

<b>Item No.</b> 15	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 31 October 2011	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Peckham Community Council
<b>Report title:</b>		Peckham Community Council Fund 2011-12	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		Peckham and Livesey wards	
<b>From:</b>		Stephen Douglass Head of Community Engagement	

## RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Peckham Community Council reallocates £643.00 of the Peckham Community council fund 2011-12. The groups to be considered are set out in Appendix 2.

## 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. All the funding for the Peckham Community Council fund was allocated at the July 2011 Community Council meeting.
3. The amount to be allocated at this meeting is the result of Southwark Black Parents Forum being unable to deliver the Peckham Community Council fund's funded activity, which was allocated to them at the July 2011 meeting.

## KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

4. Appendix 1 contains the guidelines for the fund.
5. The Community Council Fund forms part of the Southwark 2016 objectives of:
  - Improving life chances
  - A better place for people
  - Delivering quality services.
6. Because of the small amount of money involved, members may wish to consider reallocating the funding to previously unsuccessful applications which can be delivered before the 31 March 2012. (See applications list in attached Appendix 2).

## Community impact statement

7. The allocation of the Peckham Community Council fund will, in the main, affect the people living in the Peckham Community Council area. However, in making the area a better place to live and improving life chances for local people, the community council fund activities will have an impact on the whole of Southwark.
8. The Peckham 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. The allocation of this money to another community project will have a positive impact on the community.

### **Resource implications**

9. The reallocation of the above funds will allow for the Peckham Community Council Community fund budget to be totally spent by the 31 March 2012 and is therefore possible within existing resources.

### **Legal/Financial implications**

10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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 PAPERS**

14. None

### **APPENDICES**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Title</b>
Appendix 1	Peckham Community Council Fund 2011-12 Information sheet.
Appendix 2	Peckham Community Council Fund 2011-12 Applicants list.

## AUDIT TRAIL

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