

NOTIFICATION OF KEY DECISION TO BE TAKEN

GENERAL EXCEPTION NOTICE

DETAILS OF DECISION	
Title of Report	The High Street Challenge Round One Grant Awards
Description/Nature of matter requiring Key Decision	The award of grants through The High Street Challenge to increase footfall and consumer spend in Southwark's High Streets and Town Centres as part of the delivery of Southwark's Economic Wellbeing Strategy. Grants will fund a series of innovative, spatially-based projects over a two year period delivering new approaches to improving town centres as well as embedding and reinforcing more established activities.
Decision taker	Cabinet Member for Communities and Economic Wellbeing
Date by which Key Decision must be taken	April 2014
Reason why it was impracticable for decision to be on the Forward Plan	This decision was listed on the forward plan as a key decision to be taken in March 2014. Due to a greater than expected number of applications the evaluation process took marginally longer than anticipated therefore moving the decision date into the beginning of April. Advice was subsequently received that it should be treated as a non-key decision which resulted in the decision not being listed in the April forward plan.
Reason why the decision cannot wait for inclusion in the next Forward Plan	The next forward plan relates to decisions to be taken in May 2014. Grant application documentation indicated grant awards would be made by April 2014. Delay presents a risk to the delivery of these projects and will have a detrimental impact on council's delivery of its strategic objective to support Southwark's town centres and high streets to thrive.
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