

Committee(s) Policy & Resources – For decision Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen’s Park - For information Education Board – For Information	Dated: 6 July 2017 17 July 2017 20 July 2017
Subject: STEM and Policy Education Programme Legacy – Policy Initiatives Fund Application	Public
Report of: Director of Open Spaces	For Decision
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Summary

The Hampstead Heath Ponds Project was a complex engineering and landscaping project which stimulated a great deal of interest within the local community. In 2014, the Policy and Resources Committee agreed to fund a 3 year education programme alongside this engineering project, to capitalise on the opportunities for learning the project presented in particular STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering and maths) and public policy and debate.

The 3 year project successfully engaged with over 3000 secondary school students from the local community, 850 primary school students, and partnered with BAM Nuttall, the Royal Geographical Institute and the Museum of London.

It is proposed that an additional year of funding be granted to embed the legacy of the project in the local community secondary schools. The next stage of the project will further enable school access by addressing the barriers of timetable restrictions and large year group sizes by providing teachers with the flexibility to run the activities themselves at a time which works for them.

This is line with the City’s educational strategy and related initiatives, and will complement the existing work of the learning team. The Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee supports the application.

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that:-

1. The Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen’s Park Committee and the Education Board support an application to the Policy Initiatives Fund to extend the STEM & Policy Education Programme for a further year
2. The Policy & Resources Committee approve that the Ponds Project Education Programme be funded for one additional year at a cost of £48,600 which can be met from the Policy Initiatives Fund, categorised as “Communities” and charged to City’s Cash.

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