

<b>Item No.</b> 14.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 8 November 2010	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Rotherhithe Community Council
<b>Report title:</b>		Rotherhithe Community Council Fund.	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		Livesey, Rotherhithe and Surrey Docks	
<b>From:</b>		Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

1. That the Rotherhithe Community Council approves the allocation of £7,270 community funding.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

2. The Community Council Fund provides revenue grants of between £100 and £1,000 for community projects. Applications are considered by the borough's eight community councils, which have £15,260 each, for projects that will benefit the community. Rotherhithe Community Council awarded £7,990 in June 2010 and Members asked for the remaining £7,270 to be awarded later in the year, to allow groups to submit applications for Christmas/winter activities.

### **KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

3. Appendix 2 contains the funding guidelines for the fund.
  - The Community Council Fund forms part of Southwark 2016 objectives of
  - Improving life chances
  - A better place for people
  - Delivering quality services.

### **Community impact statement**

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

## Resource implications

6. The budget for the Rotherhithe Community Council Fund is £15,260 to be spent by the 31 March 2011.

## Legal/Financial implications

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

## REASONS FOR URGENCY

11. In order for funding to be allocated to allow completion of projects in the winter/Christmas period.

## REASONS FOR LATENESS

12. The report could not be circulated 5 clear working days before the meeting as the closing date for applications was after the agenda publication date.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

### APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Rotherhithe Community Council Fund 2010– second round applications insert
Appendix 2	Rotherhithe Community Council Fund Information Sheet 2010.

### AUDIT TRAIL

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