

	<h2>Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee</h2> <h3>9 July 2019</h3>
<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>Childs Hill, Garden Suburb</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
<p>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.</p>

Recommendations
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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 The following requests for funding from the Committee's allocated CIL budget have been raised:

Title	Improvements requested for Greenfield Gardens NW2
Raised by (Councillor)	Anne Clarke
Ward	Childs Hill
Area Committee	Finchley and Golders Green
Member Request	<p>I would like the committee to consider funding the following improvements to Greenfield Gardens NW2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the feasibility of converting the 8 business parking bays in Greenfield Gardens in NW2 to resident parking bays, with one bay to be a bicycle hangar. As far as I am aware, no businesses are linked to these business bays and residents would like the extra parking spaces.
Funding Required (£)	Officers to confirm required funding

Title	Northway Gardens
Raised by (Councillor)	Rohit Grover
Ward	Garden Suburb
Area Committee	Finchley and Golders Green
Member Request	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - planting attractive Trees and Shrubs for year round interest. Quoted approved cost c£4300. - Urgent repairs to a major foot bridge over the Mutton Brook, currently slippery and unsafe. Quoted cost by Barnet approved contractor £4000. - - Lay down some 12,000 litres of wood chip, compost and grit to nourish the neglected soil and stop Weeds and Tree seedlings. c£712 (incl VAT).

	- To install two new Benches and 8 new Rubbish Bins in a neglected area. c£1100
Funding Required (£)	£10,612

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 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'.
- 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.

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

5.1.1 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.

5.1.2 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.

5.2 Social Value

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

5.3 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."

5.4 Risk Management

5.4.1 None in the context of this report.

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

5.5.1 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.

5.6 Consultation and Engagement

5.6.1 None in the context of this report.

5.7. Corporate Parenting

5.7.1. Not applicable in the context of this report

5.8. Insight

5.8.1. None in 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 June 2015): <https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s24009/Area%20Committees%20%20Community%20Leadership%20Committee%2025%20June%202015%20-%20FINAL.pdf>