

	<p>Chipping Barnet Area Committee</p> <p>30 March 2016</p>
<p>Title</p>	<p>Chairman’s Urgent Item – Woodside Park Garden Suburb Residents Association – Councillor Bridget Perry</p>
<p>Report of</p>	<p>Head of Governance</p>
<p>Wards</p>	<p>High Barnet</p>
<p>Status</p>	<p>Public</p>
<p>Urgent</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Key</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Enclosures</p>	<p>Appendix A – Application Form - Woodside Park Garden Suburb Residents Association – Councillor Bridget Perry</p>
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Summary

The report informs the Chipping Barnet Area Committee of a request for funding submitted by Councillor Perry in accordance with the revised Area Committee Budgets.

Recommendations

- 1. That the Chipping Barnet Area Committee consider the request detailed in Appendix A.**
- 2. That the Chipping Barnet Area Committee decide whether it wishes to:**
 - (a) support the application for funding, subject to due diligence tests being met;**
 - (b) defer the decision for funding for further information;**
 - (c) reject the application with reasons.**

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 In line with the provisions under Section 7 (Urgent Business) of the Constitution, Meeting Procedure Rules, the Chairman has decided to allow for an urgent item of business to be taken on the agenda in connection to the request for funding from the Area Committee Budget. A request has been received from Councillor Bridget Perry and therefore the Committee are requested to consider the attached application at Appendix A. The Committee are required to make a determination as set out in the recommendations.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 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 routes. It was identified that potential projects might come forward via Members' Items brought to the relevant Area Committee.
- 1.4 In March 2016, the Community Leadership Committee considered a report on the future operations of the Area Committee funding application process, to be implemented from 1 April 2016 onwards.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Committee are requested to consider the requests for funding detailed at Appendix A of the report and determination is required whether the committee support the project.

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 would be considered at the relevant Area Committee. The recommendations documented in this report are sensible approaches which allow the Committee to determine the attached appendix A appropriately and therefore no other recommendations are reported to the Committee.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Post decision implementation will depend on the decision taken by the Committee.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

- 5.1.1 If the Committee agrees to the application, the detailed application will need to demonstrate how the project links 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.

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 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 Chipping Barnet Area Committee, 2 July 2015, Item 9, Review of Area Committee Operations and Delegated Budgets
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=711&MId=8313&Ver=4>
- 9.2 Community Leadership Committee, 9 March 2016, Item 12, Area Committee non-Community Infrastructure Levy funding Criteria and Process
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=694&MId=8370&Ver=4>