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£51M FOR COMMUNITY SPEND

More than £51M has been allocated for community, social, employment and training initiatives by the London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC) for the financial year 1989/90.

This represents a significant increase on last year's expenditure of £9M and reflects the Corporation's further commitment to ensuring that local residents have the maximum opportunity to benefit from the regeneration which is taking place in Docklands.

The budget for the Community Services Division, headed by Elizabeth Filkin, will aim to generate education and training opportunities, provide low cost housing and develop the social facilities of London Docklands. Within these broad aims the following strategy areas have been identified for the current year:

Education, Adult Education, Training	£9.981M
Housing refurbishment	£4.274M
New build housing at affordable rents for local people (Winsor Park)	£20.500M

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London Borough of Tower Hamlets (LBTH) Accord and London Borough of Newham (LBN) Compact	£8.540M
Health	£0.687M
Social Services	£0.512M
Water recreation	£1.914M
Leisure & Recreation and Community Facilities	£2.877M
Community Development and Grants to voluntary organisations	£1.569M
Equality of Access	£0.210M
Total:	<hr/> £51.064M

The 1989/90 budget includes £24.8M for low cost housing for local people and a further bid for funds in this area is currently with the Department of the Environment for consideration.

Elizabeth Filkin, LDDC Director of Community Services said: "I am delighted that this budget has been allocated to our division. Since I joined the LDDC, last November, I have been building up a new team of staff to equip the Corporation with the skills and expertise to bring about many of the projects which are either underway or will begin shortly as a result of this budget. LDDC's expenditure adds to the very considerable sums spent by the Boroughs and other statutory agencies on social infrastructure and projects.

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"We all recognise that there is much to be done and my team looks forward to working in partnership with the local authorities, statutory and voluntary bodies, employers and local residents to ensure that the regeneration of London Docklands really benefits the local people."

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A selection of projects from the 1989/90 Community Services budget is attached.

EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS
IN THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS
1989/1990

Tower Hamlets Further Education College

£3.95M this year towards capital costs of the proposed Local Education Authority tertiary college at Stoneyard Lane. Further funds are available under the Tower Hamlets Accord.

Extension to the East London Compact

£75,000 towards extending the East London Compact, following the success of the earlier pilot project. In addition to helping school leavers find employment, the extended programme will encourage pupils to stay on after school leaving age for further education.

Gill Street Health Centre

£290,000 contribution towards the modernisation and extension of Gill Street Health Centre to create a larger, more pleasant and efficient primary health facility. Work will start on site in October and will be completed within 30 weeks. This project is being carried out in partnership with Tower Hamlets Health Authority.

Heart of the City

£125,000 towards the cost of computers and to help to provide computer expertise and project management for a new health screening service which will cover six local doctors' practices. The scheme, which will be run and staffed by a GP practice, Health Authority Staff and the Borough, will operate an adult preventative health programme. It will monitor over 300,000 patients over five years for signs of heart disorders, blood pressure and cervical problems.

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St. John's Estate

£106,000 towards external environmental improvements to the Estate in collaboration with the Borough.

Roche Estate

£2,765,000 towards a £5M programme of modernisation and refurbishment of 154 flats in the estate on a 50/50 partnership with Wapping Neighbourhood.

Island House Extension

As part of its arrangement with Tower Hamlets to fund local projects through the Accord, the LDDC is contributing £245,000 over the next three years (£5,000 in the first year) towards the funding of a new extension to the Community Centre to help meet local demand. The extension will particularly cater for the needs of the local Bengali community.

Mudchute

As part of the Accord, the LDDC will expect to allocate £500,000 towards funding additional buildings which will enable Mudchute to become self financing in future years. The works follow an earlier business plan which was prepared with the Mudchute by consultants.

The East End Festival

The LDDC is supporting The East End Festival (TEEF) with £18,000, which is 20% of its running costs per annum. This will continue for a three year period. Held each spring, TEEF stages performances, exhibitions, displays, films and other events in over 100 venues across the Borough, appealing to a wide audience. The Festival is also funded by the local neighbourhoods and various private charitable trusts.

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EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS
IN THE LONDON BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK
1989/1990

Construction Skills Training Centre

£159,000 towards the Centre which will provide training for up to 100 Docklands residents each year. Trainees will receive training at the Centre and on site before placement with employers. The scheme is also funded by the North Peckham Task Force and the Training Agency and is run by the construction company Jarvis.

Community Dental Care

£60,000 to part fund a community dental care scheme which will provide a dentist based at the Surrey Docks Health centre and also help fund research into the dental needs of the area to identify future resource levels.

Orchard House and Canada Estate

£190,000 to complete the final phase of noise insulation work to 159 flats in the Estate in Surrey Quays.

Swan Estate

£3,000 to help fund a study to look at the possibilities for the complete refurbishment of the Swan Estate in collaboration with the Borough. The refurbishment of this estate is being jointly funded by the Borough and the Corporation.

Osprey Estate

£21,000 towards a feasibility study looking at roof, window and external improvements to the Estate in collaboration with the Borough and tenants.

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Rotherhithe Leisure Centre

£290,000 towards the costs of phase two of the improvements to the Leisure Centre in collaboration with the Borough. This work includes a new fitness room, snooker room, solarium and sauna, improved disabled access, a creche and works to the social areas and the multi use space. Work has started and many of the facilities will be completed by September 1989.

Sports Development Programme

£43,000 towards the revenue and staffing for this joint LDDC/Borough project which initiates sporting opportunities throughout the Surrey Docks for all sectors of the community. This is the first year of a proposed three year programme of sports development.

St Michael's Roman Catholic Secondary School

£45,000 to fund improvements to the sports facilities at the school.

Walworth World of Work

£16,000 towards a scheme which is providing an integrated career curriculum throughout Walworth School aimed at raising awareness and fostering links between the school and industry. The scheme is also funded by the North Peckham Task Force and the private sector.

Surrey Docks Watersports Centre

£750,000 which completes a total LDDC spend of £1.1M towards the capital costs of a new watersports centre at Greenland Dock. The project has also been funded by the Inner London Education Authority (£600,000) and the Sports Council (£100,000) and will be run by the Borough. The building will be completed in November and should be operational in the New Year.

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Lavender Dock Pumphouse

£270,000 towards the costs of refurbishing the Pumphouse to provide an arts and education centre for the area. On completion of the work in September the centre will start to develop a varied programme of workshops, films, exhibitions and adult education classes as well as housing the Lavender Dock Schools Environmental Project and Ron Goode's heritage collection.

Computers in schools

£200,000 over the next few years to provide computer equipment, maintenance, in service training and staff support for both primary and secondary schools in both Tower Hamlets and Southwark. The project has been planned with Head Teachers and specialist staff from the Inner London Education Authority, to demonstrate the advantages of computer aided learning.

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EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS IN THE LONDON BOROUGH OF NEWHAM
1989/1990

Thames House

£350,000 towards the establishment of Thames House in the Royal Docks which will accommodate an annexe of the Newham Community College. This will allow the college to offer training associated with projected employment opportunities in the locality in construction, retail, office and hotel/catering skill areas.

Winsor Park

£20.5M grant to a consortium of Housing Associations to assist with the provision of more than 500 social housing units at Winsor park, part of the Rosehaugh Stanhope scheme for the north side of the Royal Albert Dock and Albert Basin. Funding will also be contributed by the Housing Corporation and the developer.

Rathbone, Queensland & Westland and Pier Estates

£103,000 at Rathbone, £116,000 at Queensland & Westland and £54,000 at Pier estates to fund external environmental improvements in collaboration with the Borough.

St Mark's Church Centre

£103,000 as final payment of total LDDC spend of over £2M towards the construction of a new Church and Community centre in Beckton which has brought together a number of different local churches. The building is being used for church services as well as a range of sport, leisure and social activities for adults, young people and children.

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Equestrian Centre

£17,000 to fund preliminary works in advance of a major budget provision to improve the facilities at the Newham Riding School. The school is a valuable leisure resource and offers the much-needed opportunity for local disabled people to go riding.

Royal Docks Watersports Centre

£100,000 towards the cost of initial plans for a major new community watersports centre at the western end of the Royal Victoria Dock, which is intended to start on site next year.

Newham Parents Centre

£104,000 over two years (£50,000 in the current year) to fund keyboard skills and childcare courses following the successful pilot scheme last year in which 59 local people achieved employment and 13 further training.