

	<h2>Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee</h2> <h3>14 November 2017</h3>
<p style="text-align: right;">Title</p>	<p>Member’s Item – Application for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funding</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Report of</p>	<p>Head of Governance</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Wards</p>	<p>Garden Suburb, Woodhouse, East Finchley, Childs Hill</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>None</p>
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<h2>Summary</h2>
<p>This report informs the Area Committee the 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.</p>

<h2>Recommendations</h2>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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 Three requests for funding from the Committee's allocated CIL budget have been raised. The requests are as follows:

Title	Hedge - Kingsley Way junction with Meadway
Raised by (Councillor)	John Marshall
Ward	Garden Suburb
Area Committee	Finchley and Golders Green
Member Request	<p>The hedge photographed at Appendix A appears to have been damaged by a car earlier in the year, however, no details about the incident are known. <u>Re: Ltd</u> have received a quote from a supplier to supply and plant 6 containerised yew trees that are approximately 2m in height which will blend in with the existing trees. The cost for the replacement is £3490.00 plus VAT.</p> <p>The Committee are being asked to fund the yew trees to repair the damaged hedge.</p>
Funding Required (£)	£4,188 ((£3490 plus VAT)

Title	Gratton Terrace
Raised by (Councillor)	Councillor Ryde
Ward	Childs Hill
Area Committee	Finchley and Golders Green
Member Request	<p>The hedge line between Gratton Terrace and the A5 is a hotspot of rough sleeping and antisocial activity. Previously the Greenspaces Team piloted a new approach to the southern end of the road which entailed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hedge height reduction to encourage new and thicker growth at the base of the hedge. • The planting of new hedging to remove any gaps, and protected with chestnut pale fencing. • The removal of all the shrub growth in front of the hedge and replanting of the area with thorny plant species.

	<p>This approach was a success and has removed the issues from the southern end of the hedge line and provided an attractive low maintenance planting scheme.</p> <p>The aim is to mirror this approach to the northern end of the hedge line and to replace any dead shrubs from the first phase in order to remove the antisocial activities that take place in this area.</p> <p><u>Outline of scheme;</u> The hedge will be reduced to a height of 8 feet approx. in order to encourage new and thicker grown at the base of the privet hedge.</p> <p>The shrubs at the front will be reduced and or removed in order to allow more light to enter the area.</p> <p>New thorny plant species will be planted along the bank filling in area to mirror the scheme at the southern end. Gaps in the hedge will be planted with new hedging in order to provide a unbroken hedge line.</p> <p>Hedge gaps will be protected with chestnut pale fencing in order to allow the hedge to establish and fill out fully.</p>
Funding Required (£)	£9,000

Title	Glenhurst Road N12
Raised by (Councillor)	Geof Cooke
Ward	Woodhouse
Area Committee	Finchley and Golders Green
Member Request	<p>Residents of Glenhurst Road N12 have complained about vehicles mounting the pavement and also about speeding that endangers pedestrians, especially children. The road provides the only north-south route in the area. Please could funding be voted to enable officers to carry out a thorough investigation and to bring forward a proposal as soon as possible to improve the situation.</p>

Funding Required (£)	TBC
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Title	Speeding Traffic in Church Lane N2
Raised by (Councillor)	Alison Moore
Ward	East Finchley
Area Committee	Finchley and Golders Green
Member Request	<p>Member's Item in the name of Cllr Alison Moore Speeding Traffic in Church Lane N2</p> <p>The speed of traffic in Church Lane N2 has been an issue of concern for local residents for some time and a number of years ago, local parents mounted an energetic and successful campaign for the introduction of a 20mph speed limit. This has resulted in some reduction in vehicle speeds in Church Lane.</p> <p>However, following the latest in a long series of accidents where local residents' parked cars have been badly damaged, recent police speed counts show that a minority of drivers on Church Lane continue to significantly exceed both the statutory as well as advisory speed limit.</p> <p>Church Lane is a one way, downhill road with narrow footways and a pronounced chicane at the junction with King Street/The Walks. It links East End Road and the A1000 East Finchley High Road, making it a heavily used local route as well as a common rat run.</p> <p>The majority of the accidents have happened on the stretch of road to the east of the chicane and it is argued that vehicles which enter it too fast lose control on this narrow stretch of road. The damage to date has been to vehicles (and on one occasion to the front wall of a property on the south side of the road) but the pavement is particularly narrow on this stretch and any pedestrians could also be under threat.</p> <p>Therefore this committee asks officers to look again</p>

	at the issue of speeding traffic in Church Lane (and also the linked issue of Long Lane which suffers a similar problem), repeat formal traffic counts and consider what speed control measures could be introduced to tackle the persistent problems of dangerous driving, repeated damage to parked cars and potential risk to pedestrians.
Funding Required (£)	TBC

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 2017/18. 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 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 £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 2015 – 2020.

5.2 Social Value

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

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

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.

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>