

Item No. 11.	Classification: Open	Date: 10 March 2012	Meeting Name: Walworth Community Council
Report title:		Cleaner Greener Safer 2012/13: Funding Allocation	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		East Walworth, Faraday, Newington	
From:		Des Waters, Head of Public Realm, Environment and Housing	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To approve the allocation of funds for the 2012-13 Cleaner Greener Safer programme in the Walworth Community Council area from the list of applications set out in Appendix 1.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The council's Cleaner Greener Safer programme has been running since 2003.
3. In the first seven years of the CGS programme £21,503,000 has been allocated to community councils leading to 1,111 projects being approved.
4. In the Walworth Community Council area, £2,686,000 has been allocated to 140 projects, 136 of which have been completed to date.
5. Examples of the types of projects that have been funded 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'.
6. There was no new funding allocated for CGS in 2011/12, in part due to other pressures on the council's capital budgets and also to allow a backlog of approved or outstanding projects from previous years to be delivered.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

7. There is £245,846 for the 2012/13 CGS programme and £11,500 unallocated funding from previous years, giving an overall budget of £257,346 for new projects in the Walworth Community Council area.
8. Eligible proposals must bring about a permanent improvement and make an area cleaner, greener or safer.
9. Proposals with revenue costs, including salaries or computer equipment, feasibility studies, costs for events, festivals, workshops or other one-off events are not eligible. CCTV proposals, internal improvements to housing property, works on schools where there is no access to the general public are also not eligible. Works on private property are not eligible unless there is a long-term guarantee of public access or a demonstrable public benefit.

10. This year, the application form invited expressions of interest for the applicants to deliver projects themselves. A due diligence exercise to ensure that this is both practical and realistic has been undertaken as part of the feasibility process. In such cases, the council would give the funding allocation to the applicant in the form of a capital grant, with appropriate conditions attached.

Policy implications

11. The Cleaner Green Safer programme is fully aligned with the council's policies around sustainability, regeneration and community engagement.

Community impact statement

12. The roles and functions of community councils include the promotion of involvement of local people in the democratic process and taking decision-making closer to local people. Community councils 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.
13. An explicit objective within community councils is that they be 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 Cleaner Greener Safer programme is an important tool in achieving community participation.
14. All ideas for CGS projects come directly from the local community via a simple project nomination form. Specific schemes will then be agreed by Community Councils and will reflect local needs and priorities.

Resource implications

15. The funding for the 2012/13 CGS programme was approved by the cabinet and is part of the council's overall capital programme.
16. All professional fees related to the project are also allowed to be treated as the capital costs of the project. Where projects are awarded as a grant to organisations, the community council award letter will not include the professional fees which will be charged direct to project costs.
17. 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 Community Council and available budgets may be reallocated to other projects.
18. 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 to the Public Realm projects business unit as a result of approving the proposed allocation.

Consultation

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

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance

20. This report is recommending that the Walworth Community Council approve the allocation of funds to the individual projects specified at Appendix 1. The power for this function is derived from Part 3H paragraph 13 of the Constitution which states that community councils have the power of “approval of the allocation of funds to cleaner, greener, safer capital schemes of a local nature, using the resources identified by the cabinet”.
21. The Cabinet Member for Transport Environment and Recycling has already noted the allocation of the Cleaner Greener Safer funds in October 2011 by exercising his powers under Part 3D paragraph 2 of the Constitution, therefore this is the next constitutional step in the process.

Finance Director (NR/F&R/1/3/12)

22. This report recommends approval of the allocation of funds for the 2012-13 Cleaner Greener Safer programme in the Walworth Community Council area from the list of applications set out in Appendix 1.
23. The Finance Director notes the resource implications contained within the report, and confirms that the capital funding for the CGS programme has been approved as part of the overall council capital programme.
24. Officer time to effect the recommendation will be contained within existing budgeted revenue resources.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Cleaner Greener Safer: Funding Reallocation	Public Realm Projects – Environmental Improvements, Public Realm 3/1, 160 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2TZ	Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862
2012/13 Camberwell Community Council CGS applications – full applications	Public Realm Projects – Environmental Improvements, Public Realm 3/1, 160 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2TZ	Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862
Report: Cabinet member for Transport, Environment & Recycling - launch of CGS Capital Programme 2012/13 – 20 October 2011	Public Realm Projects – Environmental Improvements, Public Realm 3/1, 160 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2TZ	Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Walworth Community Council - Cleaner Greener Safer applications 2012/13

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Des Waters, Head of Public Realm	
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Finance Director	Yes	Yes
Cabinet Member	No	No
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