

Item No. N/A	Classification: Open	Date: 10 September 2015	Meeting Name: Cabinet Member for Housing
Report title:		Joint Security Initiative (JSI) award of grants	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All wards and Southwark estate residents	
From:		Strategic Director of Housing and Community Services	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the cabinet member for housing approves the remaining Joint Security Initiative (JSI) unallocated fund grants budget recommendations for 2015/16 for a total sum of £44,123 to the 11 organisations detailed in Appendix 1.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. In April this year the cabinet member for housing approved the Joint Security Initiative grants programme recommendations for 2015/16 for a total sum of £166,970 to 17 organisations. It was also agreed that the remaining budget of £68,565 yet to be allocated be disbursed to the TRAs meeting programme criteria in the north of the borough due to the fact that applications submitted to the programme by organisations in the north were relatively low compared to the central area. This is in line with the JSI Panel's proposal.
3. However, the fact that certain payments relating to 2014/15 remained unpaid at the end of the year and were only processed at the start of 2015/16 means that the actual amount carried forward into 2015/16 from 2014/15 is commensurately lower at £45,000 compared to the £68,565 originally envisaged. The total budget commitment for the 2015/16 financial year is therefore £211,093.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

4. The programme was launched on 22 June with the deadline for the receipt of completed applications of 31 July. The advert emphasised that priority will be given to applications from the north of the borough. However, the TRAs that submitted applications in the last round but were unsuccessful and those who were unable to submit applications due to circumstances beyond their control were also encouraged to apply.
5. A JSI workshop held in the north of the borough on 7 July was attended by 15 people representing mainly TRAs from the north of the borough.
6. The JSI Panel facilitated by officers met on 17 August to assess 26 applications submitted to the programme. Six of the applications are from the north of the borough, these have been recommended for funding.
7. The table below shows the applications submitted to the programme by the TRAs in the north of the borough (four of the applications are new and two were previously unsuccessful).

TRA Proposing the Scheme	Name of Scheme	Amount Recommended (£)
Arnold	Under 14's Estate Football	2,477
Tustin	Martial Arts for Youth	4,800
Draper	Draper Performing Arts Course	4,348
Lsborough & Scovell	Kickboxing	4,800
Tabard Gardens	My Home is Your Home	4,800
Cherry Gardens	Joint Youth & Security Initiative	4,800
	TOTAL	26,025

8. The table below shows the applications from the centre of the borough recommended for funding (all were unable to submit applications in the last round due to circumstances beyond their control).

TRA Proposing the Scheme	Name of Scheme	Amount Recommended (£)
Sceaux Gardens	Afterschool Club	4,950
Newington	Newington – Inspire Youth Club	4,168
Gateway	Gateway – Inspire Youth Club	4,320
Brandon 2	Camberwell Subterranea – Activities & Workshops	4,160
Lindley	Estate Football Project	500
	TOTAL	18,098

9. Earlier in the 2015/16 financial year, 17 awards were made. With the inclusion of the current eleven applications recommended for funding the geographical spread of JSI awards in the financial year 2015/16 will be as follows:

Area Housing Forum	Number of awards
Bermondsey East	2
Bermondsey West	1
Borough & Bankside	2
Camberwell East	2
Camberwell West	1
Dulwich	1
Nunhead & Peckham Rye	3
Peckham	6
Rotherhithe	4
Aylesbury	0
Walworth East	1
Walworth West	4
Borough wide	1
Total	28

10. It should be noted that since other TRAs in the central area were also invited to apply as stated above, eleven applications meeting the criteria were submitted amounting to £56,402. This is £11,402 more than the fund available for this programme. The Panel therefore, decided to generally apply a 20% reduction to the amount applied for and as a result, was able to reach the figure of £44,123 now requested for approval for disbursement.

Policy Implications

11. Selected JSI schemes principally target intervention and resources to improve social problems linked to quality of life indicators such as anti-social behaviour, social and environmental wellbeing and inequality for tenants and residents. For that reason importance is given to outputs such as building the capacity of TRAs, tackling barriers to employment or access to training, enabling, life long skills, crime prevention, reparation, diversionary measures, family support and early intervention, with focus given to young people (but not exclusively).
12. As a result of a survey conducted on JSI when the council consulted with stakeholders in January 2014 and subsequent agreement by the JSI Panel, the name of the grant programme will be changed to Tenants and Residents Social Improvements Grant (TRSIG). This name reflects the programme's role of supporting community improvement and social regeneration rather than the current branding which emphasise security. All reference to this programme in 2016/17 and beyond will reflect the new name.

Community Impact Statement

13. The Panel consists of representatives from Tenants & Residents Associations in different parts of the borough. The Panel scrutinises applications to ensure that they meet the criteria and are likely to deliver the stated benefits. The involvement of the Panel strengthens the level of community participation in the assessment process and provides a level of community challenge and insight designed to deliver beneficial community outcomes. Representatives are drawn from Southwark's tenants' movement and reflect the diversity of the borough.
14. It is anticipated that the outcomes of JSI schemes will prove beneficial to tenants and residents of the estates and surrounding areas, particularly those from marginalised, disadvantaged and vulnerable groups. The majority of proposed schemes in 2015/16 target young people and vulnerable households. Successful applicants are required to ensure that the governing body, all of its employees, commissioned or contracted agents and volunteers or adult participants are aware of their responsibilities to safeguard children and vulnerable adults.
15. One of the main objectives of the programme is to promote inclusion and cohesive communities. The programme will advance equality of opportunity and help to foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not. A majority of bids target young people who will be the most identifiable direct beneficiaries of the programme. Other members of the community and older age groups will also benefit where the activity is designed to promote inter-generational contact. There are also schemes targeting the older residents and tenants.

Consultation

16. Officers consulted with the JSI stakeholders on programme priorities in early 2014. These are mainly:
 - Tenants and Residents Associations (TRAs)
 - Tenants Management Organisations (TMOs)
 - Area Housing Forums
 - The JSI Assessment Panel.

17. Consultation methodology was:

- Online survey
- Circulation of the JSI review questionnaire by post, email, etc.
- Presentation of the JSI review paper at eleven Area Housing Forum.

18. The JSI review paper was presented at eleven Area Housing Forums. In attendance were Ward councillors, leaseholders, tenants and council officers.

19. The outcome of the review was widely circulated amongst the stakeholders and resulted in changes to the maximum amount that could be applied for and the ending of the JSI start up grant.

Resource implications

20. JSI is managed as part of the duties of a Commissioning Officer in the Community Engagement division of the Housing and Community Services department of the council.

Financial implications

21. The reduction of the amount of unallocated JSI funds from £68,565 to £45,000 will result in the actual amount paid out during 2015/16 matching the available budget, resulting in the possibility of an overspend being removed.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Director of Legal Services

22. The Director of Legal Services notes the content of the report.

Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services (01DKz1516)

23. The recommendations and funding arrangements set out in this report are noted.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Summary of JSI Panel recommendations	Community Engagement division, Housing & Community Services, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Triumphant Oghre 0207 5255 7418

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	JSI 2015/16 Unallocated Fund - Funding Recommendations

AUDIT TRAIL

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