

Item No. 12.	Classification: Open	Date: 28 January 2015	Meeting Name: Dulwich Community Council
Report title:		Cleaner Greener Safer: Funding Reallocation	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		College, East Dulwich,	
From:		Head of Public Realm	

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Dulwich Community Council:

1. approves allocation of £1,287 of available funding to existing project 106059 Long Meadow play area.
2. approves allocation of £2,986 of available funding to existing project 106296 ED street trees.
3. approves allocation of £750 of available funding to trial project – Dulwich Village verge greening.
4. Approves allocation of £1,500 of available funding to Lordship Lane Baptist Church – accessibility works.
5. Approves allocation of £34,237 of available funding to 2015-16 Cleaner, Greener Safer funding for Dulwich Community Council.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

6. Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS) is part of the London Borough of Southwark's capital programme. Between 2003 and 2014 £3.42m has been made available to local residents to apply for awards to make Dulwich 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.
7. At the Dulwich Community Council meeting on 29 January 2014, all available funding from 2014-15 cleaner greener safer capital allocation including funding available from completed and cancelled projects was awarded to new projects. Since that meeting, four projects have been completed with underspends and seven projects were cancelled (Appendix 1). This has resulted in £40,760 funding being available for allocation to existing or new projects.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

8. It is recommended that £2,986 be allocated to 106296 ED street trees. This

will pay for additional street trees.

9. It is recommended that £1,287 be allocated to 106059 Long Meadow play area. The proposed play area requires extra funding.
10. It is recommended that £750 be allocated to fund an alternative to grass at one of the verges in Dulwich Village. The grass in the Village verges dies due to tree shade and dog urine. Ivies will replace grass as they are shade tolerant and hardier.
11. It is recommended that £1,500 be allocated to 105973 Lordship Lane Baptist Church – access works. This will mean the church is accessible for those with mobility problems and can be used by a wider section of the community.
12. It is recommended that £34,237 of available funding be added to 2015-16 Cleaner, Greener Safer funding for Dulwich Community Council.

Policy implications

13. None.

Community impact statement

14. The roles and functions of Community Councils include the promotion of involvement of local people in the democratic process. 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.
15. 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.
16. In fulfilling the above objectives that Community Councils have of bringing together and involving Southwark's diverse local communities, consideration has also been given to the council's duty under The Equality Act 2010 which requires the council to have due regard when taking decision to the need to:
 - a. Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation or other prohibited conduct;
 - b. Advance of equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristics and those who do not share it;
 - c. Foster good relations between those who share a relevant characteristic and those that do not share it.
17. Of particular regard are issues of age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.
18. Having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity is further defined in s.149 as having due regard to the need of:
 - a. Remove or minimise disadvantages connected with a relevant protected characteristic;
 - b. Take steps to meet the different needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic;

- c. Encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic participate in public life or any other activity in which they are under-represented.
19. All ideas for CGS projects come directly from the local community via a simple project nomination form available in electronic and paper format.
 20. North Cross Road and Lordship Lane are popular shopping streets in East Dulwich and the works will improve pedestrian safety at this busy junction.
 21. Consultation has been carried out for the implementation of a new play area at Long Meadow.
 22. Consultation is carried out with nearby residents before new trees are planted.
 23. Consultation has been carried out with Dulwich Society and the Council's green team on trialling planting ivies to replace grass in one verge in Dulwich Village.
 24. Consultation has been carried out with the pastor of Lordship Lane Baptist church and the council's Building Control department to ensure the building works meet DDA compliance standards.

Resource implications

25. The funding is available within the existing CGS funding. CGS funding is devolved to Community Councils to spend on suitable projects. Management of the reallocation of the funding will be contained within existing budgets.

Policy implications

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

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Director of Legal Services

27. The Local Government Act 2000 [as amended] ('the Act') gives the Leader the power to delegate any executive function to whoever lawfully can undertake the function. The allocation of the Cleaner, Greener, Safer capital fund ('CGS') is an executive function.
28. Community councils are 'area committees' within the meaning of the Act and executive functions can be delegated to them by the Leader.
29. This report is recommending that the Dulwich 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 11 of the Constitution which states that Community Councils have the power of "Approval of the allocation of funds to cleaner, greener, safer capital and revenue schemes of a local nature, using the resources and criteria identified by the cabinet".
30. The Cabinet Member for Transport Environment and Recycling approved the

funding for the 2014/2015 programme in September 2013 by exercising his powers under Part 3D paragraph 2 of the Constitution; and the Community Council approval being sought here is therefore the next constitutional step in the process.

31. Community Council Members have powers under paragraph 12 of Part 3H of the Constitution to oversee and take responsibility for the development and implementation of the local schemes.
32. In allocating funding under the CGS community councils must have regard to the council's equality duty set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. The report author has demonstrated how those duties need to be considered in the body of the report at paragraphs 13 to 15 in the Community Impact Statement.

Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services (Env/ET/280814)

The strategic director of finance and corporate services notes that the proposed allocations of £40,760 to current and new projects are within the existing budgets devolved to Dulwich community council. Officer time to effect the recommendation will also be contained within existing budgets.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Dulwich Community Council minutes,	Cleaner Greener Safer, Public Realm, 160 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2TZ http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/documents/g4721/Printed%20minutes%20Wednesday%2029-Jan-2014%2019.00%20Dulwich%20Community%20Council.pdf?T=1	Andrea Allen 020 7525 0860

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Project list

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Des waters, Head of Public Realm	
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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included
Director of Legal Services	Yes	Yes
Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services	Yes	Yes
Cabinet Member	No	No
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