



Hendon Area Committee

1 February 2021

Title	Member's Item – Application for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funding
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	Burnt Oak, Colindale, Hendon, West Hendon
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Key	No
Enclosures	Appendix 1 - Crossing at the junction of A41 and Aerodrome Road, Site photos
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Summary

This report informs the Hendon Area Committee that 5 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.

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

1.	Crossing at the junction of A41 and Aerodrome Road
Raised by (Councillor):	Cllr. Nagus Narendhira
Ward:	Colindale
Area Committee:	Hendon
Member Request:	To Consider a viable location for a crossing near this junction. Large number of people cross Aerodrome road since the huge development of Beaufort Park and Colindale Gardens.
Funding Required (£):	£5,000
In consultation with (e.g. named Highways/Greenspaces Officer, and any comments which would assist the application): On (DATE):	Officers advised to ask for funding for initial cost of identifying the location; “Consideration might be given for another pedestrian refuge between the junction and the refuge provided west of Rowan Drive. This would need to consider the impact on queuing for the signals and the locations of junctions and bus stops, and the constraints in terms of space and visibility from the bridges, but nevertheless might be an assessment the area committee could fund to determine if a viable location can be identified”
Any additional information (please list any documents here and email to relevant Governance Officer to circulate to the Committee):	Photos attached at Appendix 1.

2.	Single yellow line to improve safety (Abbots Road between Orange Hill Road and Langham Road)
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Raised by (Councillor):	Cllr Sara Conway
Ward:	Burnt Oak
Member Request:	<p>Road safety concerns have been noted previously with requests for parking regulations enforcement, this request for action followed a serious road rage incident.</p> <p>Officers have agreed that it will be possible to install Single Yellow Lines on Abbots Road (opposite the schools) between Orange Hill Road and Langham Road. Also to tie the proposed single yellow line to the double yellow lines at the above mentioned junctions.</p> <p><u>Full breakdown:</u></p> <p><u>Officer Time for:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site investigation - £120 • Finalise design - £120 • liaison if required - £60 • Drafting TMO - £260 • Drafting of Consultation Letters / Street Notices / Letter Delivery and erection of street notices - £375 • Monitoring of comments and opportunity to deal with potential objections by way of COD Report - £1,480 • Advertising 1 - £1,000 • Advertising 2 - £800 • Making of the TMO - £180 • Producing work orders / BOQ's - £120 • Contractor Liaison for Implementation - £72 <p><u>Implementation costs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refresh School Keep Clear Markings – 2 locations - £500 • Installing signs and posts on 2 locations; including Stat Search - £650 • Refresh Double Yellow Lines (Abbots Rd JW Orange Hill Rd and Abbots Rd JW Langham Rd) - £140

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refresh Single Yellow Lines - £65
Funding Required (£):	£5942
In consultation with (e.g. named Highways/Greenspaces Officer, and any comments which would assist the application):	Cris Tavares, Re, and site meeting with 2 highways officers Dec 2020/Jan 2021
On (DATE):	

3.	Disabled-friendly swing, a slide, and safety surfacing at Brookside Walk play area.
Raised by (Councillor):	Cllr Anthony Finn
Ward:	Hendon
Member Request:	For the provision of a disabled-friendly swing, a slide, and safety surfacing at Brookside Walk play area.
Funding Required (£):	17,700
In consultation with (e.g. named Highways/Greenspaces Officer, and any comments which would assist the application):	<p>Cassie Bridger, Assistant Director of Greenspaces and Leisure.</p> <p>Our Greenspaces Officer has provided the following estimates from two market suppliers:</p> <p>Play Equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total estimation plus contingency is £10,800. This covers the slide and disabled friendly swing. <p>Safety Surfacing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total cost to complete is £6,900 inclusive of materials and labour.
On (DATE):	

4.	4 benches on Vivian Avenue
Raised by (Councillor)	Cllr Helene Richman
Ward	West Hendon
Member Request	This request is for 4 benches on Vivian Avenue, West Hendon. The high street (Vivian Avenue) has no place to sit and these

	benches are not only practical but provide a necessary improvement to an extremely drab and neglected focal point for the ward.
Funding Required (£)	£6400 (£1600 per bench)
In consultation with (e.g. named Highways/Greenspaces Officer, and any comments which would assist the application):	Cris Tavares, Re Member Liaison Officer 20/1/21
On (DATE):	

5.	Tiferes Shlomo school – Wetpour safety flooring
Raised by (Councillor):	Nizza Fluss
Ward:	Hendon
Area Committee:	Hendon Area Committee
Member Request:	<p>Tiferes Shlomo school for boys between the ages of 3-15 years recently received a donation of a big outdoor climbing frame which has just been installed. Unfortunately, they are unable to allow the children to use this yet, as it is placed on a concrete floor and is still unsafe for the children to use.</p> <p>They were hoping to raise the money for wetpour safety flooring as soon as possible but so far have been unable to do so. They have received a quote for £ 26000.</p> <p>Should they be granted £25000 from Barnet Council, this would mean an available space with some equipment can finally be used.</p> <p>Having a well-equipped outdoor space will have a huge impact on the learning and development of the 70 very active little boys in their Early Years department.</p>
Funding Required (£):	£25,000

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 defenses, 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 2019 – 2024.

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 relating to their ward. 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>