



Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee

15 February 2018

Title	Area Committee Funding - Community Infrastructure Levy update
Report of	Finance Manager, Commissioning Group
Wards	Childs Hill, East Finchley, Finchley Church End, Garden Suburb, Golders Green, West Finchley, Woodhouse
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Key	No
Enclosures	Appendix 1 – Allocation of awards, 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 applications for funding during 2017/18.

Recommendations

1. That the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee notes the amount available for allocation during 2017/18, as set out in Appendix 1
2. That the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee notes the amount of re-allocated underspends & overspends in Section 2.1

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 This report indicates the allocation of funding to the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee (Area Committee). This will enable the Area Committee to determine the amounts that can be allocated at this, and future meetings.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 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 15% of the original estimate will require an explanation to enable the committee to agree any additional funding.
- 1.4 This report includes an analysis of the actual costs of the works and enables members to compare with the estimate. The net underspend on the CIL funded projects are added to the balance available where applicable.
- 1.5 Detail as to the activity to date of this Area Committee and the balance available are attached at Appendix 1 to this report.

2. CIL activity

- 2.1 The latest position shows expenditure to December 2017. The total amount of underspends from 2015 – 2017 is £0.106m, whilst the total funded overspends on schemes total £0.006m.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Funding has been allocated to various organisations and/or projects and this will enable the Area Committee to note the amount available for future allocation.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 4.1 No alternative options were considered

5. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 5.1 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.

6. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

6.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 6.1.1 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.

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

- 6.2.1 Appendix 1 shows the amount allocated and the committee balance remaining of £0.057m

6.3 Social Value

- 6.3.1 Not applicable to this report

6.4 Legal and Constitutional References

- 6.4.1 CIL is a planning charge that was introduced by the Planning Act 2008 to help deliver infrastructure to support the development in an area. It came into force on 6 April 2010 through the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 as amended ("the Regulations").
- 6.4.2 Section 216 of the Planning Act 2008 lists some examples of infrastructure which CIL can fund. The Council as the Charging Authority has published a Regulation 123 List (of the Regulations) which lists infrastructure that will be funded wholly or in part by CIL.
- 6.4.3 Regulation 59 (f)(3) of the Regulations as amended allow the Council, as the Charging Authority to use the CIL to support the development of the relevant area by funding the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure or, anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.
- 6.4.4 As a result of this, 15% of the CIL budget is allocated to the Area Committee.
- 6.4.5 Council Constitution, Article 7, Committees, Forums, Working Groups and Partnerships – the terms reference of Area Committees include:

5) 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.

6.5 Risk Management

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

6.6 Equalities and Diversity

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

6.7 Consultation and Engagement

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

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

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>