

Item No. 14	Classification: Open	Date: 31 October 2011	Meeting Name: Peckham Community Council
Report title:		Cleaner Greener Safer: Funding Reallocation	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Peckham ward	
From:		Des Waters, Head of Public Realm, Environment and Housing	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Peckham Community Council note the savings and deficits for the relevant projects and approve the reallocation of a total of £93,893 to five projects where additional expenditure will be required, as set out in Appendix 1.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. Cleaner Greener, Safer (CGS) is part of the London Borough of Southwark's capital programme. Between 2003 and 2010 £3.25m has been made available each year for local residents to apply for awards to make their local area a better place to live. The programme attracts hundreds of proposals ranging from a few hundred pounds for bulb planting to brighten up open spaces to tens of thousands of pounds to create community gardens. These projects often introduce new ideas such as outdoor gyms in public spaces, community gardens, public art and energy saving projects which not only make the borough cleaner, greener and safer but greatly contribute to a sustainable public realm by involving residents in the funding process and in the delivery of projects.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

3. It is recommended that project [02177] *Gloucester Grove Estate footpath to school* is cancelled as redevelopment plans for Gloucester Primary School are in progress and may alter the current access points to the school, superseding works undertaken for the CGS project.
4. It is recommended that the £20,000 budget from [02177] *Gloucester Grove Estate footpath to school* is re-allocated to a project to improve the garden of Quenington Court on the Gloucester Grove estate.
5. The applicant for [104248] *Intelligent Meter Scheme Peckham* has withdrawn from the project. It is recommended that the £20,000 awarded to this project is reallocated to an alternative home energy efficiency project for Peckham to be rolled out in winter 2011.
6. It is recommended that project [102060] *Springall Street Safer Area* is cancelled as the local consultation did not support the proposed improvements. The remaining budget of £8,893 will be returned to the community council.
7. It is recommended that project [001122] *Calypso Park Security* is cancelled as

the anti-social problems which prompted the application are no longer an issue. The full award value of £5,000 will be returned to the community council.

8. It is recommended that £40,000 of the original award for [000738] *Leyton Square playground and dog area* is returned to the community council. Playbuilder funding has been secured towards the playground costs of the project, so a maximum of £30,000 will be required to implement the works proposed.
9. It is recommended that the combined underspend of £53,893 from projects [102060], [001122] and [000738] is reallocated to three projects which require additional funding.
10. It is recommended that £26,500 is reallocated to [104092] *St James the Great Catholic Primary School Cycle Link*.
11. It is recommended that £25,000 is reallocated to [104490] *Cardiff and Grantham House extension of the green railings*.
12. It is recommended that £2,393 is reallocated to [105486] *Hanging baskets on Peckham Park Road*.

Policy implications

13. N/A

Community impact statement

14. The reallocation of funding from project [002177] will have a positive impact on the community. Gloucester Grove residents will benefit from the improved security provided by restricting the access to the rear of the properties on Quenington Court. Residents will also have a sense of ownership in the area where they live and the restoration of a shared communal space will improve the sense of community in the block. The project will also revive the planting beds in this garden, improving the visual aspect for residents and encouraging biodiversity.
15. Reallocating the funding from [104248] will ensure that the original aim of the project, energy efficiency savings for Peckham residents, will be delivered.
16. The reallocation of funding to [104092] will enable the works to improve a popular route for pedestrian as well as cyclist users.
17. The reallocation of funding to [104490] will enable the completion of the fencing to two blocks on the Friary estate, improving security and the visual aspect.
18. The reallocation of funding to [105486] will help to green a key route to Peckham town centre.

Resource implications

19. This is the reallocation of existing CGS funding that was originally awarded between 2007-08 and 2010-11. CGS has an allocated budget of funding, which is distributed evenly among the eight community councils in Southwark.

Consultation

20. All Cleaner Greener Safer projects require consultation with stakeholders, including the project applicant, local residents and Tenants and Residents Associations where appropriate.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

21. N/A

REASONS FOR URGENCY

22. The decisions on the reallocation of funding are required urgently in order to ensure that the projects which require additional funding will be completed within the current financial year.

REASONS FOR LATENESS

23. The report has been delayed in order to verify the costs of project [000738] *Leyton Square playground and dog area*.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Peckham Community Council Minutes 03-06-2009 – Item 8	Cleaner Greener Safer, Public Realm, 160 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2TZ	Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862
Peckham Community Council Minutes 10-06-2008 – Item 8	Cleaner Greener Safer, Public Realm, 160 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2TZ	Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862
Peckham Community Council Minutes 05-09-2007 – Item 10b	Cleaner Greener Safer, Public Realm, 160 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2TZ	Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862

AUDIT TRAIL

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