

	Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee 30 March 2016
Title	Area Committee Grants Funding Budget Information
Report of	Interim Head of Finance, Commissioning Group
Wards	All
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Key	No
Enclosures	Appendix 1 – Allocation of grants and balance available
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Summary

On 10th June 2014, the Policy and Resources Committee agreed that £100,000 per year over the next four years should be allocated to each of the Council's three Area Committees, subject to agreement of detailed arrangements for the governance, accountability and prioritisation of these budgets by the Community Leadership Committee.

On 9th July 2015, the Policy & Resources Committee approved that income from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) would be delegated to the Council's Area Committees. Area Committees should be treated in the same way as Parish Councils and allocated 15% of the CIL receipts for their local area. This is to be capped at a total of £150,000 per year per constituency area and ring-fenced for spend on infrastructure schemes.

The funding from CIL is in addition to the £100,000 a year that is available to each Area Committee until 2017/18.

The unused balance at the end of 2014/15 was carried forward and added to the 2015/16 budget.

Detail as to the activity to date of the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee and the

balance available is attached at appendix 1 to this report.

A summary of the budget position is shown below:

Finchley & Golders Green	£
<u>General Reserve Budget</u>	
Unused Balance from 2014/15	14,637
Budget 2015/16	100,000
Total Available in 2015/16	114,637
Less: Allocated to corporate grants programme	(17,000)
Less: Allocate to a CIL project	(2,000)
Less: On hold	(20,000)
Available for the Committee to allocate	75,637
<u>CIL Reserve Budget</u>	
Budget 2015/16	150,000
Less: Allocated up to January 2016	(152,000)
Add: Allocate from General Reserve	2,000
	0
Total	75,637

The balance available at the end of the year, following approvals at this meeting, will be carried forward to 2016/17 and added to the budgets of £100,000 general reserve and £150,000 CIL Reserve.

Recommendations

- 1. That the Committee notes the amount available for allocations as set out in Appendix 1.**

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 This report indicates the allocation of funding to the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee, the approvals and payments to date. This will enable the Committee to determine the amounts that can be allocated at this, and future meetings.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Funding has been allocated to various organisations and this will enable the committee to note the amount available for future allocation.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 No alternative options were considered

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Decisions can be made by the Area Committee to allocate funding to organisations.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 The funding enables the Area Committee Budgets to contribute to the Corporate Plan's objective to promote family and community wellbeing and support engaged, cohesive and safe communities, by helping communities access the support they need to become and remain independent and resilient.

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

- This Area Committee has £75,637 available to allocate.
- Appendix 1 shows the amounts allocated and the committee balance remaining.
- The remaining balance following any allocations approved at this meeting will be transferred to a reserve and carried forward for use in the next financial year.

5.3 Social Value

- 5.3.1 Not applicable to this report

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

The Council's Constitution, Responsibility for Functions, Annex A, sets out the Terms of Reference for the Residents' Forums, Area Committees and Theme Committees. In relation to the area covered by the Committee:

(1) Consider matters raised at Residents Forums and determine how they are to be taken forward, including whether to request a report for a future meeting, refer to an Officer and/or ward councillors.

(2) Discharge any functions, within the budget and policy framework agreed by Policy and Resources, of the theme committees that they agree are more properly delegated to a more local level. These include but are not limited to:

- Town Centre Regeneration and Management water courses
- Refuse collection, litter, cleansing, waste and recycling
- Parks, open spaces, nature reserves, allotments, recreation and leisure facilities
- Libraries and Culture
- Cemeteries and Crematoria
- Day to day environmental issues and management of land on Council Housing Estates
- Local highways and safety schemes
- Sewers, drainage, public conveniences,

(3) 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.

(4) Powers to deal with small public works.

(5) Consider petitions which receive between 25 and 1,999 signatures. Area committees should not deal with issues that are specifically within the remit of other committees (e.g. Licensing), that should be exercised at a Borough wide level or that are outside the budget and policy framework.

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5.5 Risk Management

- There are no risks to the Council as a direct result of this report

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

There are no equalities and diversity issues as a direct result of this report.

5.7 Consultation and Engagement

5.7.1 None

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Policy & Resources Committee, 10 June 2013

<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s15260/Area%20Sub-Committees%20Budget%20Arrangements.pdf>

Community Leadership Committee, 11 September 2014

<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s17459/Community%20Participation%20Strategy%20-%20Area%20Committee%20Budget%20Arrangements%20and%20Wider%20Community%20Funding.pdf>

Policy & Resources Committee, 14 October 2014

<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s18280/Area%20Committee%20budget%20allocation%20proposals.pdf>

Policy & Resources Committee, 9 July 2015

<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s24360/Delegating%20a%20proportion%20of%20Community%20Infrastructure%20Levy%20CIL%20income%20to%20the%20Councils%20Area%20Committee.pdf>