

MEETING

FINCHLEY & GOLDERS GREEN AREA COMMITTEE

DATE AND TIME

THURSDAY 8TH APRIL, 2021

AT 6.00 PM

VENUE

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TO: MEMBERS OF FINCHLEY & GOLDERS GREEN AREA COMMITTEE (Quorum 3)

Chairman: Jennifer Grocock,
Vice Chairman: Rohit Grover

Councillors

Dean Cohen	Anne Hutton	Shimon Ryde
Ross Houston	Arjun Mittra	

Substitute Members

Melvin Cohen	Eva Greenspan	Alison Moore
Geof Cooke	Kath McGuirk	John Marshall
Peter Zinkin		

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Decisions of the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee

23 February 2021

Members Present:-

AGENDA ITEM 1

Councillor Jennifer Grocock (Chairman)
Councillor Rohit Grover (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Dean Cohen
Councillor Shimon Ryde
Councillor Ross Houston

Councillor Anne Hutton
Councillor Arjun Mittra

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Chairman of the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee, Councillor Jennifer Grocock welcomed all attendees to the virtual meeting.

Subject to the below corrections, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 October 2020 be agreed as a correct record.

- that due to an omission in the report, recommendation 1 for item 11 in the minutes to include the wording 'agree the sum of £15,000'
- under item 6, Petition Hogarth Hill, to include the wording 'as part of the three-year programme, Hogarth Hill be included as part of the CPZ review'

Councillor Grover requested to receive an update from Officers on the action which was set out under item 6 of the previous minutes and noted below; (**Action** - Ian Edser)

Issue - CPZ Meadway

The Committee noted the issue and the submitted Public Comment from Karen Grossmark. The Committee RESOLVED to instruct Performance and Improvement Lead Ian Edser to consult with ward Members to consider the CPZ with expect cost approx. £5000-£6,000. (Action: Ian Edser)

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (IF ANY)

None.

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER INTERESTS (IF ANY)

Councillor Ross Houston declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to agenda item 9 (Members' Items – Area Committee Funding Applications) by virtue of being a trustee of Finchley Way Open Space.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS (IF ANY)

The Chairman invited Ms Suzanne Davies who made a Public Comment regarding Item 9, Woodgrange Avenue. The Committee noted the verbal representation.

6. MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE FINCHLEY AND GOLDERS GREEN AREA RESIDENTS FORUM (IF ANY)

The Chairman introduced the report which sets out the issues and petition referred from the F&GG Residents Forum to the Area Committee.

1. Petition - Crossing and Traffic Control Measures on Long Lane East Finchley/Finchley

The Chairman invited the lead petitioner, Ms Porter who presented the petition to the Committee. It was proposed that following discussions between Ward Members, residents and Officers, a feasibility study be undertaken with the aim to address the issues raised under all four matters raised from the Residents Forum.

Following discussion, the Committee noted the petition and it was **RESOLVED:**

- a) That the sum of £10,000 be agreed for a feasibility study to review the matters raised and to engage with the Fire Station service and to include Creighton Avenue, N2 and N3 Long Lane as part of the review. (**Action:** Highways – Phillip Hoare)
- b) That a progress timeline be reported back to the Committee at the June 2020 meeting. (**Action:** Forward Work Programme)

2. Issue - Traffic issues Long Lane

As agreed above for 1 (a) and 1(b).

3. Issue - Speeding Long Lane

As agreed above for 1 (a) and 1(b).

4. Issue - Parked vehicles blocking views Creighton Avenue

As agreed above for 1 (a) and 1(b).

7. PETITIONS (IF ANY)

None.

8. MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)

a) Councillor Arjun Mittra (Long Lane)

In relation to Long Lane, the Committee **RESOLVED** to note the recommendations agreed under agenda item 6, 1(a) and 1(b) as set out above.

9. MEMBERS' ITEMS - AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING APPLICATIONS (IF ANY)

a) Councillor Anne Hutton (Stephens Hall kitchen refurbishment)

Councillor Hutton presented the Member's item in her name. The Chairman invited Mr Will Hawkes, project lead who addressed the Committee. Members welcomed the community project and following discussion, Councillor Houston moved a motion which was seconded by Councillor Mitra to agree funding of £4,900 with the option to return to the Committee in six months' time.

Upon unanimous approval of the motion, the motion was declared carried. It was therefore **RESOLVED**:

1. That the Area Committee considered the request as highlighted in section 1 of the report.
2. That the Area Committee decided to:
 - a) agreed funding of £4,900 with the option to return to the Committee in six months' time and noted the implications to the Committee's CIL funding budget.

b) Councillor Rohit Grover (Grass verge and improvement to entrance)

Councillor Grover presented the Member's item in his name. It was **RESOLVED**:

1. That the Area Committee considered the request as highlighted in section 1 of the report.
2. That the Area Committee decided to:
 - a) Agree funding of £15,000 and noted the implications to the Committee's CIL funding budget.

c) Councillor Jennifer Grocock (Tillingbourne Gardens adjacent to Regents Park Road – Potential Road Safety Improvements)

Councillor Grocock presented the Member's item in her name. Officers agreed to review the previous works delivered and to inform the Chairman if there is a need for a feasibility study. (**Action**: Ian Edser, Jacqueline Staples)

It was **RESOLVED**:

1. That the Area Committee considered the request as highlighted in section 1 of the report.
2. That the Area Committee decided to:
 - a) agree funding of £5,000 and noted the implications to the Committee's CIL funding budget.

d) Councillor Geof Cooke (Woodgrange Avenue)

Councillor Cooke presented the Member's item in his name. It was **RESOLVED**:

1. That the Area Committee considered the request as highlighted in section 1 of the report.
2. That the Area Committee decided to:
 - a) agree funding of £5,000 and noted the implications to the Committee's CIL funding budget.

e) Councillor Ross Houston (Finchley Way Open Space)

Councillor Houston presented the Member's item in his name and by virtue of the declaration made at the start of the meeting did not partake in the discussion and the votes on this item. It was **RESOLVED**:

1. That the Area Committee considered the request as highlighted in section 1 of the report.
2. That the Area Committee decided to:
 - a) agree funding of £10,000 and noted the implications to the Committee's CIL funding budget.

f) Councillor Anne Clarke (Help to restore WW1 War Memorial at All Saints Church)

Councillor Ryde presented the Member's item on behalf of Councillor Clarke. It was **RESOLVED**:

1. That the Area Committee considered the request as highlighted in section 1 of the report.
2. That the Area Committee decided to:
 - a) agree funding of £1,200 and noted the implications to the Committee's CIL funding budget.

10. AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING - COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY UPDATE

The Chairman welcomed the report. It was **RESOLVED**:

1. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee noted the amount available for allocation during 2020/21, as set out in paragraph 6.2.1 and in Appendix 1
2. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee noted the amount or reallocated underspends & Overspends in Section 2.1

11. PROGRESS UPDATE ON AREA COMMITTEE ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

None.

12. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED that the Committee noted the Forward Work Programme.

13. ANY ITEM(S) THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

None.

The meeting finished at 8.00 pm

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	<p style="text-align: right;">AGENDA ITEM 7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8 April 2021</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Title</p>	<p>Items referred from the Finchley and Golders Green Residents Forum</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Report of</p>	<p>Head of Governance</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Wards</p>	<p>Wards within Finchley and Golders Green constituency</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Status</p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Enclosures</p>	<p>None</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Officer Contact Details</p>	<p>Salar Rida – Senior Governance Officer Salar.Rida@barnet.gov.uk 020 8359 7113</p>
<p>Summary</p>	
<p>At the meeting of the Finchley and Golders Green Residents Forum, held on 3rd March 2021, the issue(s) and petition(s) referred to under section 1.1 were referred to the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee for consideration.</p>	

<p>Recommendations</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee notes the items referred up from the 3rd March 2021 meeting of the Finchley and Golders Green Resident’s Forum. 2. That following consideration of the items highlighted at 1.1, the Committee gives instructions in accordance with its powers, outlined at section 5.4.1.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 The Council's Constitution permits the referral of petitions and issues to Area Committees. At its meeting on 3rd March 2021, the Finchley and Golders Green Resident's Forum referred up the below items to the Area Committee for its consideration.

The items for consideration are as follows:

Item	Details	Action
1	<p>Title: Petition: Protect and improve Market Place Playground East Finchley N2</p> <p>Lead Petitioner: Mrs Kathy Batten</p> <p>Details: The Forum received a presentation from the lead petitioner. The Chairman welcomed the comments and Councillor Alison Moore noted the need for improvements to the playground area.</p>	<p>The Chairman noted the petition and suggested that following discussion between Officers, lead petitioner and Ward Members a Members' CIL application be brought to the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee.</p> <p>This item is due to be considered by the Area Committee under the relevant Members' CIL Funding item.</p>

2. REASON FOR REFFERAL

- 2.1 At the meeting of Finchley and Golders Green Residents Forum held on 3rd March 2021, the Forum considered the issues highlighted in section 1.1 which were referred to this Committee for consideration.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 As set out above.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 4.1 N/A

5. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 5.1 The Area Committee decisions will be minuted and any actions arising implemented through the relevant Executive Director.

6. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

- 6.1 **Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**
- 6.2 Not in the context of this report.

6.3 Legal and Constitutional References

6.3.1 The Council's Resident and Public Participation Rules (Article 3 of the Council's constitution) states that the Area Committee has the following powers in determining petitions:

- Take no action;
- Refer the matter to a chief officer to respond to within 20 working days; or
- Instruct an officer to prepare a report for a future meeting of the Committee on the issue(s) raised with a recommended course of action.

6.3.2 Article 7, 7.5 Responsibility for Functions of the council's constitution states that Area Committees can consider matters raised at Residents Forums and determine how they are to be taken forward, including whether to request a report for a future meeting, refer to an Officer and/or ward Councillors.

6.4 Risk Management

6.5 Not in the context of this report.

6.6 Equalities and Diversity

6.6.1 Pursuant to the Equality Act 2010 ("the Act"), the council has a legislative duty to have 'due regard' to eliminating unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act; advancing equality of opportunity between those with a protected characteristic and those without; and promoting good relations between those with protected characteristics and those without. The 'protected characteristics' are age, race, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy, and maternity, religion or belief and sexual orientation. The 'protected characteristics' also include marriage and civil partnership, with regard to eliminating discrimination.

6.7 Consultation and Engagement

6.8 Not in the context of this report.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 Finchley and Golders Green Residents Forum meeting 3rd March 2021:
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=170&MIId=10245>

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Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee

8 April 2021

Title	Member’s Item – Applications for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funding
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	Ward(s) within Finchley and Golders Green constituency
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Key	No
Enclosures	None
Officer Contact Details	Salar Rida – Senior Governance Officer Salar.Rida@barnet.gov.uk Tel: 020 8359 7113

Summary

This report informs the Area Committee that requests for CIL funding have been submitted. The Committee is 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 The following requests for funding from the Committee's allocated CIL budget have been raised:

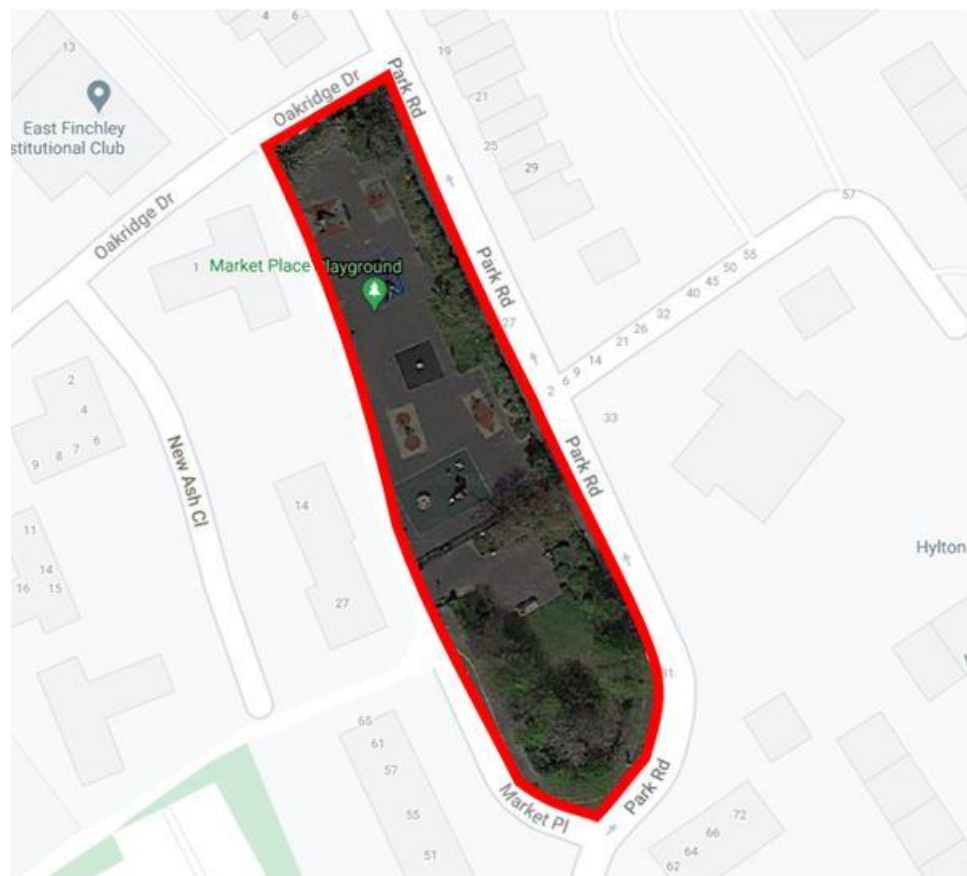
Title	Refurbishment and Improvement of Market Place Playground N2
Raised by (Councillor):	Alison Moore
Ward:	East Finchley
Area Committee:	Finchley and Golders Green
Member Request:	<p>The Proposal: This CIL funding application is being submitted in the name of Cllr Alison Moore but has the support of all three East Finchley ward councillors; the Friends of Market Place Playground N2 and The Grange Big Local Lottery Project. It has been discussed with Greenspaces Offices (see later section).</p> <p>The proposal is for £30k funding to support the renovation and remodelling of the existing playground, including both the play equipment and the site. As can be seen in the pictures (link to google maps below) the site is of a good size but the current equipment, layout and surfacing do not make the most of the space. It is envisaged that a more creative approach could both provide enhanced public play facilities and significantly improve the wider site. It is an opportunity to use the space more creatively; varying the surfacing, increase the number of trees, adding sustainable soft landscaping and increasing the biodiversity. This would benefit not only of the families that use it but the wider community.</p> <p>The full cost of the project is likely to be in excess of £75k (see section three for officer details of 2017 design) however, the £30K funding requested from the Area Committee would augment the £40K already earmarked by The Grange Big Local Lottery Project for improving the playground, and serve to unlock additional sources of funding, including those for which the Friends of Market Place Playground N2 may apply and that might be raised locally by the community.</p> <p>The Context and background: Market Place Playground N2 sits at the historic heart of the old East Finchley and 'The Walks', the route of an ancient droving path which brought livestock to the market, runs alongside the playground. Market Place which thrived until the 1940s was badly</p>

damaged by bombing during the second world war and subsequently redeveloped for housing. The playground is adjacent to the Norfolk Close, Prospect Ring and Chapel Court Barnet Homes estates which comprise three tower blocks and a number of low rise flatted blocks. A further high rise block on Prospect Ring, which will add an additional 50 units, is nearing completion and there are additional low rise flatted blocks in Oakridge Drive and Ash Close. In addition to the flatted accommodation, local streets are largely characterised by older terraced houses or maisonettes. The playground was originally designed as an important source of open and play space for local families in the adjacent estates, although it does serve the wider area. The need for this has been strikingly evident in the past year during the pandemic and three periods of 'lockdown' when usage of the playground has been particularly high when lockdown rules have permitted.

The Market Place playground has been a lifeline for those families living in flats with limited access to safe and secure play facilities. However, it hasn't had any major investment for more than twenty years. The current somewhat sparse (though well used) play equipment was installed about 15 years ago and the site is recognised as being in need of a renovation, as evidenced by the 2017 unfunded proposals.

The site:

[Market Place Playground - Google Maps](#)




<https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Market+Place+Playground/@51.592317,-0.1690411,18z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x48761b0fc07e2e5d:0x1608a38178814762!8m2!3d51.5924053!4d-0.168333>



× Market Place Playground
Playground in London, England

Market Place Playground was identified in a recent Barnet council study as being of poor quality and a local petition calling on the council to 'Protect and Improve Market Place Playground East Finchley', was submitted by the newly formed Friends Group.

	<p>The council did develop plans for some renovation works in 2017 (see next section) and so there are some existing costings of circa £75K for replacement of the current play equipment. However, there is an opportunity to significantly improve the play, educational and environment value and amenity of the site.</p> <p>This is an exciting opportunity to ‘build back better’ in the post-Covid recovery and provide an innovative addition to the public infrastructure in this area of East Finchley, particularly at a time when the physical and mental health and wellbeing of our young people will be under the spotlight. It benefits from being flanked on one side by The Walks footpath and on the other by the relatively quiet Park Road.</p> <p>The site is a good size and there is a real opportunity to harness the energy and enthusiasm of the local residents to improve both the playground and its adjacent seating area. The Friends Group are already engaging playground users and local residents through an on-line survey (until lockdown rules are eased), to develop this as an innovative community project, potentially reflecting the site’s history and meeting the needs of both children and older residents.</p> <p>The Friends (which includes a former early years teacher/advisor) have been working with Roger Chapman, who chairs both the Friends of Cherry Tree Woods and Barnet Open Spaces group, and have been inspired by the work of Tim Gill rethinkingchildhood.com a nationally and internationally recognised play specialist in exploring project ideas.</p> <p>They have also been in dialogue with council officer (see section 2) throughout and ward councillors have been involved.</p>
<p>Funding Required (£):</p>	<p>The request is for £30K (which will augment £40K allocated by the Grange Big Local Lottery project and act to unlock further funding sources) against a cost estimate of £75-100K for play equipment.</p>
<p>In consultation with (e.g. named Highways/Greenspaces Officer, and any comments which would assist the application):</p> <p>On (DATE):</p>	<p>There has been extensive dialogue with officers Martin Thompson (until early Feb 2021) and Matt Gunyon, both Parks and Greenspaces:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informal discussions in autumn 2020 (MT) • Site visit 18th December 2020 (MT, AM and Kathy Batten) • Email from MT 13th January 2021 • Information supplied by email about the 2017 draft proposals between officer and the then play equipment contractor

	 <p>Q-18597-J5P9-C-0.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up emails with MT and subsequently MG • Phone call with MG (AM) 17th March 2021 to discuss further details and progress on the tender for new play equipment providers.
<p>Any additional information (please list any documents here and email to relevant Governance Officer to circulate to the Committee):</p>	<p>Details of the position of the playground and surrounding area, including photos illustrating the existing equipment, layout and one of the adjacent tower blocks.</p> <p>Market Place Playground - Google Maps https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Market+Place+Playground/@51.5924053,-0.168333,3a,75y,90t/data=!3m8!1e2!3m6!1sAF1QipOOiOQW3JqnGvByz5Bqf1kolkQcalX6TrMsxf-c!2e10!3e12!6shttps:%2F%2Fh5.googleusercontent.com%2Fp%2FAF1QipOOiOQW3JqnGvByz5Bqf1kolkQcalX6TrMsxf-c%3Dw114-h86-k-no!7i4000!8i3000!4m5!3m4!1s0x48761b0fc07e2e5d:0x1608a3817814762!8m2!3d51.5924053!4d-0.168333</p> <p>https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Market+Place+Playground/@51.592317,-0.1690411,18z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x48761b0fc07e2e5d:0x1608a38178814762!8m2!3d51.5924053!4d-0.168333</p> <p>The Joint Strategic Needs Analysis for Barnet https://jsna.barnet.gov.uk/7-children-young-people details that East Finchley ward has 29.1% children living in poverty when housing costs were included. While not the highest in the borough, this is significant and is likely to increase as the national furlough scheme comes to an end.</p> <p>The JSNA also discusses the challenge of childhood obesity, the need to build resilience in children and young people and the increasing challenge of mental health problems in young people, all of which have subsequently been impact by the pandemic and periods of lockdown.</p> <p>Play, socialising and building resilience are all recognised as important in the recovery of children and young people post Covid-19.</p>

Title	Gainsborough Road, N12 close to the junction of Nether Street- traffic measures
Raised by (Councillor):	Ross Houston
Ward:	West Finchley
Area Committee:	Finchley and Golders Green
Member Request:	<p>There is a section of Gainsborough Road with bad traffic congestion combined with poor visibility. This results in frequent road rage incidents and damage to parked vehicles.</p> <p>One solution would be to allow pavement parking, or widen the road for a small section where the visibility is poorest and where frequent traffic congestion occurs.</p> <p>To look at the feasibility of allowing pavement parking or widening a small section of Gainsborough Road near the junction with Nether Street.</p>
Funding Required (£):	3,000 – 5,000 (tbc by Highways)
In consultation with (e.g. named Highways/Greenpaces Officer, and any comments which would assist the application):	Highways
On (DATE):	
Any additional information (please list any documents here and email to relevant Governance Officer to circulate to the Committee):	

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 £30,000 per project for CIL Funding, as approved by Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on Monday 8th February 2021. Requests for funding must be in line with the Council's priorities which are outlined in the Corporate Plan, Barnet 2024.

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>
- 6.3 Policy and Resources Committee, 8 February 2021; Review of CIL criteria; <https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=692&Mid=10200&Ver=4>

	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">AGENDA ITEM 12</p> <h3 style="margin: 0;">8 April 2021</h3>
Title	<h3 style="margin: 0;">CIL Funding Priorities – Setting Local Priorities for the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee</h3>
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	Childs Hill, East Finchley, Finchley Church End, Garden Suburb, Golders Green, West Finchley, Woodhouse
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Key	Yes
Enclosures	<p>Appendix A: Draft Local Priorities for the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee</p> <p>Appendix B: Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee Updated CIL Funding Request Form</p>
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Summary

On 8th February 2021, the Policy & Resources Committee discussed a report concerning the CIL funding process. The report highlighted that the only criteria being used to assess CIL funding applications was the legal definition. It was agreed that each Area Committee should consider, develop and approve their own CIL funding priorities for each financial year starting in 2021/22. This report outlines the need to set local priorities for each Area Committee and details the proposed local priorities for the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee as proposed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for debate, discussion and agreement by the Committee at this meeting (Appendix A).

Officers Recommendations

- 1. That the Committee develop and approve CIL funding priorities for the financial year 2021/2022, with reference to the draft list as set out in Appendix A.**
- 2. That the Committee note the updated funding request form as set out in Appendix B.**

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

Neighbourhood CIL in Barnet

- 1.1 The 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.
- 1.2 Amended regulations allow the Council to use the Neighbourhood CIL to support the development of the relevant area by funding the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure, or anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.
- 1.3 On 9th July 2015, the Policy & Resources Committee approved that part of the income from the CIL would be delegated to the Council's Area Committees, which would be treated in the same way as CIL allocations to Parish Councils (in those areas with a local council structure). 15% of the CIL receipts for their local area (capped at £150K) were allocated to Area Committees.
- 1.4 On 8th February 2021, the Policy & Resources Committee discussed a report concerning the CIL funding process. The report highlighted that the only criteria being used to assess CIL funding applications was the legal definition. It was agreed that each Area Committee should consider, develop and approve their own CIL funding priorities for each financial year starting in 2021/22. It was also agreed that the funding limit for each CIL scheme be increased to £30,000.
- 1.5 These are interim changes as several changes are in the pipeline – a comprehensive review of Area Committee and Residents Forum arrangements is being undertaken; new ward boundaries come into effect in May 2022; and it is also expected that from the start of the 2021/22 financial year, there will be a significant increase to the amount of CIL funding available to Area Committees, subject to approval by the Policy & Resources Committee.
- 1.6 An indicative timeline for these changes is shown below:

- March and April 2021 – Area Committees develop and agree local priorities for CIL funding for 2021/22
- Future meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee to consider report on CIL reform including proposals to: increase CIL funding amounts to the three Area Committees; creation of CIL highways pot for minor highways improvements emerging from Residents Forums and Area Committees; and agreement of updated CIL funding processes and procedures
- September 2021 – Review of revised arrangements with any policy, procedure or process improvements identified following June and October/November rounds of Residents Forums and Area Committees
- March 2022 – agreement of Area Committee CIL Funding priorities for 2022
- April 2022 – review of revised arrangements including lessons learnt and benefits realisation

Current CIL Funding Arrangements

- 1.7 Following the decision in April 2017 to reduce the CIL budget to Area Committees, CIL funding application guidelines were issued and this is the framework that has been used for assessing applications being reported to Area Committees from 2017/18 onwards.
- 1.8 Prioritisation of funding can be an issue for Area Committees as legal definition of infrastructure is broad (see [section 216\(2\) of the Planning Act 2008](#), and [regulation 59](#), as amended). As such, Area Committees have, over several years approved various uses of CIL funding for local matters including (but not limited to):
- CPZ's;
 - one-way systems;
 - yellow lines;
 - 20 mph zones;
 - weight restrictions;
 - width restrictions;
 - speed surveys;
 - repairs to damaged hedges;
 - fencing in parks;
 - benches;
 - providing an access path to a local hospice and allotments;
 - improvements to road junction markings;
 - footway parking reviews;
 - outdoor play equipment;
 - outdoor gym equipment;
 - expansion of a local church facilities;
 - compost bins;
 - forest school;
 - investment in a community hub;
 - all weather table tennis table; and
 - modernisation of a school playground.
- 1.9 During 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 financial years there has been increasing pressure on the Area Committee CIL budgets, particularly for the Finchley & Golders Green and Hendon Area Committees. Budget reports suggest that the whole funding allocation is

used relatively early in the financial year. Details can be accessed in the CIL funding budget reports presented regularly to each committee: <https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/mgListCommittees.aspx?bcr=1>

1.10 Part of the proposed recommendations to Policy & Resources Committee will be that Area Committees will have ringfenced CIL funding allocation for Road Safety matters which will be separate to the increased Neighbourhood CIL funding. Full details are still being developed and will be reported to Policy & Resources Committee. This would enable Area Committees to focus on infrastructure projects that would benefit the whole community and would prevent a significant proportion of the budget allocation for each area being spent on highways or road safety items. The creation of the CIL Road Safety budget will be subject to Committee approval, but it is expected that the key features of this arrangement will be:

- A proportion of CIL funding be set aside to deal with Road Safety related items that would previously been funded from Area Committee CIL budgets
- The initial sum allocated is proposed to be £250K per annum (shared across all three areas)
- Fund is to be managed by the Highways Team and schemes authorised by Executive Director Environment
- This scheme will be reviewed after 6 months in line with the review of Area Committee arrangements
- Schemes can be proposed by Residents Forums/Area Committees for consideration by Executive Director
- Regular update reports on schemes will be reported to Area Committees to give Members oversight of progress

The scope of the CIL Road Safety budget will include:

- Implementation of Road Safety matters arising from KSI events
- Junction Improvements and Visibility Slay concerns at junctions
- The need for, design and implementation of pedestrian crossings
- Renewal of Signs, Lines and Guardrails
- Speed Limits and traffic calming measures

Rationale for Change

- 1.11 Prioritisation of funding can be an issue for Area Committees as the legal definition of infrastructure is broad. Limited budgets and multiple calls on resources mean that deciding which projects or schemes to fund can be challenging.
- 1.12 An assessment of the infrastructure needs for the borough and each constituency area can help Members make informed decisions about the best use of limited resources. Local priorities which are individual to each Area Committee will allow the Committee to make appropriate decisions on how funding is allocated in line with the specific needs of the area.
- 1.13 Area Committee Lead Officers can offer advice and assistance to Members regarding the infrastructure needs of the area, but it is ultimately for the Committee to choose how much weight to place on each priority when assessing applications for funding, on a case

by case basis. A Committee could chose to approve something that is not an identified priority providing it meets the legal definition of infrastructure.

- 1.14 Ward Members will be asked to indicate which local priorities are fulfilled and how the proposal benefits the wider community when submitting CIL Members Item funding requests.
- 1.15 Each Area Committee is being asked to agree a list of local priorities and these will be published on the committee webpages. Current guidelines will then be updated and will be circulated to all Members, alongside relevant deadlines at the start of each meeting cycle.
- 1.16 Current deadlines will be maintained (10 clear working days for CIL applications, 7 clear working days for regular Members Items). However, Members are encouraged to engage with relevant officers well in advance of the deadlines to enable relevant information to be obtained, checked, verified, etc. before the formal deadline thereby enabling committees to make informed decisions.
- 1.17 The Committee is requested to note that any revisions to the CIL funding guidelines will be an interim measure. Area Committee and Residents Forum arrangements are being comprehensively reviewed as part of the Ward Boundary changes coming into effect in May 2022.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 On 8th February 2021, the Policy & Resources Committee discussed a report concerning the CIL funding process. The report highlighted that the only criteria being used to assess CIL funding applications was the legal definition. It was agreed that each Area Committee should consider, develop and approve their own CIL funding priorities for each financial year starting in 2021/22.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

3.1 Area Committees could decide not to set local priorities. This is not recommended as it will not support robust decision-making of the Area Committees and will not fulfil the recommendation of the Policy & Resources Committee.

3.2 Policy & Resources Committee could have agreed some borough-wide priority criteria for Area Committee CIL funding. This approach was not recommended as it would not allow for the Area Committees to discuss and agree their own local priorities which could be different for each area.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 Priorities agreed by Area Committees will be published to the committee pages of the website and circulated to all Members in the constituency.

4.2 Arrangements will be implemented and reviewed in accordance with the timetable in section 1.6.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

5.1.1 Community Infrastructure Levy funding supports delivery of the following priorities and objectives in the Barnet Plan 2021-2025:

A place fit for the future, where all residents, businesses and visitors benefit from improved sustainable infrastructure & opportunity.

A strong cohesive community, where diversity is celebrated, and everyone has equal opportunity regardless of their background place with fantastic facilities for all ages, enabling people to live happy & healthy lives.

Unlocking and optimising the potential of Parks and Open Spaces.

Great facilities and opportunities to be physically active.

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

5.2.1 As set out in section 1. a proportion of the Council's CIL income is allocated to Area Committees to spend on local priorities.

5.3 Social Value

5.3.1 Clarification of the usage of CIL funding will support future requests for CIL funding. This provides an avenue for Members to consider funding requests which may have added social value.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

5.4.1 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. It came into force on 6 April

2010 through the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 as amended (“the Regulations”). Section 216(2) of the Planning Act 2008 lists some examples of infrastructure which CIL can fund. i.e. roads and other transport facilities, flood defences, schools and other educational facilities, medical facilities, sporting and recreation facilities and open spaces.

5.4.2 Additionally, Regulation 59(F)(3) of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 as amended allows the Council, as the Charging Authority to use the Neighbourhood CIL to support the development of the relevant area by funding the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure or, anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.

5.4.3 The Localism Act 2011 introduced requirements that a ‘meaningful proportion’ of CIL income is allocated to parish councils to support their neighbourhood infrastructure requirements. Under Regulation 59A(5) of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) a charging authority must pass 15 per cent of the relevant CIL receipts to the parish council for that area; this is limited by Regulation 59A (7) to a cap of £100 per dwelling in the area of the Local Council.

5.4.4 Regulation 59F enables a similar application of CIL receipts in cases where, as in Barnet, a charging authority does not have a local council structure.

5.4.5 Under the Council’s Constitution Article 7, the terms of reference of the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee includes responsibility to:

‘Determine the allocation of Community Infrastructure Levy funding within the constituency’.

5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1 To mitigate the risk of the interim arrangements on local priorities, these will be reviewed by officers after a period of around six months and/or two Area Committee meeting cycles, and an update report will be presented to the Committee. Officers will work on collating key information to assist Members in reviewing priorities including: infrastructure needs by constituency area and insight data.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 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:

- a. Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010.
- b. Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- c. Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

5.6.2 Relevant protected characteristics are: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.

5.6.3 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.

5.6.4 Giving greater CIL allocation powers to the Area Committees will have a positive impact on those with protected characteristics. Each application will be accompanied with an assessment of the impact.

5.7 **Corporate Parenting**

5.7.1 Not applicable in the context of this report.

5.8 **Consultation and Engagement**

5.8.1 Officers have been engaging with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee to develop draft priorities to present to the Committee. These discussions have taken into consideration the needs of the area as highlighted in the following Council plans, strategies and surveys;

Barnet Plan
Barnet Resident's Perception Survey
Growth Strategy
Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP)
Greenspaces and Leisure strategies

5.9 **Insight**

5.9.1 Members may wish to utilise insight data to inform local priorities for 2021/22 and future years.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 Policy & Resources Committee, 10 June 2014, Area Sub-Committees – Budget Arrangements, Item 9:
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=692&MId=7856&Ver=4>
- 6.2 Policy & Resources Committee, 10 June 2014, Area Sub-Committees – Budget Arrangements, Item 9:
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=692&MId=7856&Ver=4>
- 6.3 Community Leadership Committee, 25 June 2014, Area Sub-Committees – Budget Allocation Draft Framework, Item 7:
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=694&MId=7874&Ver=4>
- 6.4 Community Leadership Committee, 24 June 2015, ‘Review of Area Committees – operations and delegated budgets’
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s24009/Area%20Committees%20%20Community%20Leadership%20Committee%2025%20June%202015%20-%20FINAL.pdf>
- 6.5 Policy & Resources Committee, 9 July 2015, ‘Delegating a proportion of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) income to the Council’s Area Committees’
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=692&MId=8346&Ver=4>
- 6.6 Council, 7 March 2017, Report of the Policy & Resources Committee – Business Planning 2017 to 2020:
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=162&MId=8819&Ver=4>
- 6.7 Community Leadership Committee, 8 March 2017, Area Committee Funding – Savings from Non-Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Budgets
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=694&MId=8721&Ver=4>
- 6.8 Policy & Resources Committee, 8 February 2021, Review of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Eligibility Criteria and Guidance
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=692&MId=10200&Ver=4>

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Finchley & Golders Green Area – Priorities (draft)

- Public realm (decluttering street scene, excluding buildings which are not publicly owned)
- Town centre regeneration/beautification (where possible to improve footfall and turnover of parked cars)
- Community and Youth centres/Youth groups (offering a wide community benefit)
- Crime prevention measures (e.g.: CCTV/support for community policing hubs (library potentials) if and when appropriate)
- Parks & open spaces (to include infrastructure)
- Libraries (not to purchase resources)
- Schools (whereby requests demonstrate a wide community benefit/health & wellbeing (excluding building/development projects and fee-paying schools))
- Community wide voluntary sector services which support and/or complement LBB goals (e.g.: Voluntary groups offering sports training/ dietary education etc (excluding building/development projects))

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Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee CIL Funding Request Form

Title	
Raised by (Councillor):	
Ward:	
Member Request:	
Funding Requested (£):	
In consultation with (e.g. named Highways/Greenspaces Officer, and any comments which would assist the application): And Finchley & Golders Green Area Lead (Philip Hoare, Head of Parking & Infrastructure), on (DATE):	
Please confirm which local priority/priorities the request fulfils: <i>Final agreed priorities will be listed here. Members of the public will be able to view the priorities on the relevant committee webpage.</i>	
How will this project/proposal benefit the wider community?	
Will this project/proposal benefit specific groups in the community, including those with protected characteristics under the Equalities Act?	
Any additional information (please list any documents here to be published with the agenda, or circulated to the Committee):	

Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee CIL Funding Request Form

**London Borough of Barnet
Finchley & Golders Green Area
Committee Forward Work
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2021**

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Title of Report	Overview of decision	Report Of (<i>officer</i>)	Issue Type (Non key/Key/Urgent)
8 April 2021			
Matters referred from F&GG Residents Forum	Matters re Long Lane: a) Petition: Protect and improve Market Place playground East Finchley N2	Governance, Highways	Non-key
Area Committee Funding – CIL Update	As per recommendations set out in the report	Head of Finance	Non-key
Members' Items	As per recommendations set out in the report	Governance	Non-key
Members' CIL Items	As per recommendations set out in the report	Governance	Non-key
CIL Funding Priorities – Setting Local Priorities for the F&GG Area Committee	To develop and approve the CIL Funding Priorities and note the updated CIL funding request form.	Governance	Key
To be allocated			
Wessex Gardens Primary School	<i>LIP Scheme with vertical measures so will need to be reported to the Committee</i>		Non-key
Dangerous local roads - Gainsborough and Holden Road N12 (undergoing feasibility – expected October 2021)	As per minutes of the F&GG Area October 2020 Committee meeting.	Highways	Non-key

Title of Report	Overview of decision	Report Of (<i>officer</i>)	Issue Type (Non key/Key/Urgent)
Road safety improvements on Long Lane (undergoing feasibility – expect June 2021)	As per Cllr Mitra’s Members item reported to the Committee in October 2020.	Highways	Non-key

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