

	Chipping Barnet Area Committee 13 January 2016
Title	Members' Item – Requests for Funding from Chipping Barnet Area Committee Budget Councillor East Barnet Festival (Councillor Philip Cohen)
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	Underhill
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Key	No
Enclosures	Appendix A – Area Committee Funding Application - Assessment Form
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Summary

The report informs the Chipping Barnet Area Committee of Requests for Funding submitted via Councillor Barry Rawlings in accordance with the revised Area Committee Budgets processes agreed in July 2015.

Recommendations

1. That the Chipping Barnet Area Committee consider the requests as highlighted at section 1.3 of the report.
2. That the Chipping Barnet Area Committee decide whether it wishes support a full application being made to the next meeting of the Chipping Barnet Area Committee as found at appendix A.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 In January 2015, the three Area Committees considered reports which detailed applications from community groups to the council's Area Committee Budgets funding stream (£100,000 per annum per Area Committee). In this process the various applications received were assessed by Officers against Area Committee Budgets Guidance and Conditions of Grant and then presented to the respective Area Committee for consideration. A number of funding awards were made and community groups have been utilising the funding for their various projects.
- 1.2 In July 2015, the three Area Committees considered reports which set out proposals for revised arrangements for Area Committee Budgets which included moving away from the open grants process which had been followed for the 2014/15 round of funding. Following consideration of the report, a revised system was adopted which gave the Area Committees an opportunity to plan and direct how they spend their funds in response to local issues which came forward from residents through a variety of routes. It was identified that potential projects might come forward via Members' Items brought to the relevant Area Committee.
- 1.3 Councillor Philip Cohen would like to support an application by the East Barnet Festival Committee for an allocation of £1600 so they can book a circus for their summer event.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Committee are requested to consider the requests for funding detailed in section 1 of the report and a determination is required whether the committee support the projects in principle and agree that detailed applications should come to the next meeting of the Committee.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Not applicable. The Area Committee agreed in July 2015 that applications to the Area Committee Budgets could come via Members' Items.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Post decision implementation will depend on the decision taken by the Committee. If the Committee indicate that they are in support of the funding proposals, a detailed application (made in accordance with the Area Committee Budgets application form) can be developed and submitted to the next committee for approval.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

- 5.1.1 If the Committee agrees in principle to the applications, the detailed applications will need to demonstrate how the projects link to the Council's Corporate Plan and other relevant policies.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

5.2.1 The Committee are able to consider items which are in line with the remit of the Committee. The Committee have been set a budget which enables the Committee to determine how this is spent. The following table gives an outline of area budget fund and therefore the Committee as £151,204 at its disposal.

Available Area Committee budgets:

	<i>Base budget 2015/16</i>	<i>Unallocated funds from 2014/15</i>	<i>CIL income</i>	<i>Allocation through Corporate Grants programme</i>	<i>Total 2015/16 allocation through Committees</i>
<i>Chipping Barnet</i>	£100,000	£51,204	£150,000	-£17,000	£284,204

5.3 Social Value

5.3.1 Request for Area Committee budget funding provide an avenue for Members to give consideration to funding requests which may have added social value.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.4.1 Council Constitution, Responsibility for Functions, Annex A t- details that the Policy & Resources Committee is responsible “To allocate a budget, as appropriate, for Area Committees and agree a framework for governing how that budget may be spent”
- 5.4.2 Council Constitution, Responsibility for Functions, Annex A details that the Area Committees “Administer any local budget delegated from Policy and Resources Committee for these committees in accordance with the framework set by the Policy and Resources Committee”,

6 Risk Management

6.1 None in the context of this report.

7. Equalities and Diversity

7.1 Requests for Funding allow Members of a Committee to bring a wide range of issues to the attention of a Committee in accordance with the Council’s Constitution. All of these issues must be considered for their equalities and diversity implications.

8. Consultation and Engagement

8.1 None in the context of this report.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 Email to the Governance Service on 1 January 2015.

9.2 Chipping Barnet Area Committee, 15 January 2015, Agenda Item 7, Area Committee Budget Funding Allocations:
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=711&MId=7982&Ver=4>

9.3 Chipping Barnet Area Committee, 2 July 2015, Agenda Item 8 , Review of Area Committee Operations and Delegated Budgets:
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=711&MId=8313&Ver=4>