



Chipping Barnet Area Committee

6 July 2016

Title	Area Committee Budgets: 2014/15 Outcomes and Financial Update
Report of	Head of Finance Head of Governance
Wards	Underhill, High Barnet, East Barnet, Oakleigh, Brunswick Park, Coppetts and Totteridge
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Summary

This report provides the Chipping Barnet Area Committee with the outcomes of projects that received Area Committee funding in 2014/15. Furthermore this report provides an update on Area Committee funding and expenditure during 2014/15 and 2015/16 as reported to the Policy and Resources Committee.

Recommendations

1. That the Chipping Barnet Area Committee note that the Policy and Resources Committee received the Annual Update on Area Committee Budgets on 28 June 2016
2. That the Chipping Barnet Area Committee note and comment on the report and the information as set out in Appendix A and B.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 The Chipping Barnet Area Committee agreed on 15 January 2015 that a report should be provided to the Committee to outline the outcomes of the projects that received funding during the 2014/15 financial year. Successful applicants were required to submit a photograph that demonstrated that their project had been completed and a brief written update; this information is detailed in Appendix A.
- 1.2 The Policy and Resources Committee received an annual update report on 28 June 2016 which outlined the budget allocations for the Area Committees during 2014/15 and 2015/16. Members of the Chipping Barnet Area Committee are therefore requested to note the financial information as documented in Appendix B.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 On 10 June 2014, the Policy and Resources Committee agreed that £100,000 per year over a four year period 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.
- 2.2 On 11 September 2014, the Community Leadership Committee approved proposals for a process to allocate Area Committee budgets, designed to:
 - Be open, transparent, simple and non-bureaucratic; and
 - Give Area Committees maximum flexibility and discretion to respond to local need, and assign Members a leading role.
- 2.3 On 14 October 2014, the Policy and Resources Committee agreed the process for allocating Area Committee Budgets.
- 2.4 The first round of applications closed on 15 December 2014 and the applications were been assessed by officers and presented to the Area Committee for consideration. A total of 16 applications were considered for funding at the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee which took place in January 2015.
- 2.5 On 15 January 2015 the Committee considered the applications for funding that were compliant with the Conditions of Grant and the criteria that were set out in the Area Committee Budgets Guidance. The guidance outlined that successful applicants would be asked to submit a photograph demonstrating that their project was complete and brief written update on the result which would form part of an annual report to the Area Committees each year.
- 2.6 The Committee are requested to consider and comment on the information set out within the appendices.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

None.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Following decision from the committee, a further report will be submitted to committee in the following year for projects funded by Area Committee Budgets during 2015/16.

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 objectives of: promoting family and community wellbeing; and supporting engaged, cohesive and safe communities, by helping them to access the support they need to become and remain independent and resilient.

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

- The budget allocated to each Area Committee is £100,000 per year for 2014/15-2017/18 to be spent on projects which promote the economic, social or environmental wellbeing of an area (non-CIL funding) and a variable CIL budget (capped at £150,000) that can only be used for the provision, improvement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure.
- Local residents, organisations or voluntary/community groups are eligible to apply for funding from the committee. The committee can make awards of up to £9,999 and have discretion to fund larger projects if necessary.
- Awards were subject to an application process where the application was approved at the committee meeting subject to certain criteria being met. The total allocation of funding across all three Area Committees in 2014/15 has been £208,055.00. In Finchley and Golders Green the allocation of funding was £82,362.
- The allocations from the non-CIL Area Committee budget for each of the three Area Committees is detailed in the report to Policy and Resources Committee of 28th June 2016.

5.2 Social Value

5.2.1 The Area Committee grants approves funding to applicants that aim to deliver a project that will benefit the local area covered by that committee. In addition, the conditions for eligibility for funding include:

- Improve community safety;

- Improve local mental and physical health, physical activity and independence;
- Support local people to improve their skills or find employment;
- Provide support to local businesses;
- Improve the local environment.

5.2.2 Projects should demonstrate the wider benefit to the community.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

5.3.1 No legal reference was required for this report.

5.3.2 Council Constitution, Responsibility for Functions, Annex A-the terms of reference of the Area Committees includes:

- Administer any local budget delegated by Policy and Resources Committee for these committees in accordance with the framework set by the Policy and Resources Committee.

5.4 Risk Management

5.4.1 There are no risks to the council as a result of this report

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

5.5.1 The due diligence carried out for the Area Committee budget allocations and the regular review of the process has allowed the Council to comply with the Public Sector Equality Duty placed on it under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 specifically to:

- Check that project proposals are inclusive and consider any equality implications they may raise
- Identify any equality considerations relevant to the broader allocation of resources more effectively than it can at present
- Gain a more comprehensive understanding of the needs of different groups in the community through the additional insight gained by reviewing the projects proposed

5.5 Consultation and Engagement

N/A

5.8 Insight

5.8.1 None.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 Chipping Barnet Area Committee , January 2015, Area Committee Budget Allocations
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=712&MId=7985&Ver=4>
- 6.2 Policy and Resources Committee, June 2016, Area Committee Budgets Update
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=692&MId=8728&Ver=4>