



Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee

16 February 2017

Title	Area Committee Grants Funding
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 – General Reserve Appendix 2 – allocation of grants, spend and balance available – CIL Reserve
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Summary

This report is to update Members of the budget allocations for the Area Committee, to enable consideration of further applications for funding during 2016/17.

Recommendations

1. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee notes the amount available for allocation during 2016/17, as set out in Appendices 1 and 2.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 This report indicates the allocation of funding to the Finchley and 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.
 - 1.2 On 10th June 2014, the Policy and Resources Committee agreed that £100,000 per year over the next four years (up to and including 2017/18) 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.
 - 1.3 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.
 - 1.4 The budget allocation for the CIL receipts in 2015/16 was based on the maximum of £150,000. The CIL receipts for 2015/16 have now been verified and the amount due to this area committee was £130,060, therefore a reduction of £19,940 has been made to the budget allocation for 2016/17.
 - 1.5 The CIL element had over allocated in 2015/16 by £2,500 so this has been reduced from the 2016/17 budget.
 - 1.6 The unused balance for the general reserve at the end of 2015/16 was carried forward and added to the 2016/17 budget.
 - 1.7 The amounts approved from the CIL reserve were based on estimates from the service department, with a view that should the estimate prove to be understated there would be no further call on the area committee budgets, without an additional approval. Expenditure exceeding 20% of the original estimate will require an explanation to enable the committee to agree any additional funding. The actual costs of the works have now been analysed and this report enables members to compare with the estimate. There are two schemes where expenditure is 20% above the estimate (see 2. below).
 - 1.8 The net underspend on the CIL funded projects has been added to the balance available.
 - 1.9 Detail as to the activity to date of this Area Committee and the balance available are attached at appendix 1 and appendix 2 to this report.
- CIL activity**
- 1.10 Farm Avenue, Hocroft Avenue and Lyndale – weight restriction consultation (2016/17): the approval was for £2,500 however survey costs are higher than

expected which has increased the expected spend to £3,000, an increase of £500.

- 1.11 FRS synagogue and Kindergarten, Fallow Court Avenue (2015/16): there were delays due to objections to the original proposals and the final scheme, which have increased costs from £2,500 to £3,000, an increase of £500.
- 1.12 The Vale CPZ extension: this has now been agreed to be funded from LIP, therefore the £7,000 can be reallocated to the CIL reserve.
- 1.13 Hampstead Way/Asmunds Place CPZ review: the original scheme is now complete, the underspend of £2,658 is required to implement changes to the scheme.
- 1.14 Garden suburb CPZ: this is now part of another scheme so £5,000 can be reused.

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 from the area committee general reserves based on member supported applications and from the area committee CIL reserve for requests for infrastructure related surveys and works.

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)

- Appendices 1 and 2 show 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 Area Committees. In relation to the area covered by the Committee:

- (4) 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.

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 equality and diversity issues as a direct result of this report.

5.7 Consultation and Engagement

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

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Policy & Resources Committee, 10 June 2014

<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>