	Hendon Area Committee **6 JULY 2016**
Title	**Members' Item – Requests for Funding from Hendon Area Committee Budget**
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	Several
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Key	No
Enclosures	**Appendix A – Edgware Shatnez Centre Councillor Brian Gordon** **Appendix B – The UK Mesilla Family Counselling Service Councillor Anthony Finn** **Appendix C – The Jewish Migraine Foundation Councillor Tom Davey** **Appendix D – Barnet Borough Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – Councillor Hugh Rayner** **Appendix E – Mill Hill Neighbourhood Forum – Pocket Park – Councillor Val Duschinsky**
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Summary

The report informs the Hendon Area Committee of requests for funding submitted by Members of the Committee in accordance with the revised Area Committee Budgets processes agreed in July 2015.

Recommendations

1. **That the Hendon Area Committee consider the requests as highlighted.**

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

   (a) support the applications for funding, subject to due diligence tests being met;

   (b) defer the decision for funding for further information;

   (c) reject the application with reasons.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

1.1 In January 2015, the three Area Committees considered reports which detailed applications from community groups to the council's Area Committee Budgets funding stream (£100,000 per annum per Area Committee). In this process the various applications received were assessed by Officers against Area Committee Budgets Guidance and Conditions of Grant and then presented to the respective Area Committee for consideration. A number of funding awards were made and community groups have been utilising the funding for their various projects.

1.2 In July 2015, the three Area Committees considered reports which set out proposals for revised arrangements for Area Committee Budgets which included moving away from the open grants process which had been followed for the 2014/15 round of funding. Following consideration of the report, a revised system was adopted which gave the Area Committees an opportunity to plan and direct how they spend their funds in response to local issues which came forward from residents through a variety routes. It was identified that potential projects might come forward via Members' Items brought to the relevant Area Committee.

1.3 Details of the applications submitted are summarised in the enclosures list above and the full applications are attached to this report.

1.4 Barnet Neighbourhood Watch application went to Finchley and Golders Green and Chipping Barnet Area Committees in March 2016 and were recommended for approval subject to approval from all three Area Committees. Finchley and Golders Green minutes recorded the following:
"The Committee considered the report which sets the application for non-CIL *community funding for the Barnet Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, submitted by Councillor Peter Zinkin. The Chairman moved a motion which was duly seconded and unanimously agreed to alter the wording of the second recommendation to include 'subject to further agreement of the Hendon and Chipping Barnet Area Committees to fund their share of the total funding requested', therefore it was unanimously* ***RESOLVED****:*

That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee agrees to:
(a) support the application for funding, subject to due diligence tests being met and subject to further agreement of the Hendon and Chipping Barnet Area
*1.1 **Committees to fund their share of the total funding requested."***

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Committee are requested to consider the requests for funding detailed at Appendices A-E of the report and determination is required whether the committee support the projects.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

3.1 Not applicable. The Area Committee agreed in July 2015 that applications to the Area Committee Budgets could come via Members' Items.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 Post decision implementation will depend on the decision taken by the Committee.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1.1 If the Committee agrees to the applications, the detailed applications will need to demonstrate how the projects links to the Council's Corporate Plan and other relevant policies.

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

5.2.1 The Committee are able to consider items which are in line with the remit of the Committee. The Committee have been set a budget which enables the Committee to determine how this is spent.

5.3 Social Value

5.3.1 Request 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, Responsibility for Functions, Annex A - details that the Policy & Resources Committee is responsible "To allocate a budget, as appropriate, for Area Committees and agree a framework for governing how that budget may be spent"

5.4.2 Council Constitution, Responsibility for Functions, Annex A details that the Area Committees "Administer any local budget delegated from Policy and Resources Committee for these committees in accordance with the framework set by the Policy and Resources Committee",

6 Risk Management

6.1 None in the context of this report.

7. Equalities and Diversity

7.1 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. Consultation and Engagement

8.1 None in the context of this report.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 None in the context of this report.