

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>15 February 2017</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Title</b></p>	<p><b>Member's Item – Application for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funding</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Report of</b></p>	<p>Head of Governance</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Wards</b></p>	<p>Garden Suburb, Woodhouse, East Finchley, Childs Hill</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Status</b></p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Urgent</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Key</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Enclosures</b></p>	<p>None</p>
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## Summary

This report informs the Area Committee the requests for CIL funding have been submitted. The Committee are requested to consider the information highlighted within this report and make a determination on its desired course of action in accordance with its powers.

## Recommendations

1. That the Area Committee consider the requests as highlighted in section 1 of the report.
2. That the Area Committee decide whether it wishes to:
  - (a) agree the requests and note the implications to the Committee's CIL funding budget;
  - (b) defer the decision for funding for further information; or
  - (c) reject the application, giving reasons.

## 1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 Three requests for funding from the Committee's allocated CIL budget have been raised. The requests are as follows:

Title	Speed survey on Hampstead Way between Meadway and Wellgarth Road and the possibility of introducing a controlled crossing.
Raised by (Councillor)	John Marshall
Ward	Garden Suburb
Area Committee	Finchley and Golders Green
Member Request	The possibility of speed survey on Hampstead Way between Meadway and Wellgarth Road and the possibility of introducing a controlled crossing.
Funding Required (£)	tbc

Title	
Raised by (Councillor)	Peter Zinkin
Ward	Childs Hill
Area Committee	Finchley and Golders Green
Member Request	To ask officers to take the necessary steps to replace the single yellow line outside the garage entrance at Annabel Court Hodford Rd NW11 with a double yellow line to ensure safe egress from the garage.
Funding Required (£)	tbc

Title	Safety in Hendon Lane N3
Raised by (Councillor)	Graham Old
Ward	Finchley Church End
Area Committee	Finchley & Golders Green
Member Request	<p>There was recently a serious accident in Hendon Lane just south of the junction with Windsor Road. This accident has highlighted longstanding concerns about the speed of traffic negotiating the stretch of Hendon Lane between Cyprus Avenue and Wickliffe Avenue where the road bends and narrows. The VAS which has been operating in Hendon Lane for some years only works intermittently and appears to be having an increasingly diminishing effect on the speed of traffic. Some residents have requested yellow lines to facilitate visibility for traffic emerging from the side roads off Hendon Lane, whilst others have opposed this on the grounds that ending parking on certain stretches will only encourage motor traffic to travel faster.</p> <p>Instead it has been suggested that the pedestrian refuge near the junction with Arden Road might be made a pedestrian or pedestrian controlled crossing. This would be of great assistance to the many people wishing to cross the road at this point to go to or from the neighbouring bus stops. It should also have the effect of slowing traffic thus making it safer for the traffic coming out of the side roads. This location is also roughly mid way between, but also a considerable distance from, two existing pedestrian crossings in Hendon Lane.</p> <p>I should like the Committee to authorise officers to look into this and see whether a crossing at this or a nearby location might be a sensible way forward.</p>
Funding Required (£)	TBA by officers

Title	Electricity Supply Pillar for Community Events
Raised by (Councillor)	Arjun Mittra
Ward	East Finchley
Area Committee	Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee
Member Request	Arjun Mittra
Funding Required (£)	£5,000.00

Title	Speed control measures for Church Lane N2
Raised by (Councillor)	Cllr Alison Moore

Ward	East Finchley
Area Committee	Finchley and Golders Green
	The addition of more visible 20mph limit signage in Church Lane N2 has made some impact on the
Title	Hervey Road and Ballards Lane junction
Raised by (Councillor)	Cllr Ross Houston
Ward	West Finchley Ward
Area Committee	Finchley and Golders Green
Member Request	<p>The urgency for this is that Church Lane is scheduled for micro-asphalt treatment in Year 4 of the Recovery programme and it would make sense for measures to be considered before that work is done to ensure no money is wasted.</p> <p>The parking control hours on the northern side of Hervey Close N3 at the junction with Ballards Lane are 8am to 6.30pm Monday to Saturday. There is no parking allowed on the southern side during these hours.</p> <p>My request is that money be set aside to allow such a proposal to be worked up and subjected to consultation. After these hours however there is unrestricted parking on both sides at that junction. This effectively reduces Hervey Close to one lane at that point allowing just one vehicle at a time through in either direction.</p> <p>In addition, following a series of dangerous incidents where vehicles deliberately travelled over the bridge in violation of the one-way, I would request that enhanced signage or other measures be considered before a serious accident occurs on the bridge.</p> <p>As a consequence motorists on Ballards Lane needing to enter Hervey Close are often obliged to queue and wait there until they can get through. On occasion motorists have to reverse back out of Hervey Close into the main road, Ballards Lane.</p> <p>Unknown</p> <p>I understand that the best way forward would be for a Traffic Engineer to review this situation and look for a simple and quick solution to be implemented with the restrictions at this junction in order to ensure the safe and free flow of traffic into Hervey Close. I ask that Committee should approve this and consider any budget implications.</p>
Funding Required (£)	Unknown

## **2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1.2 As identified above Members of the Council have requested that the Committee consider requests for CIL funding. In line with guidance for Members' route to support applications for CIL funding, the Committee is asked to determine the desired course of action.
- 1.3 CIL funding can be used to fund a wide range of infrastructure (as outlined in section 216(2) of the Planning Act 2008, and regulation 59, as amended) to support the development of a local area. The Act specifically names roads and transport, flood defences, schools and education facilities, medical facilities and recreational facilities; but is not restrictive. Therefore the definition can extend to allow the levy to fund a very broad range of facilities provided they are 'infrastructure'.
- 1.4 Further examples are: play areas, parks and green spaces, cultural and sports facilities, district heating schemes, police stations and community safety facilities. The flexibility in how the funds can be applied is designed to give local areas the opportunity to choose the infrastructure they need to deliver their Local Plan.
- 1.5 Guidance states that the levy is intended to focus on the provision of new infrastructure and should not be used to remedy pre-existing deficiencies in infrastructure provision, unless those deficiencies will be made more severe by new development. Therefore if funds are intended to be used to address existing deficiencies, it is recommended that funds are used to either increase the capacity of existing infrastructure or to repair failing existing infrastructure, where it is recognised as necessary to support development in the area.
- 1.6 Guidance states that local authorities must allocate at least 15% of levy receipts to spend on priorities that should be agreed with the local community in areas where development is taking place. Therefore a decision was made to honour the provision of a 15% contribution to each of the Council's Area Committee. This is capped at £150k per committee per year.
- 1.7 Applications relating to requests should be made to this Area Committee via Members' Items as outlined in the Council's Constitution. In line with guidance, applications submitted by Members should receive an initial assessment by an appropriate Officer, and should be accompanied by a recommendation (i.e. that the Committee should support or refuse the application).
- 1.8 Members should note that the committee has the power to discharge CIL-related environmental infrastructure projects and therefore has joint budget responsibility across the Area Committees which can be spent in 2017/18. Furthermore it is noted that any request can be considered only by this Committee if it is in line with its terms of reference as contained in the Council's Constitution.

## **2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED**

2.1 Not applicable.

## **3. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION**

3.1 Post decision implementation depends on the decision taken by the Committee, and the assessing officer's recommendation.

## **4. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION**

### **4.1 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

4.1.1 The Committee has an allocated budget for Barnet Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) from which it can award funds to Area Committee grant applications. Any allocation of funds will be assessed by Officers.

4.1.2 The Committee is able to award funding of up to £25,000 per project for CIL Funding. Requests for funding must be in line with the Council's priorities which are outlined in the Corporate Plan 2015 – 2020.

### **4.2 Social Value**

4.2.1 Requests for CIL funding provide an avenue for Members to give consideration to funding requests which may have added social value.

### **4.3 Legal and Constitutional References**

5.3.1 Council Constitution, Article 7 contains the responsibilities of the Area Committees, which includes to: "Determine the allocation of Community Infrastructure Levy funding within the constituency up to a maximum of £25,000 per scheme / project in each case subject to sufficient of the budget allocated to the committee being unspent."

### **4.4 Risk Management**

4.4.1 None in the context of this report.

### **4.5 Equalities and Diversity**

4.5.1 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.

### **4.6 Consultation and Engagement**

4.6.1 None in the context of this report.

## **5. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 5.1 Meeting of the Community Leadership Committee 8 March 2016 Area Committee Funding – Savings from non- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) budgets:  
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s38413/Area%20Committee%20Funding%20Savings%20from%20non-%20Community%20Infrastructure%20Levy%20CIL%20budgets.pdf>
- 5.2 Review of Area Committees – operations and delegated budgets (24 June 2015):  
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s24009/Area%20Committees%20%20Community%20Leadership%20Committee%2025%20June%202015%20-%20FINAL.pdf>