

	<p>Hendon Area Committee 20 February 2017</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Title</p>	<p>Area Committee Grants Funding</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Report of</p>	<p>Interim Head of Finance, Commissioning Group</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Wards</p>	<p>All</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>Appendix 1 – Allocation of grants and balance available – General Reserve Appendix 2 – allocation of grants, spend and balance available – CIL Reserve</p>
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Summary

This report is to update the Committee of the budget allocations for the Hendon Area Committee, to enable consideration of further applications for funding during 2016/17.

Recommendations

1. That the Hendon Area Committee notes the amount available for allocation during 2016/17, as set out in Appendices 1 and 2.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 This report indicates the allocation of funding to the Hendon Area Committee, the approvals and payments to date. This will enable the Committee to determine the amounts that can be allocated at this, and future meetings.
- 1.2 On 10th June 2014, the Policy and Resources Committee agreed that £100,000 per year over the next four years (up to and including 2017/18) should be allocated to each of the Council's three Area Committees, subject to agreement of detailed arrangements for the governance, accountability and prioritisation of these budgets by the Community Leadership Committee.
- 1.3 On 9th July 2015, the Policy & Resources Committee approved that income from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) would be delegated to the Council's Area Committees. Area Committees should be treated in the same way as Parish Councils and allocated 15% of the CIL receipts for their local area. This is to be capped at a total of £150,000 per year per constituency area and ring-fenced for spend on infrastructure schemes. The funding from CIL is in addition to the £100,000 a year that is available to each Area Committee until 2017/18.
- 1.4 The CIL element had over allocated in 2015/16 by £11,000 so this has been reduced from the 2016/17 budget.
- 1.5 The unused balance for the general reserve at the end of 2015/16 was carried forward and added to the 2016/17 budget.
- 1.6 The amounts approved from the CIL reserve were based on estimates from the service department, with a view that should the estimate prove to be understated there would be no further call on the area committee budgets, without an additional approval. Expenditure exceeding 20% of the original estimate will require an explanation to enable the committee to agree any additional funding. The actual costs of the works, to date, have now been analysed and this report enables members to compare with the estimate. There are two schemes where expenditure is 20% above the estimate (see 2. below).
- 1.7 The net underspend on the CIL funded projects has been added to the balance available.
- 1.8 Detail as to the activity to date of this Area Committee and the balance available are attached at appendix 1 and appendix 2 to this report.

2. CIL activity

- 2.1 Junction improvements: Page Street, Bunns Lane, Pursley Road (approval 26 October 2016) – this was approved for £10,000 and estimated spend is £17,000 – this is referred to in the report ‘Progress update on Hendon Area Committee Actions February 2017’ also on the agenda for this meeting.
- 2.2 Pursley Road double mini roundabout (approval 13 January 2016) – this was approved for £7,000 and estimated spend is £11,517.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Funding has been allocated to various organisations and this will enable the committee to note the amount available for future allocation.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 4.1 No alternative options were considered

5. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 5.1 Decisions can be made by the Area Committee to allocate funding to organisations from the area committee general reserves based on member supported applications and from the area committee CIL reserve for requests for infrastructure related surveys and works.

6. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

6.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 6.1.1 The funding enables the Area Committee Budgets to contribute to the Corporate Plan’s objective to promote family and community wellbeing and support engaged, cohesive and safe communities, by helping communities access the support they need to become and remain independent and resilient.

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

- Appendices 1 and 2 show the amounts allocated and the committee balance remaining.
- The remaining balance following any allocations approved at this meeting will be transferred to a reserve and carried forward for use in the next financial year.

6.3 Social Value

- 6.3.1 Not applicable to this report

6.4 Legal and Constitutional References

The Council’s Constitution, Responsibility for Functions, Annex A, sets out the Terms of Reference for Area Committees. In relation to the area covered by the Committee:

(4) 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.

6.5 Risk Management

There are no risks to the Council as a direct result of this report

6.6 Equalities and Diversity

There are no equality and diversity issues as a direct result of this report.

6.7 Consultation and Engagement

There are no equality and diversity issues as a direct result of this report

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Policy & Resources Committee, 10 June 2014

<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s15260/Area%20Sub-Committees%20Budget%20Arrangements.pdf>

Community Leadership Committee, 11 September 2014

<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s17459/Community%20Participation%20Strategy%20-%20Area%20Committee%20Budget%20Arrangements%20and%20Wider%20Community%20Funding.pdf>

Policy & Resources Committee, 14 October 2014

<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s18280/Area%20Committee%20budget%20allocation%20proposals.pdf>

Policy & Resources Committee, 9 July 2015

<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s24360/Delegating%20a%20proportion%20of%20Community%20Infrastructure%20Levy%20CIL%20income%20to%20the%20Councils%20Area%20Committe.pdf>