

	<p style="text-align: center;">Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">13 June 2018</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Title</p>	<p>Member's Item – Application for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funding</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Report of</p>	<p>Head of Governance</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Wards</p>	<p>Garden Suburb, Woodhouse, West Finchley, East Finchley, Childs Hill</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Status</p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Urgent</p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Key</p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Enclosures</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	Lighting and the Central Square Minyan
Raised by (Councillor)	John Marshall
Ward	Garden Suburb
Area Committee	Finchley and Golders Green
Member Request	To consider funding for the lighting of the Central Square Minyan.
Funding Required (£)	tbc

Title	
Raised by (Councillor)	Cllr Geof Cooke
Ward	Woodhouse/West Finchley
Area Committee	Finchley and Golders Green
Member Request	Legible London signage for pedestrians around North Finchley
Funding Required (£)	£5,000 (based on sum approved by the committee for Cricklewood)

Title	Request for zebra crossing to connect Childs Hill Park and Basing Hill Park across The Vale
Raised by (Councillor)	Cllr Arjun Mittra
Ward	East Finchley
Area Committee	Finchley and Golders Green
Member Request	<p>Residents of the Granville Road Estate have requested a zebra crossing over The Vale to connect Childs Hill Park and Basing Hill Park.</p> <p>A zebra crossing would enable safer and wider access to both parks.</p> <p>I ask that the Area Committee instruct officers to conduct a feasibility study for a zebra crossing at this location, including consultation with residents, and report back to this Committee with a recommendation as to if it should be funded.</p>

Funding Required (£)	Tbc
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Title	Assessment and enabling works for a Forest School at Tarling Road open space.
Raised by (Councillor)	Cllr Alison Moore
Ward	East Finchley
Area Committee	Finchley and Golders Green
Member Request	<p>There is an initial proposal to use the wooded open space adjacent to the new Tarling Road Community Hub (currently under construction) as a Forest School. This would support local children and young people and would complement the adjacent centre.</p> <p>Council officers and community members have visited the site and discussed the outline proposal.</p> <p>The site, which consists of mixed woodland has been largely undisturbed for more than 10 years and thus developed as a mixed wildlife habitat. In order to determine the work that needs to be done to the site to enable it to be developed as a Forest School, formulate a project plan and make bids for external funding, a proper assessment of the site and initial selective clearance will need to be undertaken.</p> <p>This application is seeking modest financial support to enable this work, which may require a specialist contractor, to take place as soon as possible. There is potential to involve young people, once it has been established that the site is safe.</p>
Funding Required (£)	Officers estimate that it may cost up to £5000 to carry out the initial assessment and clearance but a more detailed set of figures would be available should this come to the committee.

Title	WheeliO
Raised by (Councillor)	Cllr. Shimon Ryde
Ward	Childs Hill
Area Committee	Finchley and Golders Green
Member Request	<p>WheeliO is a community led project set up to promote health and well being of the local community. WheeliO is run by THOCH (a registered charity) and is based in Basing Hill Park within Childs Hill, a ward with pockets of deprivation and social housing.</p> <p>The WheeliOis project funded by TfL over a three year period. Since its launch on 21st April 2018 over 120 residents have participated in WheeliO's sessions run on Saturday between 12-2pm.</p> <p>Currently Wheelio has 20 bikes (3 e-bikes, 5 bmx's, 2 folding bikes and 10 hybrid mountain bikes). The bikes are stored in Basing Hill Park in a container provided by LB Barnet. Additionally, Barnet's Safe and Sustainable Team funds cycling instructors who attend sessions and provide free individual and group training.</p> <p>WheeliO seeks funding of £7400.39 (inc VAT) for 10 additional e-bikes and associated items to meet demand of those participating and a power source that will allow the scheme to continue its sustainability and growth through offering additional avenues for the project such as pop-up events and operating in other areas of the park.</p> <p>Appendix 1 shows a full breakdown of the items and costs.</p>
Funding Required (£)	£7400.39 (inc VAT)

Appendix 1 to Cllr. Ryde's Member's Item:



THOCH WHEELIO BREAKDOWN COST

Quantity	Items	Cost
1	GOAL ZERO YETI 1400 LITHIUM POWER STATION WITH WIFI	£1800
1	BOULDER 100 SOLAR PANEL BRIEFCASE	£300
1	YETI LITHIUM ROLL CART	£60
1	MPPT SOLAR CHARGING OPTIMIZATION YETI LITHIUM MODULE	£80
1	ANDERSON 15FT EXTENSION CABLE	£30
2	BATAVIA CROCK LOCK WORKBENCH	£134.99 X 2= £269.98
10	COYOTE CONNECT ELECTRIC FOLDING BIKE – BLACK WITH BAFS	£450.00 each x 10= £4500
10	IMMOBI TAG ELECTRONIC CYCLE PROTECTION	£15.00 each X 10= £150
10	HELMETS	£15.00 each X 10= £150
13	KRYPTONITE EVOLUTION MINI-7 FLEXFRAME LOCK WITH 4-FEET KRYPTOFLEX CABLE - BLACK/ORANGE	£38.41
13	KRYPTONITE KRYPTOFLEX 30FT CABLE LOCK (10MM X 9.3)	£22
TOTAL		£7,400.39

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 2018/19. 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>