



Report to:	Sutton South, Cheam and Belmont Committee	Date:	10 September 2015
Report title:	Neighbourhood Grants 2015-2016		
Report from:	Mary Morrissey, Strategic Director, Environment, Housing and Regeneration		
Ward/Areas affected:	Sutton South, Cheam and Belmont		
Chair of Committee/Lead Member:	Councillor Tony Shields		
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Corporate Plan Priorities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Open Council • A Green Council • A Fair Council 		
Open/Exempt:	Open		
Signed:		Date:	25 August 2015

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report updates the Local Committee on the Neighbourhood Grant applications determined under delegation.

2. Recommendations

The Local Committee is recommended to:

- 2.1 Note 'Neighbourhood Watch' has been awarded £300 for targeted work within Sutton South, Cheam and Belmont.
- 2.2 Note 'Little Leagues' has been awarded £500 towards supporting local residents.

3. Background

- 3.1 Following a review of the Neighbourhood Grants Programme, groups can now apply for £50-£1000 each financial year. This will provide local groups with flexibility to submit a single or multiple applications.
- 3.2 Each Local Committee can allocate Neighbourhood Grants to clubs and community groups delivering projects that benefit residents of their local area. Applications are welcome from voluntary, community and self-help groups who are formally constituted.
- 3.3 Neighbourhood Grants promote community and voluntary activity in the local area, foster sustainable projects and identify activities that the whole community can participate in.
- 3.4 The Local Committee has determined that it will consider applications for Neighbourhood Grants under delegated authority to the Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration.
- 3.5 More information on Neighbourhood Grants is published on the Council's website: www.sutton.gov.uk/neighbourhoodgrants

4. Issues

4.1 The Committee is asked to note that the following applications have been approved.

Applicant	Proposal	Ward	Funds sought
Neighbourhood Watch	Neighbourhood Watch are creating a more targeted campaign within parts of Sutton South, Cheam and Belmont to increase their membership in addition to their work already undertaken as part of the Safer Sutton Partnership. The grant will fund additional street signs, window stickers and no cold caller signs	All wards	£300
Little Leagues	The Little Leagues are looking to the Neighbourhood grants to contribute to continue supporting local residents who are unable to afford the annual fee, the league is striving to ensure the activities remain fully inclusive.	All wards	£500

4.2 Following the award of a grant, recipients will be required to complete and return a grant completion report within one year telling us the difference the project has made. Organisations can be invited to Local Committee meetings to give feedback on completed projects. Completion reports can be viewed by the committee upon request.

5. Options Considered

5.1 The applications listed meet the criteria adopted for consideration of Neighbourhood grants. No other option was considered.

6. Impacts and Implications

Financial

6.1 Neighbourhood Grant funds are specifically allocated to each Committee. Grant payments will be monitored against each Committee's allocation, to facilitate efficient budgetary control.

6.2 Funds for allocation to the Neighbourhood Grant have been identified in the base budget and carry forward. The Committee has a budget of £9,254 to spend in 2015/16.

6.3 The committee has £7,454 remaining to spend in 2015/16.

6.4 Applications approved in 2015/16 are shown in Appendix A.



Legal

- 6.5 There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

Risk

- 6.6 Safeguarding Policy, Health and Safety Policy and Procedures and Public Liability Insurance are a priority; the application process has verified that the grantees have robust risk mitigation processes in place. Where relevant, copies of supporting documents have been submitted.

Equalities,

- 6.7 Many of the schemes that are approved have a positive effect by promoting community activity and providing shared spaces that everyone can enjoy.

Community

- 6.8 Local Committee Neighbourhood Grants are one of the best ways that the Council can support local groups that want to get involved in shaping their neighbourhoods. By working with residents in this way we will ensure that funding is spent on improvements that local people want to see in their area.

7. Appendices and Background Documents

Appendix Letter	Title
A	Breakdown of Neighbourhood Grants approved in 2015-6

Background Documents
None

Audit Trail		
Version	Final	Date: 25 August 2015

Consultation with other officers		
Officer	Comments Sought	Comments checked by
Finance	Yes	Peter May
Legal	No	n/a
Other Officers:	Yes	Victoria Jeffrey, Head of Local Place and Engagement

Appendix A- Breakdown of Approved Neighbourhood Grants approved in 2015-16

Organisation	Proposal	Amount	Date of decision
Local Park Tennis Club	Publicity and Equipment for Free Mini Tennis Events	£500	May 2015
Cheam and Sutton British Legion Branch	New disabled access signage	£500	May 2015
Neighbourhood Watch	Membership Enhancement	£300	July 2015
Little Leagues	Pitch Fees	£500	July 2015
Total		£1,800	