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LDDC ACTS OVER FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY BASED SCHEMES

During the past three months, the London Docklands Development Corporation has been working closely with voluntary bodies and other local groups in the area with a view to establishing the best means of funding community based schemes in Docklands.

This work was put in hand following the decision by the Secretary of State for the Environment last January to abandon the Government funded Urban Programme arrangements in the Docklands area. The LDDC has been especially concerned about the implications of that decision on voluntary sector activity and the part that this can play in the regeneration of the area.

While some doubt still exists about the precise extent of the LDDC's mandate to support community schemes (which will hopefully be resolved by the Secretary of State before the end of May), the Corporation has already created a procedure which should ensure the fullest consultation at local level on the way in which those LDDC resources that are available should be used.

The arrangements are as follows:

1. A group, representative of the voluntary sector and of the public agencies and covering the whole of Docklands, has already been set up. It advises on the overall allocation of the funds that are available and also upon the criteria which should be applied in deciding upon individual applications.

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2. Three similar, but smaller groups (one for each Borough) are currently being set up. These will be responsible for recommending which applications can be supported from the available resources.

3. Once these three (Borough based) groups have made their recommendations, the applications will be considered by the LDDC before going to the Department of the Environment for final approval.

Assuming that the LDDC will be permitted by the Secretary of State to deploy funds for community activity, £0.5m has been allocated from the 1982/3 budget for grants to well thought out voluntary sector capital and revenue schemes which would provide measurable benefits for the Docklands communities (for example, services for the needy, the extension of local amenities or the provision of jobs).

Existing, or proposed, organisations which could come up with a worthwhile scheme of benefit to the community are invited to act now. They should contact:-

London Borough of Southwark -

Ms Marilyn Taylor
Town Hall
Peckham Road
London SE5
Tel: 01 703 6311

Ms J Stiles/Ms J Bezman
Southwark Council of
Voluntary Services
135 Rye Lane
Peckham
London E5
Tel: 01 732 3731

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London Borough of Newham -

Newham Voluntary Agencies Council
Durning Hall
Earlham Grove
Forest Gate
London E7

London Borough of Tower Hamlets -

It is anticipated that the address for application forms will be determined in the near future. Until this address is available all enquiries and requests for the relevant forms should be addressed to:-

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