the area home.</p>	£5,000
2233	Smile From Haven	Family Roots	<p>We are committed to enhancing the wellbeing of young people in our community by helping them recognise and nurture their unique talents. Our approach celebrates the idea that success isn't defined solely by academic achievement—everyone has valuable skills and potential waiting to be unlocked.</p> <p>Through regular functional skills classes, we empower young people to build confidence, express themselves freely, and explore their aspirations for the future. These sessions provide a supportive environment where they can discover what truly inspires them.</p>	£5,000
2278	COUNT DOWN COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING NETWORK	Countdown Community Health and Wellbeing Network	<p>Health inequalities continue to place significant strain on communities, with preventable conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, and high cholesterol disproportionately affecting people from African and South Asian backgrounds. In our local area, these challenges are particularly acute, highlighting an urgent need for accessible, community-led health. The Count Down Community Health and Wellbeing Network was established to respond to this need by supporting individuals</p>	£10,000

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			to improve their health and overall wellbeing. Our mission is to promote healthier lifestyles and enhance mental, emotional, and physical health outcomes across the community.	
2352	THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS-EVANGELICAL CHURCH (TMCEC)	Transforming Vulnerable People/TVP	Transforming Vulnerable People/TVP is one of the projects running under The Message of the Cross Evangelical Church/TMCEC. TVP focuses on transforming the community. To bring about the desired transformation, it works mainly in two areas: building a loving and caring community that can be a catalyst for transformation and focusing on Transforming Vulnerable people in the community. We live in a diverse community that often lacks unity, care, and concern for each other and others. This project aims to promote unity, trust, genuine love and care among the diverse community and engage the community to serve vulnerable people	£7,200
2555	FREDISH FISH AND GROCERIES LTD	Greening Walworth: Community Action for Change	The London Borough of Southwark is one of London's most diverse and culturally vibrant areas, and Walworth stands proudly at its heart home to long-established communities, bustling markets, independent traders, and a rich cultural heritage. From Walworth Road to East Street, the area thrives on its diversity and resilience. Yet despite its energy and potential, Walworth faces persistent challenges that continue to affect residents' quality of life. Environmental neglect, safety concerns, and limited opportunities for meaningful community participation contribute to preventable inequalities in health and wellbeing.	£50,000
2590	Family Volunteering Club	Family Volunteering Club Southwark	We are seeking funding towards Family Volunteering Club (FVC) in Southwark, which creates and runs child-friendly volunteering sessions supporting a range of causes, enabling children aged 0 - 9 to participate positively in their community, building their confidence, sense of belonging and skills. It introduces them in an age-appropriate way to societal issues, and to the idea of volunteering from a young age.	£6,560

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Ref:	Organisation/ Group:	Name of Project:	Project Description:	Amount Requested [£]:
2646	Alvey TRA	Soap Making Workshop	We are proposing to host a Soap Making Workshop presented by Sisters Three a local company established in 2021 who we have worked with previously with fantastic results who are known for producing soap from natural ingredients. The workshop will involve presentation and assistance in producing bars of soap for the participants to take home at the end of the day. Packaging for the soap bars with bows will be provided.	£450.00
2751	Friends of Nursery Row Park	Nursery Row Park Autumn Fair	<p>Our project is to run a community event in Nursery Row Park in summer 2026. We have run (pre-COVID) 50 events in the park, but we would like to restart, taking advantage of the big investment in the park during 2025 by the council.</p> <p>The event would be an entertaining, educational community event in Nursery Row Park that is free, suitable for children, adults & families. It would include bringing animals from Surrey Docks Farm to Nursery Row Park (as we successfully did in 2015-2019, a Dog Show for local dog-owners which will include prizes in several different categories and making a huge haystack in the park using cuttings from the wildflower meadow.</p>	£3,000
2903	Jamspeedrollers	Roller skating activities and sessions	We have been delivering roller skating sessions since 2023 (over 200 sessions) across London Borough of Southwark in schools and community centres and estates. We have continued to gain more attendees and followers, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds, who socio economically challenged. We have collaborated with other community groups to deliver our sessions and activities. Our core attendees include children from primary to secondary (5- to 16-year-olds) followed by females 18-25. We also cater for pensioners and carers and those who have neurodiverse and autistic diagnoses both children and adults. Many of our attendees are on benefits and struggling with costs of living or refugee migrant status.	£6,500

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Ref:	Organisation/ Group:	Name of Project:	Project Description:	Amount Requested [£]:
2996	Qigong For Wellbeing	Qigong For Wellbeing	Qigong is an outdoor movement practice for well-being from China. I will teach forms to a group outside in a safe, natural setting. Qigong is accessible to all ages and abilities as it can be practiced from sitting or a wheelchair.	£1,000
3023	Alvey TRA	Sewing Class Club	This is an ongoing & thriving Sewing club entering its 3rd year, where teaching residents to create and be confident in their skill making using sewing techniques. As a result, this fostered a community and built great friendships with the Alvey TRA. Further funding will help to expand and encourage more people to take up this craft skill.	£4,000
3052	Forest Families	Forest Families	Forest School sessions to be delivered to local families in Elba Place Nature Garden. 4 hours per week. 1 hour set up/pack down each week. Face to face delivery 2 hours. 10-12noon every Saturday. 1 hour planning. May - June 2026 Target group - low-income families.	£3,000
3144	UNAKAN	Belong Be safe	UNAKAN is a community organisation dedicated to fostering community support and cohesion through cultural awareness, integration, and orientation. Founded in 2020, UNAKAN was established to help residents navigate local systems, access essential services, and build strong connections across diverse backgrounds in the face of evolving social challenges.	£5,400
3170	Ignite Hubs	Walworth Coding & STEM Club	Ignite Hubs is an award-winning education charity that equips children and young people with vital digital and STEM skills to prepare them for future careers. Founded in 2019 by LV, a Southwark resident of nearly 40 years, Ignite Hubs was named 'Best Charity in Southwark' at the 2023 Business Excellence Awards and nominated	£3,320

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			for the 'King's Award for Voluntary Service' in 2024. Lin also received a Civic Award from Southwark Council in 2025 for her contributions to the community.	
3307	St Peter's Church, Walworth	Party in the Park	Party in the Park is an annual community event for the whole Faraday ward community organised by St Peter's Church, Walworth, a long-standing parish that has served the people of Walworth for two hundred years. Since its beginning in 2012, it has grown into one of the most eagerly anticipated celebrations in the local calendar and an established expression of Walworth's inclusive and diverse identity. Party in the Park brings a large open-air funday with fairground rides, live music, children's activities, ice-cream and food and drink stalls representing a diversity of cuisines. The event is free to attend, and thanks to grant-funding and sponsorship every element is designed to be welcoming, inexpensive, and accessible so that everyone, regardless of income, can take part	£10,465
3349	Bizzie Bodies CIC	STEAM CLUB	TECH CLUB WEEKLY SESSIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN STEM	£5,000

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Newington ward

Ref:	Organisation/ Group:	Name of Project:	Project Description:	Amount Requested [£]:
2134	Roadworks Media	Squash the Beef Production Project	The Squash the Beef Production project uses drama workshops to train, mentor, and provide professional work experience for marginalised and at-risk young people aged 17-24. The workshops offer a clear pathway from initial learning to entry-level employment in the film industry	£2,000
2142	Manor Place Hostel Community Gardening Project	Manor Place Hostel Community Gardening Project	Since July 2024, I have been running weekly gardening sessions with the help of one volunteer at a women's homeless hostel which currently houses 25 residents but has capacity for 35 residents. Supported initially by Public Health funding, this project has transformed a neglected outdoor area into a vibrant, healing garden space. With the current funding ending in March 2026, we are seeking £11,250 to continue and expand these sessions for another year for the positive momentum and community impact continuing to grow	£11,250
2145	Learn and Play London CIC	Learn and Play: Holiday Playscheme	Learn and Play proposal is to empower families, ensuring that we can provide high-quality care for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Southwark who would not usually have the opportunity due to a lack of affordability. The activities and services we aim to deliver to the Southwark community take into consideration Southwark's JSNA Report, which highlights that Southwark is the 8th highest borough in London for child poverty out of 32. We recognise that poverty can have a long-term impact on children's health, well-being and development	£3,500

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2229	Friends of Pasley Park	New memorial and Sergeant Stubbs memorial Fete.	Promote the aims and objectives of the Southwark Stands Together strategy to promote and further showcase our rich and diverse communities which make up Newington including the story of Stubbs. It also will build on the success of last year's Stubbs inspired fete which used his story to develop last year's community fete. We will explore the story of Sergeant Stubbs and his memorial and links to the park and showcase a range of art-based responses we will create on Stubbs building on last year's fete and we will also highlight the new memorial as part of the wider fete celebrations.	£5,000
2417	49 THIRTEEN	Southwark Spar Starz	Our summer covers different activities, workshop, trips and community fun day which we aim for wider Community Impact The project will strengthen social cohesion by bringing together children, young people, families, and volunteers from different backgrounds. It will reduce isolation, foster positive role models, and build a culture of inclusion where young people feel safe and proud of where they live. Parents and carers benefit too, with reassurance that their children are engaged in a safe, constructive activities.	£7,000
2483	BREAKTHEBARRIER CIC	Summer Session/Camp	Our summer covers different activities, workshop, trips and community fun day which we aim for wider Community Impact. The project will strengthen social cohesion by bringing together children, young people, families, and volunteers from different backgrounds. It will reduce isolation, foster positive role models, and build a culture of inclusion where young people feel safe and proud of where they live. Parents and carers benefit too, with reassurance that their children are engaged in a safe, constructive activities.	£5,000

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2510	SPRING COMMUNITY HUB	Holiday Activity Camps	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.	£4,961.25
2612	Surrey Gardens TRA	Seaside day trip August 2026	Community Cohesion Accessing nature - open space - clean air	£1,500
2614	Surrey Gardens TRA	TRA Summer Party	Annual successful summer community party for all ages A completely free event for around 200 people. A whole day's entertainment with free food for neighbours of all ages / ethnicities. Community cohesion. Use of outdoor spaces. Free activities for whole family.	£1,500
2615	Christmas Fayre 2026	Christmas Fayre 2026	Community event in conjunction with St Paul's Church SE17. Community cohesion, free day out for all, a 'special event' - people come from miles around to see the reindeer up close - beautiful community vibe at this long-established event	£1,500
2804	Keep Active Stay Focused CIC	(BASF) Be Active, Stay Healthy	The Be Active, Stay Healthy (BASH) project by Keep Active Stay Focused C.I.C. (KASF) is a user-led community wellbeing and self-defence programme supporting children, young people, and families in Southwark. It promotes physical health, confidence, and resilience through weekly sessions, post-Covid wellbeing activities, and inclusive community engagement.	£9,600

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			Funding will enable KASF to deliver regular sessions, three themed wellbeing workshops, and accredited First Aid training for volunteers, while subsidising equipment, uniforms, and licences for families on low incomes.	
2814	Keep Active Stay Focused CIC	(BASH) Be Active Stay Healthy	The BASH project at Brandon Estate responds to local challenges of deprivation, antisocial behaviour, and rising concerns around knife crime affecting young people. The area lacks accessible, structured activities that promote discipline, wellbeing, and community cohesion.	£9,600
2920	Daniels Gardens	Daniels Gardens	This garden space has been extensively used by the community, providing families with an opportunity to spend time together with their children. The communal garden has had a positive impact on residents' mental health, and over the summer, the children, aged 4 to 8, have developed a strong interest in gardening. To enhance the garden, we would benefit from acquiring new plants, herbs, and soil.	£3,000
3047	EVOLVE JOURNEY CIC	Southwark Community Enterprise & Sustainability Hub	Evolve Journey Organisation seeks £50,000 to establish the Southwark Community Enterprise & Sustainability Hub, a transformative two-year initiative based in SE1 1YD that empowers local entrepreneurs, small businesses, and residents across the London Borough of Southwark. The Hub will deliver training, mentoring, and sustainability workshops to help local enterprises grow responsibly while promoting a cleaner, greener, and safer community.	£50,000
3163	Newington Estate TRA	Soft play Session at	We propose to deliver soft play sessions in collaboration with Rendezvous Soft play, a Community Interest Company (CIC) dedicated to providing tailored support for families within the Kenning and Elephant and Castle area.	£5,180

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		Newington Estate	Many families residing in this locality experience limited social or family support, may feel socially isolated, and often come from low-income backgrounds. This service provides an environment which is child centred and focused on learning through play. Rendezvous Soft play offers a stay-and-play programme with weekly, low-cost sessions for mothers and their children (ages 0–5) at Newington Estate, near Elephant & Castle.	
3224	bE Empowerment CIC	Nya's Community Kitchen	The Nya's community kitchen is a local, volunteer-led 6-month initiative that aims to reduce food waste, tackle food insecurity, and build stronger connections within the Southwark community.	£9,030

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Faraday ward

Ref:	Organisation/ Group:	Name of Project:	Project Description:	Amount Requested [£]:
2049	Family Space	Artists in the Park (AP)	The pressures of digitally saturated world living, and socioeconomic hardship can leave children feeling disconnected, overstimulated, and emotionally overwhelmed. These children - especially those from low-income families - often lack access to safe, nurturing spaces where they can freely express themselves, connect with nature, and engage in meaningful play. These lack of accessing weekend activities can contribute to negative behaviours and low self-esteem, and a sense of being overlooked; increasing their vulnerability to being involved in gangs, including involvement in County Lines drug trafficking at very early years.	£4,538.80
2051	Family Space	Little Unicorns Space	Little Unicorns is a 20-week programme designed for children aged 5–11 with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities), running for 4 hours per week—especially during the summer period when support is often limited. The project focuses on children from minoritized communities, particularly families with low income, limited English, and little access to local resources.	£3,774.39
2126	BURGESS SPORTS	Food for participant Holiday Programme	We are very grateful for the support received through this grant, which enables us to provide the vital food element of our holiday multi-sports camp. Working with a highly diverse community, our chef carefully caters to multicultural tastes and dietary requirements, ensuring every participant feels included and cared for. Children are welcomed each morning with healthy snacks such as fruit, cereal bars, and overnight oats, and enjoy a freshly prepared hot lunch each day.	£5,000

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2133	BURGESS SPORTS	Ambassador Leadership Residential Week	This week-long residential gives our Young Ambassadors a unique opportunity to develop independence, teamwork, and resilience while taking part in maritime activities such as sailing, kayaking, and paddleboarding. These experiences broaden their horizons, build transferable life skills, and open pathways to future careers in sport and the maritime sector. For many participants, this is their first time away from home, offering a life-changing experience that nurtures confidence and aspiration.	£5,000
2213	Southwark Eid	Southwark Eid Festival Project	The Southwark Eid Festival project is a community led celebration that brings together people of all ages, faiths, and cultural backgrounds to mark the end of Ramadan and Ram Celebrations Eid Adha .The event has been held annually for over 14 years in Southwark featuring cultural performances, traditional food stalls, children’s activities, educational workshops, and opportunities to learn more about Islamic heritage and the diverse communities within Southwark. It involves over 5000 residents gathered every year to celebrate community cohesion.	£10,000
2342	ART IN THE PARK	Saturdays at Art in the Park	Using Southwark Park and Aspinden Nature Garden as inspiration we’ll hold art sessions outdoors to provide designs that will be used to create a collaborative textile wall hanging which will enhance and be displayed indoors at Bede House. We will use a variety of techniques such as printing, embroidery, fabric painting, and more. As it’s for Bede House, we could also include some beading. We also use a wide variety of artist inspiration from around the world. Bede House is a charity that works to build the confidence of those with learning difficulties, offers young people exciting activities, helps survivors	£5,000

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			of domestic abuse and connects the local community. Art in the Park have worked with them on several successful and substantial projects, including large signage for the entrance to Aspinden Nature Garden and some decorated wooden benches	
2282	ART IN THE PARK	Inspire to Grow Gardening Group	This is the 'Inspire Walworth Gardening Group, after Inspire went into Insolvency in the Summer of 2025 Art in the Park took over the running of the gardening group. This has been successful and ensured that participants who really value the support of gardening group have had continuity, and we have grown the group. Art in the Park believes it's very important this group continues and that combines with projects in our back garden and our regular Monday older peoples group we can really strengthen this project and make it better than before. We really hope that this does not compromise our application for Saturdays at Art in the Park which is very much a separate project.	£4,500
2331	Alvey TRA	Community Engagement/Enrichment Project	A day out planned to help community spirit and helping disadvantaged families, the coach will have a capacity of 61 seats for passengers on the trip.	£3,200
2342	ART IN THE PARK	Printing the Park -Textile Project with Bede House	Using Southwark Park and Aspinden Nature Garden as inspiration we'll hold art sessions outdoors to provide designs that will be used to create a collaborative textile wall hanging which will enhance and be displayed indoors at Bede House.	£5,000
2351	Compassionate bodies project	Compassionate bodies project	This Peer Support Group is designed to be a welcoming, compassionate space for adults in our local area who are navigating challenges in how	£2,000

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			<p>they experience their bodies and senses. Many individuals experience shame, isolation, or confusion around these issues, yet there are few accessible, non-clinical spaces where they can feel heard, validated, and supported.</p> <p>By offering a regular community-based group grounded in empathy, lived experience, and peer connection, we aim to contribute to the mental health and social well-being of our community. Sessions will be free or donation-based, held in accessible venues, and facilitated with sensitivity to race, gender, neurodiversity, and cultural difference.</p>	
2377	Community Cycle works	Burgess Fix & Ride	<p>We would also seek to strengthen our partnerships with local schools - Surrey Square and Michael Farraday - with whom we work to deliver outreach events and promote our sessions to young people in the local area. We are involved with the Surrey Square community, attending the Old Kent Road Family Zone (OKRFZ) marketplace each month to offer free tune-ups and low-cost refurbished bikes for local families seeking a reliable and affordable bike as their (re-)entry point into cycling, and we would continue to develop this successful partnership.</p>	£31,565.88
2463	My First 1000 Days	Intergenerational Yoga Workshops	<p>My First 1000 Days is planning to host a series of yoga workshops for all community members, from children to the elderly, residing in the housing estates surrounding Burgess Park. This will be a fun-filled weekend of yoga, meditation, and mindfulness in Spring 2026.</p>	£3,900
2529	Local Action Families Uk	Comumunity Garden Clean up Action	<p>Community Cycle works wants a healthier, cleaner and more sustainable world in which all people have access to a bike, the skills to repair it, and the desire to ride for transport, discovery and joy. Our Burgess Fix & Ride</p>	£5,000

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			project would help us make good on our mission by enabling us to deliver free Bike Fix workshop sessions and cycling activities within our local community, using cycling as a tool for connection, skill-building, and inclusion at a time when social division and the cost-of living crisis are straining community cohesion.	
2619	Somali Youth Action Forum	Access to Burgess Park football ground	During the summer of 2025, Local Action families UK Cultural artist Community Salay UK, together with community volunteers and with moral support from Friends of Burgess Park and Officer Park Burgess Park, led a series of Clean Up Days in the area around Chumleigh Gardens, Old library and the Barbecue Zone. The initiative emerged after observing a growing environmental and public health risk due to beer bottles, top bottles, broken glass, and metal caps left behind after weekend gathering. These items posed a danger to children, families, dogs, birds and other park users, as well as to the park's natural ecosystem.	£3,048
2740	Southwark - Community Gardening team	Burgess Park Community Plant Nursery	The council Community Gardening team are seeking match funding for project workers to sustain and expand the Burgess Park Community Plant Nursery project, which was run as a pilot project for 7 months from May 2025 with great success. The aim of the project is to support community growing across the borough, addressing economic barriers and increasing food production, extending the growing season and upskilling local growers. The project utilises a underused park depot with two polytunnels to grow thousands of vegetable and herb seedlings which are offered free to community growing groups across Southwark. The project is run by project workers who run a volunteer programme and series of practical	£15,000

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			workshops, with the site being a propagation hub, upskilling and connecting community gardeners and growers in the borough	
2774	Mental Fight Club	Connecting Southwark through Song at the Dragon Café	Our focus is addressing the marginalising effects of poor mental health through the provision of accessible and inclusive creative, wellbeing events and activities. The Dragon Cafe is delivered weekly based in Southwark. We meet specifically on a Monday from midday to 7.00pm -so that we compliment other groups who meet later in the week. Our attendees come from all walks of life and have experience of many different types of mental distress including depression, psychosis, hearing voices or obsessive-compulsive behaviours. Their symptoms range from very acute to mild. We are an inclusive space from the homeless to the professional. Our beneficiaries are aged from 18 to over 80 (with a majority aged 45-64) and almost a third identify as coming from a Black and Minority Ethnic (BAME) background	£4,500
2778	MENTIVITY	Mentivity House - Youth Inclusion programme	Mentivity manage and operate Mentivity House, a newly developed youth and community centre within the regeneration of the Aylesbury Estate. We have since 2023 built a new programme of activities that are designed to support all members of the community integrate, socialise and build stronger bonds and relationships from. Within our programming we deliver a range of education-based programmes including our alternative education programming, mentoring and specific work with young people who are engaged in the justice system.	£48,500
2927	CARNAVAL DEL PUEBLO ASOCIACION	Plaza Latina Authentic Food Fair (PLAFF)	Building on Plaza Latina festivals, delivered at Nursery Row Park, East Street (2014-17) which were dedicated to exploring and revealing community, quality, authentic, little known Latino cuisine (such as the	£5,000

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Ref:	Organisation/ Group:	Name of Project:	Project Description:	Amount Requested [£]:
			Pupuso from El Salvador), The Plaza Latina Authentic Food Fair (PLAFF) @ the Large scale Carnaval del Pueblo event, Burgess Park, SE5 will be the show case for our local community food businesses, often but not exclusively so, the chance to make a significant turnover for their next development steps.	
2936	Global Community Connect LTD	Latin Link Live	<p>Latin Link Live (Triple L) is a community-driven media and training initiative that will take place as part of Carnaval del Pueblo 2026 in Burgess Park SE5 — the largest free Latin American festival in the United Kingdom.</p> <p>Led by Global Community Connect a London-based non-profit organisation with over a decade of experience in community journalism, broadcasting, and cultural engagement (in Spanish, Portuguese, and English), the project will establish a Community Media Zone within the festival where local residents can learn, participate, and contribute directly to the live media coverage of the event.</p>	£20,000
2959	JSK Training and Development Services	Employability / Self-Employment Support Programme	JSK Training and Development Enterprises is dedicated to empowering individuals with sensory, physical and learning disabilities as well as other disadvantaged groups by providing the necessary resources, training and support to help them overcome barriers to employment and self-employment. This proposal outlines two integrated programmes designed to foster self-sufficiency and social inclusion: an employability and self-employment support programme. Both initiatives will provide individuals with the skills, confidence and tools to succeed in business or the job market while also ensuring access to mainstream service and promoting social participation.	£10,000

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Ref:	Organisation/ Group:	Name of Project:	Project Description:	Amount Requested [£]:
2989	MILLWALL COMMUNITY TRUST	Millwall Kicks @ Burgess Park	Our Kicks programme aims to inspire children and young people to achieve their potential and improve their health and wellbeing; working together with the community and partners to build a stronger, safer and more inclusive community and offer young people readily available free to access sporting and football sessions year round during community evening hours, which are often difficult to access for local young people due to the financial barriers in place with the aim of supporting local residents in the wards that surround burgess park with having regular positive activities for young people between the ages of 10-18 years old with the aim of also reducing anti-social behaviour and youth violence in the local wards and supporting local young people to reach their full potential.	£5,000
3017	London All Stars	Let's Ball - Sports, Fun and More for young people	Let's Ball is a physical activity community initiative, is designed to improve access and remove barriers whilst increasing opportunities for young people going to school or living in the London Borough of Southwark. London All Stars aims to increase participation, enhance access and eliminate barriers for engagement in ball sports such as dodge ball, hand ball and basketball, boosting physical health activity levels and social/emotional wellbeing.	£19,500
3035	TOWER HAMLETS YOUTH SPORT FOUNDATION	Platform Cricket Hubs: Walworth Whirlwinds	Over a number of years, we have established Platform Cricket Hubs in across Southwark, with the aim of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Providing children in all wards/neighbourhoods with a realistically accessible route into cricket - Increasing the number of children from disadvantaged and ethnic minority backgrounds accessing cricket 	£1,800

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2026-27 Neighbourhoods Grants Ward Application Summary Tables

Ref:	Organisation/ Group:	Name of Project:	Project Description:	Amount Requested [£]:
			- Improving personal development, physical health, mental wellbeing and social cohesion through cricket	
3067	Esports Youth Club C.I.C	Esports Youth Club sessions at Mentivity House	We are seeking funding to continue to deliver our well-loved Esports Youth Club provision at Mentivity House every Friday afternoon from 4-6pm. This funding will provide consistency and stability in our programme which many young people now rely on, after we have built a fantastic relationship with Mentivity House over the previous 12 months of delivery.	£12,000
3127	Flexi-Care Community Connect	Flexi-Care Community Connect	At the heart of our proposal is a simple but powerful belief: residents know best what brings them joy, connection, and purpose. There are significant benefits to investing in a resident-led, holistic activity programme for Flexi-Care residents. The programme will be facilitated by our recently appointed Community Coordinator but driven by the residents themselves.	£2,110
3155	Friends of Burgess Park	Families connecting to nature in Burgess Park	the project will undertake family and children/young people focused events with local partners. The activities will focus on Burgess Park's nature, the seasons and habitats of the park.	£5,000
3173	Holistic Well Women	Community Leaders Rest and Wellness project	Community Rest and Wellness project is to support and improve the wellbeing of volunteers and community leaders in the London Borough of Southwark. Currently Southwark has a unique and diverse range of over 1,000 voluntarily groups and volunteers who are serving Southwark communities with passion and real empathy despite the challenges they face	£5,000
3223	Rock the Crypt (& Many More!)	Rock the Crypt (& Many More!)	I have been granted permission by the Rector of St. Peter's, Walworth, to organise a series of free community music events in the Crypt at St. Peter's, Walworth.	£4,250

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Ref:	Organisation/ Group:	Name of Project:	Project Description:	Amount Requested [£]:
3238	St Peter's Church, Walworth	St Peter's Party in the Park!	Party in the Park is an annual community event for the whole Faraday ward community organised by St Peter's Church, Walworth, a long-standing parish that has served the people of Walworth for two hundred years. Since its beginning in 2012, it has grown into one of the most eagerly anticipated celebrations in the local calendar and an established expression of Walworth's inclusive and diverse identity	£10,465
3252	From THAT To THIS	From that to this	We will be running 10-week projects throughout the year doing different creative things. The project is designed to help people feel supported by their community we aim to teach a skill that will use fabrics and materials from around the home to create items that can be used again in different ways such as using curtains to make bags , bed linen to make curtains, clothes pegs to make ornaments, we will also be making group items such as a patchwork quilt which will be donated to a local nursery .,clothes and cushions.	£5,000
3294	ST PETER'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND BUILDING FUND	St Peter's Church Centre for Arts and Culture	This project aims to create St Peter's Church, in the heart of Walworth, as a centre of music and culture for the local community. By developing a coaching, rehearsal and performance offer, we intend to nurture talent, young and mature, so that first and foremost, music enriches the lives of our community. St Peter's already has a reputation for diverse music making but this needs coordination and direction to broaden and structure the offer. A part-time director and administrator are required to pump start the vision which would bring the music, arts and culture offer directly to the heart of Walworth.	£38,000

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2026-27 Neighbourhoods Grants Ward Application Summary Tables

Ref:	Organisation/ Group:	Name of Project:	Project Description:	Amount Requested [£]:
3356	Bizzie Bodies CIC	TECH SOUTHWARK	FAMILY COMMUNITY STEAM, AI AND DIGITAL INCLUSION EVENTS The Family Community STEAM, AI and Digital Inclusion Events will bring together children, parents, carers, and residents for a series of five community learning festivals during school holidays across the year. Each five-day event will offer engaging, hands-on activities in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics, Artificial Intelligence and Digital Inclusion.	£5,000.00

Meeting Name:	Walworth Neighbourhood Community Meeting
Date:	3 March 2026
Report title:	Devolved Highways Budget 2026-27: Capital Funding Allocation (Walworth Neighbourhood)
Ward(s) or groups affected:	North Walworth, Faraday and Newington
Classification:	Open
Reason for lateness (if applicable):	N/A
From:	Head of Highways and Sustainable Transport Policy

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Walworth Neighbourhood Community Meeting:

1. Approves the reallocation of £14,785 comprising of underspent funds carried forward from previous years underspend, current-year programme underspend and project cancellations within the current programme to the 2026-27 DHB budget for Walworth Neighbourhood;
2. Approves the allocation of £114,285 for the 2026-27 Devolved Highways Budget (“DHB”) programme from the programmed capital expenditure for the ten-year period 2019-20 to 2028-29, as well as the funds reallocated under (1), to the list of applications set out in Appendix 1 to this report within the Walworth Neighbourhood (“Funded Projects”);
3. Notes the total available funds for allocation by the Walworth Neighbourhood in the 2026-27 financial year is £129,070.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

4. Walworth Neighbourhood Community Meeting has the authority to approve the allocation of funds for the DHB programme to projects within the Walworth Neighbourhood area using the resources and criteria identified by Cabinet, pursuant to Part 3H of the council’s constitution.
5. The Walworth Neighbourhood area is made up of North Walworth ward, Faraday ward and Newington ward.
6. 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.
7. Funding is allocated to Neighbourhood areas based on a per councillor

calculation.¹

8. The DHB programme is allocated £800,000 each year from the total annual non-principal road investment programme to be spent by Neighbourhood areas on their priorities for highway renewal and maintenance that may not be prioritised as part of the borough-wide programme.
9. The scope of the DHB programme permits 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:
 - Footway and carriageway resurfacing.
 - Traffic calming.
 - Localised repairs.
 - Accessibility improvements.
 - Footway buildouts.
 - Cycle hangars.
10. The DHB programme is one of three programmes where funding is allocated through the Neighbourhood Community Meetings.
11. The additional programmes are the Neighbourhoods Fund which funds revenue activity and the Cleaner, Greener, Safer programme which funds project ideas from local organisations and individuals who live or work in Southwark, which improve their local area.
12. The application process for funding was revised this year so that a single application form was used for all three programmes. Once applications were received, officers reviewed and allocated them to the appropriate programme.
13. This combined process is known as the Neighbourhood Grants.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

14. There is £114,285 available for the 2026-27 DHB programme for new projects in the Walworth Neighbourhood area.
15. There is £14,785 in additional funding from previous years' underspend, current programme underspend and current programme project cancellations.

Policy framework implications

16. The DHB 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

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

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.

17. 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

18. As part of the application process the local community is able to propose ideas for projects to be funded by the DHB programme. This has a positive impact in terms of the promotion of involvement of local people in the democratic process.
19. An explicit objective within Neighbourhood Community areas 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.
20. 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.
21. Officers 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

22. The Public Sector Equality Duty ("PSED") is set out at section 149 of the 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 people 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.
23. The protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.

24. Ideas for DHB projects come from the local community, the majority via a simple project nomination form available in electronic 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.
25. 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.
26. Decisions on funding are agreed by ward councillors with specific consideration given to the needs of individual wards and feedback from the community. Funding for DHB projects is equal across all wards ensuring that the opportunity is the same for all parts of the borough.
27. At this stage, no specific projects have been funded so the allocation of funds for the DHB 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.
28. Officers will also look at the range of areas where grants are allocated, gather information for analysis where possible and look at how the council can improve allocation in relation to specific needs across the borough.
29. A process of continuous improvement is in place to ensure that officers improve data collection and analysis in the future and use this to reach groups identified as missing or hard to reach.

Health impact statement

30. There are no direct health implications as a result of the allocation of funds for the DHB programme. However, the following health benefits are expected from the Funded Projects based on the types of projects normally funded via the DHB Programme.
31. 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.
32. Increased ownership over community public realm – this helps people within the community join together around a project, supporting connected and cohesive communities.
33. 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:

1. improve mental wellbeing by increasing access to the outdoors and nature, improve mental and physical wellbeing by improving street space and encouraging active travel;
2. improved access to affordable and secure cycle parking which should contribute to less congestion and air pollution locally;
3. tree planting and green spaces may help to reduce or disperse air pollution, supporting people's physical health; and
4. improved street lighting can improve safety and reduce the chances of crime or anti-social behaviour.

Climate change implications

34. The allocation of funds for the DHB 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 align with the themes set out within the Climate Action Plan which was adopted in September 2025.
35. Specific actions addressed by projects funded via the DHB programme include:
 - Action 11: Encourage sustainable transport options to reduce emissions from vehicles
 - Action 14: Plant and maintain more trees
 - Action 15: Enhance our streets and green spaces to increase biodiversity
 - Action 21: Work with residents, local groups and partners to support climate friendly behaviours.
 - Action 24: Collaborate with our communities and partners to take climate action and improve resilience
36. By allocating the funds to the Funded Projects, the council is investing in community-led projects that reduce carbon emissions 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 facilities through this scheme will help residents' transition towards active travel, reducing their reliance on motor vehicles.
38. These types of projects are common across all Neighbourhood areas.
39. With all DHB spending decisions, potential carbon impact is considered 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. 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 2025-26 DHB programme.²
42. All professional fees related to the project are also treated as the capital costs of the project.
43. The total expenditure and sources of funding for the scheme will be monitored and reported as part of the overall Capital Programme.

Legal implications

44. See supplementary advice given by the Assistant Chief Executive – Governance and Assurance in paragraphs 46 to 51 of this report.

Consultation

45. No consultation has taken place and will not take place in the future.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Assistant Chief Executive – Governance and Assurance (CM 13.02.2026)

46. Walworth Neighbourhood Community Meeting has the delegated authority to approve the allocation of funds for the DHB programme to projects within the Walworth Neighbourhood under Part 3H of the council's constitution.
47. The Walworth Neighbourhood Community Meeting will need to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and to foster good relations between people with protected characteristics and others in accordance with the public sector equality duty in section 149 Equality Act 2010. Reference is made to this in the "Community, equalities (including socio-economic) and health impacts" section above. At this stage, no specific projects are being funded so the allocation of funds for the DHB Programme is not considered by the report author to have any adverse effects.
48. 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 climate change implications section above.

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

Strategic Director of Resources (CAP25/094)

49. The Strategic Director of Resources (SDR) notes the recommendation to the Walworth Neighbourhood Community Meeting to approve the reallocation of £14,785 from previous years' underspend, current programme underspend and project cancellations to the 2026–27 Devolved Highways Budget (DHB) for the Walworth Neighbourhood.
50. The SDR further notes the recommendation to approve £114,285 from the programmed capital expenditure within the council's ten-year capital programme (2019–20 to 2028–29) for the 2026–27 DHB programme, in order to support delivery of the projects set out in Appendix 1.
51. The SDR also notes that the total available funding for allocation by the Walworth Neighbourhood in 2026–27 is £129,070, and confirms that this funding is contained within the existing approved capital programme.
52. Officers' time and any associated costs required to implement these recommendations will be managed within existing departmental budgets and do not create additional revenue pressures.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Policy and Resource Strategy Capital Monitoring Policy and Resources Strategy: capital monitoring report, including capital programme update 2019- 20 (month 9)	Environment, Sustainability and Leisure / Highways 160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH	Tobias Allen Tel: 020 7525 3197
Link: Issue details - Policy and Resources Strategy: capital monitoring report, including capital programme update 2019-20 - Southwark Council		
Allocation of funds to wards via Cleaner Greener Safer and Devolved Highways Programmes 2018	Environment, Sustainability and Leisure / Highways 160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH	Tobias Allen Tel: 020 7525 3197
Link: Issue details - Allocation of funds to wards via Cleaner Greener Safer and Devolved Highways programmes - Southwark Council		
Streets for People strategy 2023	Environment, Sustainability and Leisure / Highways 160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH	Tobias Allen Tel: 020 7525 3197
Link: Streets for People strategy 2023-30 by Southwark Council - Issue		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	All Walworth Neighbourhood Applications 2026-27
Appendix 2	Walworth Neighbourhood funding

AUDIT TRAIL

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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments Included
Assistant Chief Executive – Governance and Assurance	Yes	Yes
Strategic Director, Resources	Yes	Yes
Cabinet Member	No	No
Date final report sent to Constitutional Team	18 February 2026	

Walworth Neighbourhood Area**Devolved Highways Capital Investment programme 2026-27: Applications**

Reference	Proposal Name	Ward	Programme
2111	Mina Road Community Square	Faraday	Highways
2348	Bike locker (cycle hoop) for trafilgar st	Faraday	Highways
3159	Elizabeth Estate Public Realm Project	Faraday	Highways
2085	Walworth Road	North Walworth	Highways
2919	Greening Browning Street	North Walworth	Highways
2940	Transforming Larissa Street	North Walworth	Highways

**Unalloacted 2026-27 Devolved Highways Funding
Walworth Neighbourhood**

Ward	Unallocated Funding
North Walworth	£0
Faraday	£0
Newington	£14,785
Total	£14,785

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