



Hendon Area Committee

17 March 2020

Title	Member's Item – Application for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funding
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	Hendon, Edgware, Mill Hill, West Hendon
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Key	No
Enclosures	None
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Summary

This report informs the Hendon Area Committee that 4 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 5 requests for funding from the Committee's allocated CIL budget have been raised. The requests are as follows:

1 Title	Refurbishment of playground at Barnet Hill Academy
Raised by (Councillor)	Saira Don
Ward	West Hendon
Member Request	<p>I request funding for the refurbishment of the playground at Barnet Hill Academy which was previously used as the car park to Barnet College before becoming the children's playground. The funds are needed to help improve the outdoor and public facing spaces by adding greenery and play areas to the estate. The itemised quotes attached cover the cost of these hoped for improvements and I request the amount to pay for them with a few hundred pounds more as contingency. The image below shows the poor natural surroundings both internally and externally of the current playground. Living and learning adjacent to the M1 is not helpful and so improving the natural environment through shrubbery, seeded roofs, planters and a well-being garden will all help the students, environment and community space within the educational context. The current state of the playground has an impact on the children's ability to learn and develop.</p>
Funding Required (£)	£19,000

2 Title	Feasibility study for traffic management on High Street NW7
Raised by (Councillor)	Val Duschinsky
Ward	Mill Hill
Member Request	<p>To undertake a feasibility study which would include a traffic survey and tracking of large vehicles (e.g. refuse vehicles) which might affect the green area including looking at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One-way system along Milespit Hill between High Street and Hollies End:• High Street and Milespit Hill west side to be for traffic travelling northbound• Milespit east side to be for traffic travelling southbound• Existing pond to act as mini-roundabout• Double yellow lines on main corners and at junctions of Milespit Hill and of High Street with The Ridgeway• Outside no. 2 Angel Cottage: footway cannot be widen but signs and road markings could help pedestrians and double yellow lines could prevent parking• Signs to restrict HGV to drive through High Street and Milespit Hill
Funding Required (£)	£5000

3 Title	Benches for Brookside Walk Play Area
Raised by (Councillor)	Nizza Fluss
Ward	Hendon
Member Request	There is not enough seating space in this park for parents to observe their children. Right now adults are sitting on the ground. Can we get four benches, preferably with backs, for this play area.
Funding Required (£)	£4000

4 Title	Creating a play area at Glen Gardens
Raised by (Councillor)	Linda Freedman
Ward	Edgware
Member Request	<p>Installation of a play area including landscaping as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • X3 Benches installed - £3,800 • X3 Picnic Benches installed - £6,000 • Concrete Table Tennis Table and Base - £11,000 • Thermographic painted games/shapes on the ground - £3,000
Funding Required (£)	£23,800

5 Title	Double Yellow Lines Junction of Ashcombe Gardens and Glendale
Raised by (Councillor)	Sarah Wardle
Ward	Edgware
Member Request	For double yellow lines to be painted at the junction of Ashcombe Gardens and Glendale Avenue due to problems with visibility and people parking on pavements at the junction.
Funding Required (£)	£3000

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 relating to their ward. 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>