

	<p>Title</p> <p>Chipping Barnet Area Committee</p> <p>Date</p> <p>2 July 2019</p>
Title	Member's Item – Application for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funding
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	Various
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Key	No
Enclosures	None
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Summary

This report informs the Chipping Barnet Area Committee that 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.

Officers Recommendations

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:
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 - (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 Requests for funding from the Committee's allocated CIL budget have been raised. The requests are as follows:

Title	Request for four benches in Brunswick Crescent playground
Raised by (Councillor)	Wendy Prentice
Ward	Brunswick Park
Area Committee	Chipping Barnet
Member Request	I request funding for four benches to be installed in the Brunswick Crescent playground. This open space is a wonderful community amenity which is regularly used by children living in the area but it has no facilities for adults or elderly residents to sit down or enjoy the open space. Residents have asked for this to be improved and would like the Council to install four benches around the four sides of the space so that older residents can also make the most of the area.
Funding Required (£)	TBC

Title	New Play Area in Victoria Recreation Ground, New Barnet.
Raised by (Councillor)	Cllr Felix Byers
Ward	East Barnet
Area Committee	Chipping Barnet
Member Request	<p>Funding is requested to redress a shortfall in the Greenspaces budget for a new play area in Victoria Recreation Ground, New Barnet.</p> <p>The previous play area was removed as part of the development and construction of New Barnet Leisure Centre – with the proviso that the play area would be replaced later at a new location within Victoria Recreation Ground.</p> <p>More than replacing the earlier limited toddler play area like-for-like, this scheme is for a superior play area featuring equipment for all ages complete with benches to make this a suitable play area for a wider range of families – and thereby ready for the inevitable increase in diversity of residents passing through and using Victoria Recreation Ground upon the opening of New Barnet Leisure Centre. See the design attached.</p> <p>The sum cost of the play area, at £152,000, represents an exciting and arguably long overdue investment in this part of the ward, and in total will be delivered at a significant c.£20,000 discount.</p> <p>Failure to cover this shortfall would mean the full ambition of this project couldn't be realised – with a loss of around three-quarters of the proposed junior and senior play provisions.</p> <p>I'm very happy to make representations for this request.</p>

Funding Required (£)	£25,000
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Title	
Raised by (Councillor)	Stephen Sowerby
Ward	Oakleigh
Area Committee	Chipping Barnet
Member Request	I request appropriate funding for Highways to conduct a feasibility study for introducing a 20mph zone on Queens Avenue, N20. This request complies with Highways policy for roads adjacent to schools (in this case Queenswell Primary School).
Funding Required (£)	TBC

Title	Request for double yellow lines on corners of Brunswick Crescent
Raised by (Councillor)	Julian Teare
Ward	Brunswick Park
Area Committee	Chipping Barnet
Member Request	I request funding to implement double yellow lines on the carriageway on the corners of Brunswick Crescent, where the road meets with Brunswick Avenue and also where it meets with Brunswick Grove. Currently there are no double yellow lines

	<p>on these intersections and cars are regularly parked here. It is not just an issue that visibility is badly obstructed, creating great risk of an accident happening, but it also regularly blocks the road and means that residents are unable to get into their road and often the dust trucks cannot get down to empty the bins on the road either. Highways Officers will need to recommend the optimal length needed but they should be long enough to prevent this issue being a constant problem and stop the road getting blocked.</p>
Funding Required (£)	TBC

Title	Request for new and improved fencing along the border between New Southgate Recreation Ground and Brunswick Grove
Raised by (Councillor)	Roberto Weeden-Sanz
Ward	Brunswick Park
Area Committee	Chipping Barnet
Member Request	<p>I request funding for new and improved fencing along the boundary of the New Southgate Recreation Ground and the back of houses along Brunswick Grove. The Recreation Ground backs directly onto these residents' gardens with the only partition being the Recreation Ground fence. This is currently not fit for purpose, being only waist height in many places and decrepit, it is extremely easy to get into these residents' gardens and they are an easy target for burglaries. Additionally, this ground has experienced traveller incursions twice in the last year. I request funding to replace this fence with a new fence which is an appropriate height so that it cannot be climbed over and to allow both the residents privacy in their gardens and people in the ground privacy from the residents in their homes. If the money does not cover fencing for the entire length of the ground then I would request it start from behind where 2 Brunswick Grove is and</p>

	replace the fence going eastwards along the back of the houses as far as the money can pay for.
Funding Required (£)	£25,000

Title	Repair the Road Markings at the Junction of the High Road (A1000) and Oakleigh Road North
Raised by (Councillor)	Thomas Smith
Ward	Oakleigh
Area Committee	Chipping Barnet
Member Request	I request CIL funding to repair the road markings at the junction of the High Road (A1000) and Oakleigh Road North, directly outside Barnet House. This is to make it clearer to drivers which lanes to use and make it clearer that the lanes merge. I would ask Officers to advise on the feasibility of this request and the funding required.
Funding Required (£)	TBC

2. 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; 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 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 The funding enables the Area Committee Budgets to contribute to Barnet's 2024 Corporate Plan objective to promote a pleasant, well maintained borough that we protect and invest in, by keeping the borough moving, including improvements to roads and pavements, getting the best of out of our parks by looking after and investing in our greenspaces and investing in community facilities to support a growing population.

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

- 5.2.1 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.
- 5.2.2 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.

5.3 Social Value

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

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.4.1 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 constituency up to a maximum of £25,000 per scheme/project in each case subject to sufficient of the budget being allocated to the Committee being unspent.
- 5.4.2 Council Constitution, Article 2 Members of the Council, Section 2.3 states any Member will be permitted to have one matter only (with no sub items) on the agenda for an Area Committee where the Member is sponsoring an application to an Area Committee Budget. Member's items sponsoring an application to the Area Committee 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.

5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1 None in the context of this report.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 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.

5.7 Corporate Parenting

5.7.1 None in the context of this report.

5.8 Consultation and Engagement

5.8.1 None in the context of this report.

5.8 Insight

5.8.2 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>

