

Item No. 13.	Classification: Open	Date: 14 September 2011	Meeting Name: Walworth Community Council
Report title:		Walworth Community Council Fund 2011- 2012	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Faraday ward	
From:		Stephen Douglass, Head of Community Engagement	

RECOMMENDATION

1. To consider one new application for the Walworth Community Council Fund 2011 -2012, as attached at Appendix 1.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The Community Council Fund 2011-2012 provides revenue grants of between £100 and £1,000 for community projects. Applications are considered by the borough's eight community councils, which are allocated £15, 260 each, for projects that will benefit the community. At the meeting held on 3 May 2011 the community council awarded funding to some groups. As a result of an administrative oversight, one application was not presented to members. Members are asked to consider this new application.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

3. 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 Walworth Community Council Fund 2011-2012 will in the main, affect the people living in the Walworth Community Council area. However, in making the area a better place to live and improving life chances for local people, the Walworth Community Council Fund 2011 -2012 activities will have an impact on the whole of Southwark.
5. The Walworth Community Council Fund 2011-2012 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 Walworth Community Council Fund 2011-2012 is £15,260 to be spent by the 31 March 2012. This was fully allocated at the meeting on 02

July 2011. If the community council agrees the application then the matter will need to be referred to the Strategic Director, Communities Law & Governance to investigate if any additional funding is available. The maximum amount which can be awarded is £1,000.

7. The application is to be assessed by members against the same criteria as those already assessed.

Legal/Financial implications

8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
None		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Walworth Community Council fund application
Appendix 2	Community Council Fund Information Sheet 2011-12

AUDIT TRAIL

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Finance Director	No	No
List other officers here		
Cabinet Member	No	No
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