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**Chipping Barnet Area Committee**  
**Date**  
**6 October 2020**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Members Items – Applications for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funding</b>
<b>Report of</b>	Head of Governance
<b>Wards</b>	Various
<b>Status</b>	Public
<b>Urgent</b>	No
<b>Key</b>	No
<b>Enclosures</b>	Councillor Sowerby – Appendix A
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## **Summary**

This report informs the Chipping Barnet Area Committee that several applications 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 requests as highlighted in section 1 of the report.**

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

- (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	Obstruction of Junction Farnham Close Junction of High Road N20
Raised by (Councillor)	Councillor Lisa Rutter
Ward	Brunswick Park
Area Committee	Chipping Barnet Area
Member Request	<p>I am referring this item which is in Oakleigh Ward to the Chipping Barnet Area Committee.</p> <p>I live in Kingswood Close which is off Farnham Close. Local residents in the last few months have contacted me to inform me of the difficulties they have turning right from Farnham Close on to the High Road towards Barnet and left towards Whetstone/Finchley because of the constant parking of large trucks making visibility impossible.</p> <p>This item was previously brought to the area committee and Ward Councillors are aware of this matter. The decision of the committee was to paint double yellow lines. Unfortunately, residents were not aware that the double yellow lines were just to be painted on the junction corner. This has meant that the trucks have been parking further up back to back up to the start of the zig zag crossing.</p> <p>Residents have been complaining about the trucks which have been parking for nearly 2 years in</p>

	<p>particular one of the trucks that didn't move at all. It has taken a lot of time and effort and the police involved to get these trucks finally removed.</p> <p>Residents however do not want further vehicles to be parking there and therefore I ask the committee to please consider extending the double yellow lines please a little bit further up to the start of the zig zag crossing.</p>
Funding Required (£)	TBC

Title	Application for Information Noticeboard for Darland's Nature Reserve
Raised by (Councillor)	Councillor Caroline Stock
Ward	Totteridge
Area Committee	Chipping Barnet
Member Request	<p>To fund two notice boards at the entrances into the Darland's Nature Reserve. The reason for this request is that the number of people walking in this area has dramatically increased during Covid-19. A lot of these individuals are new to the area (having seen the route advertised in Council Barnet First). The boards will have information about the correct routes to follow, as lots of people are not familiar with the area. Also, and very importantly there will be information explaining that horse-riding, motorbiking or cycling etc are not allowed in the Darlands. Finally, there will be room for information about nature walks, bird and mammal awareness days etc.</p>
Funding Required (£)	£1,600 x 2 which includes VAT and installation

Title	Love Whetstone Christmas tree in the Whetstone area
Raised by (Councillor)	Councillor Richard Cornelius

Ward	Totteridge
Area Committee	Chipping Barnet
Member Request	<p>Love Whetstone is a local community organisation that serves the Whetstone area. Their activity is therefore such that community work they undertake falls geographically both in Oakleigh Ward and Totteridge Ward although the benefit to the community is much wider. Love Whetstone have worked tirelessly each year to ensure there is a Christmas tree in the Whetstone area, notably sited around the A1000 shop-front area of Waitrose. This will be their fifth year doing so. Their fundraising activities, like that of many other organisations, have been affected by COVID-19. Notwithstanding the same, they are proactively working with Barnet Council to ensure that they are able to have a Christmas tree in Whetstone again this year too.</p> <p>One feature of ongoing expense to the community organisation concerns the ballast to keep the tree erect. This costs a significant sum each year and is expected to be £611 this year. It comes down with the tree each year and needs to be repurchased again the following year and so on. A longer-term solution would be to install a tree-pit as a permanent structure so that the organisation can continue to fundraise and work for the benefit of the community, including but not limited to, with Christmas tree provision, and the 'wasted cost' of around £611 for ballast each year can therefore be avoided with this permanent and cost-effective solution in place too. Officers have been in dialogue with Love Whetstone about this and it is anticipated that this Member request would require around £2000 to £2500 of funding from the area committee.</p>
Funding Required (£)	TBC. Likely to be around £2000 to £2500. Officers to confirm the same.

Title	Pedestrian path, Barnet Lane car park
Raised by (Councillor)	Councillor Jess Brayne
Ward	Underhill
Area Committee	Chipping Barnet
Member Request	<p>The Barnet Lane car park for King George V playing fields is used by both visitors to the park facilities and to Hadley Wood Sports facilities – who provide sports facilities and programmes to children &amp; young people. Between the car park and Sports Trust there is a short length of road, which is where the problems are arising (will provide a picture for the committee). Despite previous improvements there is still a risk to people using the car park as there is poor visibility and cars speed along this bit of road. This is particularly dangerous for children who can be less easily seen.</p> <p>We propose creating a path to separate pedestrians from traffic on this short stretch. For a Pathway including a gate and bollard in the car park so the entrance is kept car free officers have estimated it would be around £9k. I am asking for 10k to give a little flexibility. This would greatly increase the safety of pedestrians. It would also increase the flow of traffic in and out of the car park, and any queues on Barnet Lane, as traffic would not be held up by people crossing.</p> <p>The sports trust will be dealing with the issue of speeding separately, paying for a speedbump out of their own funds.</p>

Funding Required (£)	£10,000
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Title	Three white bollards for grass verge on the northern junction between Raleigh and Manor Drive, N20
Raised by (Councillor)	Councillor Stephen Sowerby
Ward	Oakleigh
Area Committee	Chipping Barnet
Member Request	<p>I request funding for three white bollards to prevent vehicles driving over the grass verge on the northern junction between Raleigh and Manor Drive, N20 – the attached photos illustrate the issue. Whilst two wooden posts were erected in 2013 at my request they keep being knocked down by larger vehicles (nor are they particularly visible to road traffic being wooden).</p> <p>In addition, the two posts do not provide sufficient coverage to effectively prevent driving over the verge and so I request three white bollards which should suffice.</p>
Funding Required (£)	TBC

Title	Outdoor gym equipment for New Southgate Recreation Ground
Raised by (Councillor)	Councillor Roberto Weeden-Sanz
Ward	Brunswick Park
Area Committee	Chipping Barnet
Member Request	The New Southgate Recreation Ground currently has no provision for adult exercise despite being at the heart of the Brunswick Park and New Southgate estates. Adding outdoor gym equipment here to provide this would help improve this community hub

	<p>and encourage residents from the surrounding roads to use the ground.</p> <p>Greenspaces have provided a quote for 4 gym equipment pieces which would come to approximately £25,000, these would be for a Power Bike &amp; Sit Up Bench, a Cross Trainer, a Free Runner and a Double Chest Press. This would include order and installation costs for the 4 pieces, in addition to tiger mulch for each item and path access from tarmac to each item.</p>
Funding Required (£)	£25,000 (estimate by Greenspaces)

Title	East Barnet Valley Bowls Club
Raised by (Councillor)	Councillor Jo Cooper
Ward	East Barnet
Area Committee	Chipping Barnet
Member Request	<p>Request from the East Barnet Valley Bowls Club for equipment to assist in maintaining the bowling green. The Club has a team of enthusiastic and skilled members and volunteers who help to run and maintain the club and grounds. This assists the club to remain financially efficient as it does not need to employ professional grounds staff. However, they do require new specialist equipment that is specifically designed for the maintenance and management of bowling greens. The request is for funding to pay for a</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Fertiliser and Seed Spreader</li> <li>2) Sprayer for Moss and Weed Control</li> <li>3) Dragbrush to remove worm cast and dew.</li> </ol> <p>These particular items sourced are manufactured for bowling green maintenance rather than just general gardening.</p> <p>These would be purchased via the CIL and then maintained with any further on-costs met by the East Barnet Valley Bowls Club.</p>

Funding Required (£)	1) 192.00 2) 690.00 3) 198.00 TOTAL £1080.60
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Title	Speed Activated signs in St Margaret's Avenue, London N20
Raised by (Councillor)	Councillor Alison Cornelius
Ward	Totteridge
Area Committee	Chipping Barnet
Member Request	I should like funding for two speed activated signs, one on either side of St Margaret's Avenue, as residents are constantly complaining about speeding along the straight section of the road.
Funding Required (£)	TBC

Title	Speed survey to be conducted on Oakleigh Park South
Raised by (Councillor)	Councillor Thomas Smith
Ward	Oakleigh
Area Committee	Chipping Barnet
Member Request	I would like to request a speed survey to be conducted on Oakleigh Park South, from the roundabout up to the junction with Oakleigh Road North, to address speeding problems on this road. I would like to request £5000 for this purpose.
Funding Required (£)	£5000

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 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'.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 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.
- 1.7 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).
- 1.8 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.

## **2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED**

- 2.1 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.

### **3. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION**

- 3.1 Post decision implementation depends on the decision taken by the Committee, and the assessing officer's recommendation.

### **4. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION**

#### **4.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance**

- 4.1.1 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.

#### **4.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

- 4.2.1 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.
- 4.2.2 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 2019 – 2024.

#### **4.3 Social Value**

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

#### **4.4 Legal and Constitutional References**

- 4.4.1 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.

4.4.2 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.

#### 4.5 Risk Management

4.5.1 None in the context of this report.

#### 4.6 Equalities and Diversity

4.6.1 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.

#### 4.7 Corporate Parenting

4.7.1 None in the context of this report.

#### 4.8 Consultation and Engagement

4.8.1 None in the context of this report.

#### 5.8 Insight

4.8.2 None in the context of this report.

### 5. BACKGROUND PAPERS

5.1 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>

5.2 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>