




The Report to:	Beddington and Wallington Local Committee	Date:	1 December 2015
Report title:	Neighbourhood Grants 2015-16		
Report from:	Mary Morrissey, Strategic Director, Environment, Housing and Regeneration		
Ward/Areas affected:	Beddington and Wallington		
Chair of Committee/Lead Member:	Councillor Joyce Melican		
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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	3 November 2015

1. Summary

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

2. Recommendations

The Beddington and Wallington Local Committee is asked to:

- 2.1 Note the committee has funded 'All in Wallington' £925 for a Christmas light switch on event.

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:
<http://www.sutton.gov.uk/neighbourhoodgrants>

4. Issues

4.1 The Committee is asked to note the following Neighbourhood Grant applications:

Funded Applicants			
Applicant	Additional Information	Project aims	Amount Sought
All in Wallington Christmas Light Switch On	The group develop and promote community-led activities that support and enable as many people as possible to be involved in events in Wallington, this helps improve community cohesion. Continuing on from the success of last year the group have organised a ceremony to mark the switching on of the lights on 3 December. The event will have the involvement of local businesses, as well as the general public.	The main aim is to bring the Wallington Community of all ages together during the festive event. The group are looking to make the community proud of the fact that they live in Wallington.	£925
			£925
Grant money remaining			£5,129

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 application meets the criteria adopted for consideration of Neighbourhood Grants.

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 from 2014/15. The Committee has a budget of £10,254 to spend in 2015/16.
- 6.3 The committee has £5,129 remaining to spend in 2015/16.
- 6.4 Applications previously approved 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 grantee has 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 use to 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
B	Breakdown of unapproved Neighbourhood Grants in 2015-16

Background Documents

Neighbourhood Grant application forms and all relevant supporting documentation are held by the Local Place and Engagement Team.

Audit Trail

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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
Wandleside Residents Association	Summer Solstice Street Party	£250	21/04/2015
Sutton Little League	Pitch fees	£500	30/06/2015
Wallington Little League	Kits for all	£500	30/06/2015
Beddington North Neighbourhood Forum	Newsletter	£600	30/06/2015
Friends of Beddington & Grange Park	3 Bins	£1000	16/07/2015
Neighbourhood Watch	Membership Enhancement	£350	17/07/2015
Flightpath RA	Wildflower Planting	£1000	17/07/2015
All in Wallington	Christmas Light Switch On	£925	27/10/2015
Total		£5125	

**Appendix B- Breakdown of unapproved Neighbourhood Grants in 2015-16**

Organisation	Proposal	Reason unfunded
Norwood Wind Ensemble	Sheet music	Didn't meet the criteria – the group was not based in Sutton.

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