



## North Area Committee

14<sup>th</sup> September 2023

<b>Title</b>	<b>Members Items – Applications for Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) Funding</b>
<b>Date of meeting</b>	14/09/2023
<b>Report of</b>	Madeleine Herbert – NCIL Coordinator, Customer & Place
<b>Wards</b>	Barnet Vale, East Barnet, Edgwarebury, High Barnet, Totteridge & Woodside, Underhill, Mill Hill and Whetstone
<b>Status</b>	Public
<b>Urgent</b>	No
<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix A – Members NCIL Applications
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### Summary

This report informs the Area Committee that the applications listed under section 1 for Neighbourhood CIL funding have been submitted. The Committee are requested to consider the information highlighted within this report and decide 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. award funding (either fully or partially) and any conditions attached and note the implications to the Committee's NCIL funding budget;
  - b. defer the application for funding for further information, giving reasons; or
  - c. reject the application, giving reasons.

#### 1. Reasons for the Recommendations

- 1.1 Applications for funding from the Committee's allocated NCIL budget have been raised. The summary of the applications is in the table below, and the detailed applications are in Appendix 1:

1.2

Ward	Scheme Description	Ward Member	Budget Allocation £
Whetstone	Love Whetstone Christmas tree	Liron Woodcock-Velleman	4,000
East Barnet	St Marys at Finchley Church Hall	Philip Cohen	32,000
High Barnet	High Barnet High Street Festive lights	Emma Whysall	4,152
East Barnet	New signs for East Barnet Village	Edith David	3,095.12

1.3 The Committee is requested to decide in respect of each application submitted by Ward Members for Neighbourhood CIL Funding, in line with its terms of reference set out in Article 7 of the Council's Constitution.

1.4 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a planning charge that was introduced by the Planning Act 2008 Part II to help deliver infrastructure to support the development in an area. CIL is a standard charge collected from developers on a rate per square metre basis and the funds raised are spent on infrastructure to support the development of an area. Part of CIL funding is allocated to the Neighbourhood Portion and managed by the three Area Committees: West, East and North.

## 2. Alternative Options Considered and Not Recommended

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

## 3. Post Decision Implementation

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

## 4. Corporate Priorities, Performance and Other Considerations

### Corporate Plan

4.1 CIL in a mechanism whereby the council can care for its People, Places and Planet, and to be a council that is effective and engaged with residents

### Corporate Performance / Outcome Measures

4.2 None in this context

### Sustainability

4.3 There are no direct environmental implications from noting the recommendations. Implementing the recommendations in the report will lead to a positive impact on the Council's carbon and ecology impact, or at least it is neutral.

### Corporate Parenting

4.4 None in the context of this report.

#### **Risk Management**

4.5 None in the context of this report

#### **Insight**

4.6 The Committee may wish to utilise the CIL funding priorities agreed by the Area Committee as a guide towards determining an application. Officers will work on collating key information to assist Members in reviewing priorities including infrastructure needs by area and insight data.

#### **Social Value**

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

### **5. Resource Implications (Finance and Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT and Property)**

5.1 An annual allocation of £1.8m is made to Area Committees from 2023/24

5.2 North Area committee has £410,679 to allocate to new schemes from September 2023.

### **6. Legal Implications and Constitution References**

6.1 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 area subject to sufficient of the budget being allocated to the Committee being unspent.

6.2 Council Constitution, Article 2 Members of the Council, Section 2.3 states that a Ward Member will be permitted to have one matter only (with no subitems) on the agenda for an Area Committee where the Member is submitting a request for CIL funding to an Area Committee Budget relating to their Ward. Members' Items for CIL funding 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.

### **7. Consultation**

7.1 Members will be encouraged to engage residents and community groups in their wards to raise awareness of Area Committees and the opportunities they provide for delivering community-led improvements to their local areas. Officers will also work with their community networks to promote the Area Committees.

7.2 Members consult with Area Committee Lead Officers at an early stage on CIL Funding applications and where relevant with other departments and services. This will enable as much supporting information as possible to be included with applications to enable committees to make an informed decision. Applications where limited or no consultation has taken place are likely to be deferred or rejected by committees. This information will enable committees to make informed decisions. There is no prescribed format for supporting information, but it is recommended that it is sufficient for the committee to make an informed decision.

### **8. Equalities and Diversity**

8.1 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.

- 8.2 The Equality Act 2010 outlines the provisions of the Public Sector Equalities Duty which requires Public Bodies to have due regard to the need to:
- 8.2.1 Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010.
  - 8.2.2 Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
  - 8.2.3 Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
  - 8.2.4 Relevant protected characteristics are: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.
  - 8.2.5 The broad purpose of this duty is to integrate considerations of equality into day-to-day business and keep them under review in decision-making, the design policies and the delivery of services.

## 9. Background Papers

- 9.1 Policy & Resources Committee, 9th December 2021  
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/b37871/Supplementary%20agenda-%20Business%20Planning%2009th-Dec-2021%2019.00%20Policy%20and%20Resources%20Committee.pdf?T=9>
- 9.2 Annual Council, 24th May 2022  
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=141&MId=10840&Ver=4>
- 9.3 Policy & Resources Committee, 8th June 2022 [A4 Letterhead \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)
- 9.4 NCIL Consultation - Barnet, 3rd August 2022 [Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy \(NCIL\) consultation | Engage Barnet](#)
- 9.5 Policy & Resources Committee, 22nd February 2022, Area Committees (Consultation & Equalities Impact Assessment)  
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=692&MId=11162&Ver=4>
- 9.6 Council, 28th February 2022, Corporate Plan  
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=162&MId=11170&Ver=4>