



Hendon Area Committee

26 June 2019

Title	Member's Item – Application for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funding
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	Mill Hill, Hendon, Edgware, West Hendon, Colindale
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Key	No
Enclosures	<p>Appendix 1-3 Application and quote for Funds for external Gym for Copthall School.</p> <p>Appendix 4 – Layout of the kitchen area of the community hub at Mill Hill library.</p> <p>Appendix 5 – Proposal to improve the external areas of OneStonegrove.</p> <p>Appendix 6-8 – Proposal and quote for refurbishment of the Hasmorean Primary School Reception Playground.</p> <p>Appendix 9 – Information and photos on Brent View Road.</p>
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Summary

This report informs the Hendon Area Committee that six 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.

Officers Recommendations

1. That the Area Committee consider the request as highlighted in section 1 of the report.

2. That the Area Committee decide whether it wishes to:

(a) agree the request 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 Six requests for funding from the Committee's allocated CIL budget have been raised. The requests are as follows:

1 Title	External exercise equipment for Copthall School
Raised by (Councillor)	Councillor Val Duschinsky
Ward	Mill Hill
Member Request	<p>Funding for exercise equipment in the Copthall School grounds. The current internal gym at the school is small and windowless and much of the equipment no longer works. An external gym would provide exercise equipment that could be used at break and lunch by students and aid the PE department in delivering exciting PE lessons and increasing fitness of the students.</p> <p>No special ground works would be required as the school already has suitable, flat, grassy area for the external gym. Grass matting would be used to protect the ground and to provide cushioning for the students. The company providing the gym would do the installation.</p> <p>The external gym is built to withstand all weathers and will require very little maintenance.</p> <p><i>Further information and quotes are attached as appendix 1-3 of this report.</i></p>

Funding Required (£)	£12,000
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2 Title	Kitchen equipment for the community hub area of Mill Hill library
Raised by (Councillor)	Councillor Golnar Bokaei
Ward	Mill Hill
Member Request	<p>Request for kitchen equipment for the community hub area of Mill Hill library.</p> <p>The main purpose will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To enable partnerships with Young Barnet and their initiative, which will help meet the core purpose as a charity but also with additional ongoing funding. - To enable hosting of regular monthly quiz nights, 'celebrity' chef dinners as ongoing fund raising for the Hub. - To expand capabilities as a venue. <p><i>A layout of the kitchen is provided in Appendix 4 of this report.</i></p>
Funding Required (£)	£10,000

3 Title	Improvements to the external areas of OneStonegrove
Raised by (Councillor)	Cllr Brian Gordon
Ward	Edgware
Member Request	<p>Improvements to the external areas of OneStonegrove. The external area of the centre is currently covered with a hard permeable covering, and is used as a play area for the youth club & other local children, plus also an occasional overflow car park. The surface was provided as an ideal compromise for the two purposes, but unfortunately has turned out</p>

	<p>to be not ideal for either.</p> <p>Plans for improvements include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New fencing to replace the current damaged fencing. - New play surface - Basketball hoop - Parkletics exercise equipment <p>Before the Stonegrove estate construction, there were open spaces and a play park closer to people's homes here. Creating this new multi-use area will encourage exercise across all ages on the estate, increasing physical and mental well-being amongst residents, and bringing a not very well used area into regular use.</p> <p><i>Further information regarding the proposed improvements and budget are provided in Appendix 5 of this report.</i></p>
Funding Required (£)	Requested £25,000

4 Title	Proposal for the Refurbishment of the Hasmonian Primary School Reception Playground.
Raised by (Councillor)	Councillor Nizza Fluss
Ward	West Hendon
Member Request	<p>The Reception playground at Hasmonian is in need of some significant attention. The existing covering does not provide adequate protection for the children in either the hot or wet weather, and the equipment is dated and broken in places. This proposal covers new play equipment and an outdoor shelter.</p> <p><i>Further information regarding the proposed improvements and budget are provided in Appendix 6-8 of this report.</i></p>
Funding Required (£)	£11,500

5 Title	Zebra Crossing on Grahame Park Way
Raised by (Councillor)	Councillor Nagus Narenthira
Ward	Colindale
Member Request	Install a Zebra crossing on Field mead between Grahame Park Way and the mini round about for parents of the Orion School to use when bringing children to and from school. This has become necessary because of the parking restrictions imposed by CPZ
Funding Required (£)	TBC

6 Title	Double yellow lines and removal of small part of parking bay
Raised by (Councillor)	Councillor Saira Don
Ward	West Hendon
Member Request	<p>Brent View Road is a one way street. When vehicles park on the yellow lines on the first bend of the road, vehicles find it difficult to manoeuvre through the bend.</p> <p>Adjoining the bend is a car park entrance for a block of flats. Residents who live in the block of flats face great difficulty to drive out of the car park and turn left onto the one way system, firstly because immediately opposite there is a disabled bay and when vehicles are parked at the parking bay on the left of the car park entrance, the gap for the vehicles to turn left is very narrow. Some vehicles even park up on the yellow line up to the edge of the car park.</p> <p>Residents are in urgent need to have double yellow lines installed at the areas marked red on the photographs and seek to reduce the parking pay by either half or one size of a vehicle which is situated on the left of the car park entrance. They do not seek to make any changes to the disabled bay on the opposite side.</p> <p>The removal of a small part of the bay will not be detrimental to the residents or the street as the whole road has adequate parking. The installation of the double yellow lines will help vehicles to manoeuvre through the bend smoothly and does not affect residents parking</p> <p><i>Further information and photos are provided in Appendix 9 to this report.</i></p>
Funding Required (£)	TBC

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 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 defenses, 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'.

- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 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.
- 2.5 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.
- 2.6 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).
- 2.7 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.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Not applicable; Members of the Council are able to submit applications for non-CIL funding to the Area Committee Budgets via Members' Items. As a result, the Committee are requested to consider the Ward Members request and determine. Therefore, no other recommendation is provided from Officers.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

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

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 The funding enables the Area Committee Budgets to contribute to Barnet's 2024 Corporate Plan objective to promote a pleasant, well maintained borough that we protect

and invest in, by keeping the borough moving, including improvements to roads and pavements, getting the best of out of our parks by looking after and investing in our greenspaces and investing in community facilities to support a growing population.

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

5.2.1 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.

5.2.2 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 2019 – 2024.

5.3 **Social Value**

5.3.1 Requests for Area Committee budget funding provide an avenue for Members to give consideration to funding requests which may have added social value.

5.4 **Legal and Constitutional References**

5.4.1 Council Constitution, Article 7, Section 7.5 Responsibility for Functions details that the Area Committee is responsible for determining 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 being allocated to the Committee being unspent.

5.4.2 Council Constitution, Article 2 Members of the Council, Section 2.3 states any Member will be permitted to have one matter only (with no sub items) on the agenda for an Area Committee where the Member is sponsoring an application to an Area Committee Budget. Member's items sponsoring an application to the Area Committee Budget must be submitted 10 clear working days before the meeting. Items received after that time will only be dealt with at the meeting if the Chairman agrees they are urgent.

5.5 **Risk Management**

5.5.1 None in the context of this report.

5.6 **Equalities and Diversity**

5.6.1 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.

5.7 **Corporate Parenting**

5.7.1 None in the context of this report.

5.8 Consultation and Engagement

5.8.1 None in the context of this report.

5.8 Insight

5.8.2 None in the context of this report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 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>
- 6.2 Review of Area Committees – operations and delegated budgets (24/06/2015): <https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s24009/Area%20Committees%20%20Community%20Leadership%20Committee%2025%20June%202015%20-%20FINAL.pdf>