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| <b>Report to:</b>                      | Sutton South, Cheam and Belmont Local Committee   | <b>Date:</b> | 5 January 2017   |
| <b>Report title:</b>                   | Progress Report – Area Improvements and Public Realm Programme  |              |                  |
| <b>Report from:</b>                    | Mary Morrissey, Strategic Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration   |              |                  |
| <b>Ward/Areas affected:</b>            | Sutton South, Cheam and Belmont   |              |                  |
| <b>Chair of Committee/Lead Member:</b> | Councillor Tony Shields   |              |                  |
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| <b>Corporate Plan Priorities:</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An Open Council</li> <li>• A Green Council</li> <li>• A Fair Council</li> </ul>  |              |                  |
| <b>Open/Exempt:</b>                    | Open  |              |                  |
| <b>Signed:</b>                         | <br>Mary Morrissey, Strategic Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration | <b>Date:</b> | 16 December 2016 |

## 1. Summary

- 1.1. This report contains information on Public Realm spending since 8 September 2016, details any new requests for Public Realm funding and confirms 2016/17 budgets.

## 2. Recommendations

The South Sutton, Cheam and Belmont Local Committee is recommended to:

- 2.1. Approve £1,800 for a public noticeboard for Cheam park from Public Realm Capital.
- 2.2. Earmark the sum of £7,060 for the supply and installation of hanging baskets, barrier baskets and planters as a request for funding from the 2017/18 Public Realm revenue, subject to such sums being made available within the 2017/18 budget cycle due for approval by Full Council in March 2017.

- 2.3. Approve the allocation of £4,000 of additional funding from Public Realm TFL for the Belmont embankment land scheme (SSCB 1516.13) due to further cost information being brought forward.
- 2.4. Approve the allocation of £2,000 of additional funding from Public Realm TFL for the Belmont embankment land scheme- Planter area (SSCB 1516.13) for a small planter scheme to enhance the visual amenity at the corner portion of this piece of land with planting.
- 2.5. Approve the allocation of £8,549 of additional funding from TFL to complete the design and implement works for the current Highfield Area scheme (Scheme 1516.19).
- 2.6. Earmark the sum of £14,550 for the supply and installation of festive lights across the three ward areas, as a request for funding from 2017/18 Public Realm capital, to be converted to revenue, subject to such sums being made available within the 2017/18 budget cycle due for approval by Full Council in March 2017.
- 2.7. Approve the allocation of £5,000 to supply materials for painting the fencing at Shanklin Village affronting Brighton Road from Capital Converted to Revenue.
- 2.8. Approve the allocation of £535 to supply and install three 'keep off the grass' signs (and a few spares) to discourage cars from parking on and causing damage to the grass verges in Cheam Park car park, from Public Realm Capital.
- 2.9. Approve the allocation of £6,000 from Public Realm Capital for additional funding of the Cheam Park trim trail (Scheme 1617.9) due to more specific trim trail costings being brought forward via the specific designs provided by the supplier.
- 2.10. Approve the recycling of £3,365 back to the unallocated balance for the capital scheme shown under appendix A section 6.
- 2.11. Note progress on schemes currently being delivered.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1. This Committee has been allocated Public Realm funding to invest in area improvements.
- 3.2. The work of Local Committees, including their management of the Public Realm budget play a pivotal role in the development of Sutton Council's localism agenda and make a significant contribution to resident engagement in locality decision making.
- 3.3. The approved schemes have a positive effect on the local area by promoting community activity and improving shared spaces everyone can enjoy.

## 4. Issues

### Schemes for Consideration of Funding

- 4.1. Appendix A, Section 1 shows Public Realm schemes for consideration by the committee, at this meeting.

### Current Public Realm Scheme Programme

- 4.2. Appendix A, Section 2 shows all other current Public Realm schemes, within the programme, previously agreed by the Committee and updates on progress.

### Completed Public Realm Schemes

- 4.3. Appendix A, Section 3 sets out Public Realm schemes completed since the last meeting of the Committee, including:

- Belmont allotments gate replacement SSCB/ 1617.1
- Festive lights across the Wards SSCB/1617.2
- Tree planting in Cheam Recreation ground SSCB/ 1617.3
- Bike Stands for Belmont Village SSCB/ 1617.7
- Permanent fencing around the seasonal pond in Cheam Recreation Ground SSCB/1617.10

### Unfunded Public Realm Schemes

- 4.4. Appendix A, Section 4 sets out previously approved but not yet agreed Public Realm schemes.

## 5. Options Considered

- 5.1. Public Realm schemes can be proposed by ward councillors or community representatives. Consultation is then undertaken to agree which schemes should be proposed. These are then voted on at each meeting of the Local Committee.

## 6. Impacts and Implications

### Financial

- 6.1. The 2016/17 total budget allocation for the Sutton South Cheam and Belmont Committee is £60,222 Public Realm capital; £15,749 transport related schemes and £10,000 direct revenue funding.

- 6.2. The committee has previously allocated funds of £57,950 Public Realm Capital, £1,200 transport related schemes, £12,060 direct revenue funding, and has recycled £11,352 Public Realm capital and £3,746 direct revenue funding in 2016/17.
- 6.3. The total cost of the proposed schemes in Appendix A, Section 1 is £49,494, comprised of £8,335 public realm capital, £5,000 Converted from Capital to revenue, £14,549 local transport fund, and funds earmarked from 2017/18 as detailed in 6.5
- 6.4. The sum of £3,365 is proposed to be recycled back to unallocated balances for the Capital scheme shown in Appendix A Section 5.
- 6.5. The sums of £7,060 for hanging baskets and £14,550 for festive lighting has been earmarked to be funded from 2017/18 Public Realm Capital and Public Realm Capital converted to Revenue respectively, subject to budgets being made available within the 2017/18 budget cycle.
- 6.6. The budget for Sutton South, Cheam and Belmont Local Committee, subject to previously agreed schemes, recycled funds, agreement of the proposed schemes and confirmation of carry forward, is a total of £5,340 made up of £3,654 Public Realm capital, £0 transport related schemes, and £1,686 direct revenue funding. This is detailed in Appendix A, Section 6.

#### Legal

- 6.7. There are no specific Legal implications arising from this report.

#### Other impacts and implications (Equalities)

- 6.8. When Public Realm improvements are made as a result of decisions taken by the Local Committee, particular account is taken of the requirements under the Equality Act 2010.
- 6.9. The schemes described in this report have been subject to consultation with local residents, councillors, community representatives and partner organisations. Meetings are held in accessible venues and everyone is encouraged to take part and put forward their ideas.

## 7. Appendices and Background Documents

| Appendix letter | Title  |
|-----------------|--|
| A               | Area Improvements and Public Realm Programme |

| Background documents |
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| None                 |

| Audit Trail                          |       |   |
|--------------------------------------|-------|---|
| Version                              | Final | Date: 16 December 2016  |
| Consultation with other officers     |       |   |
| Finance                              | Yes   | Tony Cooke  |
| Legal                                | No    | N/A   |
| Other Officers:                      | Yes   | Consultation has been sought with the relevant Officers regarding sections in Appendix A, Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4. |
| Equality Impact Assessment required? | No    | N/A   |

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