

Item No. 6.	Classification: Open	Date: 9 February 2019	Meeting Name: Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council
Report title:		Cleaner Greener Safer: Funding Reallocation	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Borough and Bankside, Chaucer, Faraday, North Walworth and St George's	
From:		Head of Service – Highways (Acting)	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council approve the re-allocation of a total of £61,640 as part of the 2019-20 Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS) programme.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS) is part of the London Borough of Southwark's capital programme. Between 2003 and 2018, £9,414,789 has been made available to local residents in the Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council area, 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. Appendix 1 lists eight projects which have a total under spend of £61,640.
4. It is noted that 107434 Hide & Find Gallery & Exchange project was cancelled as there was not a site for the project to be implemented. This releases £16,750 to award to new projects.
5. It is noted that 106617 Christ Church Cross was cancelled as the two-year deadline on completing the works had passed. This releases £1,080 to award to new projects.
6. It is noted that 107337 Lamlash Street allotments project was completed with an underspend. This releases £200 funding to award to new projects.
7. It is noted that 107535 Scovell lighting project was completed with an underspend. This releases £9,000 funding to award to new projects.
8. It is noted that 107561 Faraday Gardens MUGA project was completed with an underspend. This releases £10,000 funding to award to new projects.

9. It is noted that 107565 Aylesbury - Growing neighbourhoods project was completed with an underspend. This releases £10,000 funding to award to new projects.
10. It is noted that 107340 Oasis playspace project was cancelled as parks would not agree to works being carried out when they have holistic plans for the park. This releases £14,350 to award to new projects.
11. It is recommended that funding of £61,640 is reallocated as part of the 2019-20 CGS programme.

Policy implications

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

Community impact statement

13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. Of particular regard are issues of age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.
17. Having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity is further defined in s.149 as having due regard to the need to:
 - 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 to participate in public life or any other activity in which they are under-represented.

Resource implications

18. This is the funding reallocation recommendation of existing CGS funding of £61,640 that was originally awarded in 2015-16, 2017-18 and 2018-19. (See attached Appendix 1 for details of the existing projects). CGS funding is devolved to community councils to spend on suitable projects.
19. The profiling of the budgets will be amended once the recommendations have been approved and the schemes will be monitored and reported on as part of the overall capital programme.
20. Management of the reallocation of the funding will be contained within existing budgets.
21. The total expenditure and sources of funding for the scheme will be monitored and reported on as part of the overall capital programme.

Consultation

22. 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

Director of Law and Democracy

23. The Local Government Act 2000 ('the 2000 Act') gives the Leader the power to delegate any executive function to an area committee. The allocation of the CGS capital fund is an executive function. These works can be carried out in accordance with various statutory powers, including Localism Act 2011 section 1 (general power of competence).
24. Community councils are 'area committees' within the meaning of the 2000 Act. The terms of the delegation relating to the CGS fund are set out in part 3H of the council's constitution. Paragraph 14, Part 3H of the constitution enables community councils to approve "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".
25. This report is recommending that the community council approve the reallocation of available funds from the 2015-16, 2017-18 and 2018-19 CGS programmes as specified at Appendix 1, to the 2019-20 capital funding allocation.
26. Community councils further have powers under paragraph 16, Part 3H of the constitution to oversee and take responsibility for the development and implementation of the local schemes.
27. In allocating funding under the CGS community councils must have regard to the public sector equality duty set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. The report author has indicated how those duties need to be considered in the community impact statement referred to above.

Strategic Director of Finance and Governance (CAP18/062)

28. This report requests the approval of the Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council for the re-allocation of a total of £61,640, originally allocated to projects under the 2018-19 Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS) programme, to other projects in the 2019-20 CGS programme, as set out in Appendix 1.
29. The strategic director of finance and governance notes that the re-allocation of the CGS funding will be contained within the existing departmental capital budgets for Cleaner Greener Safer programme allocated as part the council's capital programme.
30. Staffing and any other costs connected with this recommendation to be contained within existing departmental revenue budgets.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9 January 2018, Minutes item	Environment and Social Regeneration / Public Realm Projects 160 Tooley Street	Andrea Allen 020 7525 0860
Link: http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/documents/g5904/Printed%20minutes%20Tuesday%2009-Jan-2018%2018.30%20Borough%20Bankside%20and%20Walworth%20Community%20Council.pdf?T=1		
Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council Meeting held on Saturday 4 February 2017, Minutes item 7	Environment and Social Regeneration / Public Realm Projects 160 Tooley Street	Andrea Allen 020 7525 0860
Link: http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/documents/g5512/Printed%20minutes%20Saturday%2004-Feb-2017%2013.00%20Borough%20Bankside%20and%20Walworth%20Community%20Council.pdf?T=1		
Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council Meeting held on Saturday 7 February 2015, Minutes item 14	Environment and Social Regeneration/ Public Realm Projects 160 Tooley Street	Andrea Allen 020 7525 0860
Link: http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=350&MId=4819&Ver=4		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Borough Bankside and Walworth CC available CGS Capital Funding 2019-20

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Dale Foden, Head of Service – Highways (Acting)	
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Strategic Director of Finance and Governance	Yes	Yes
Cabinet Member	No	No
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