



## Chipping Barnet Area Committee

29 June 2021

<b>Title</b>	<b>Members Items – Applications for Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) 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>	Appendix A – supporting documents to Councillor Longstaff's application
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### Summary

This report informs the Area Committee that the applications listed under section 1 for Neighbourhood CIL funding have been submitted. The Committee are requested to consider the information highlighted within this report and decide 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) award funding (either fully or partially) and any conditions attached and note the implications to the Committee’s NCIL funding budget;**
- (b) defer the application for funding for further information, giving reasons; or**
- (c) reject the application, giving reasons.**

**1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED**

1.1 Applications for funding from the Committee’s allocated NCIL budget have been raised. The applications are as follows:

Title	
Raised by (Councillor):	Stephen Sowerby (LBB Heritage Champion)
Ward:	Oakleigh (funding request within Totteridge Ward)
Member Request:	Yes
Funding Requested (£):	TBC
<p>In consultation with (e.g. named Officer):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is within the parameters outlined in CIL statutory and regulatory definitions</li> <li>• Falls within the CIL Funding Priorities agreed by the relevant Area Committee</li> <li>• Links to priorities in any existing Council policy or strategy and/or whether any insight and intelligence may support the application</li> <li>• The scheme has considered any potential impact on the Council’s Strategic portfolio including those considered for strategic CIL funding</li> <li>• The scheme has no ongoing incremental revenue costs to the Council</li> <li>• That the scheme budget is forecast accurately</li> <li>• That the scheme deliverability has been assessed to ensure it can be resourced and successfully implemented</li> </ul>	<p>I request funding to enhance and protect the WW2 Air Raid Warden’s Post located on the green space adjacent to Brook Farm allotments, Whetstone High Road. This small and un-presupposing Council owned building is a purpose built Warden’s Post constructed by the Metropolitan Borough of Finchley in approximately 1939 - most Warden’s posts were cleared after the war making this a very rare surviving example. The building was recently added to the <b>Council’s local list of heritage assets</b> due to its historical significance and rarity.</p> <p>Unfortunately, this small concrete structure has become neglected and subject to illegal fly-tipping in recent years. I request funding to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear the fly-tipping from the building</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the scheme outcomes and benefits have been assessed including benefits for the wider community and/or including those with protected characteristics under the Equalities Act 2010</li> </ul> <p>And Area Lead Officer (NAME), on (DATE):</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install a metal gate over the entrance to prevent further fly-tipping</li> <li>• Erect a small history board on the external wall of the building explaining the building's previous Wartime function to enhance public appreciation of the building.</li> </ul> <p>The funding for the above protective measure is likely to be between £2000-3000.</p> <p>Not only will these measures protect a very rare Council owned heritage structure they will remove and prevent fly-tipping from a prominent open space in the heart of Whetstone.</p>
<p>Any additional information (please list any documents here to be published with the agenda, or circulated to the Committee):</p>	

Title	Hollickwood rec ground
Raised by (Councillor):	Pauline Coakley Webb
Ward:	Coppetts
Member Request:	Yes
Funding Requested (£):	£10280
<p>In consultation with (e.g. named Officer):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is within the parameters outlined in CIL statutory and regulatory definitions</li> <li>• Falls within the CIL Funding Priorities agreed by the</li> </ul>	<p>Matt Gunyon and Rob Wiltshire</p> <p>Hollickwood rec ground received funding at the previous committee for a table tennis table as requested by the newly formed Friends of Hollickwood rec ground who have surveyed the users and local community and the findings of which were reported to a previous area committee</p>

<p>relevant Area Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Links to priorities in any existing Council policy or strategy and/or whether any insight and intelligence may support the application</li> <li>• The scheme has considered any potential impact on the Council's Strategic portfolio including those considered for strategic CIL funding</li> <li>• The scheme has no ongoing incremental revenue costs to the Council</li> <li>• That the scheme budget is forecast accurately</li> <li>• That the scheme deliverability has been assessed to ensure it can be resourced and successfully implemented</li> <li>• That the scheme outcomes and benefits have been assessed including benefits for the wider community and/or including those with protected characteristics under the Equalities Act 2010</li> </ul> <p>And Area Lead Officer (NAME), on (DATE):</p>	<p>There is continued liaison with the friends group who are drawing up a five-year plan.</p> <p>This application is for the hardstanding required for the table tennis table which residents want to be installed close to the current play equipment along with two childrens games / picnic tables to also be installed on the new hard standing , examples of which are already installed at Oak Hill park. Images attached</p> <p>Longer term the friends are looking to have the tennis courts resurfaced and new fencing but as this will be a longer-term project the request for two goals / basketball hoops is asked for at this meeting so that they can be installed in one of the tennis Courts which young people have requested. Image attached</p> <p><b>Matt Gunyon Craig Miller</b> The funding being sought is as follows</p> <p>Picnic tables £1000.00 x 2 - £2000.00 Fixing £390 x 2 - £780.00 Carriage charge will be about £500.00 to deliver from manufacturer.</p> <p>Snakes &amp; Ladders picnic set, c/w feet Chess table picnic set, c/w feet</p> <p>Hard standing for table tennis table and 2 picnic/games tables £2000</p> <p>Two multi use goals and basket ball hoops £5000</p> <p>Total £10280</p> <p>Information outstanding is the cost of fixing the multi use goals and any carriage costs. This has been requested from officers .</p>
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Title	
Raised by (Councillor):	David Longstaff
Ward:	High Barnet
Member Request:	Refurbishment of Tudor Park Pavilion
Funding Requested (£):	£200k
In consultation with (e.g. named Officer):	For several years the local residents have wanted to bring the Pavilion back into use. In 2018 I reached agreement with Jamie Blake (former Environment Director) and Dennis Rolfe (I think
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is within the parameters outlined in CIL statutory and regulatory definitions:</li> </ul>	

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Whilst the £200k request is high, I think the expenditure can be reduced and some of the grant returned.

The Pavilion has subsidence (caused by a collapsed drain) and unless fixed will lead to the building becoming unstable and a risk to the public. A Green Spaces manager said that he would expect to have to demolish and dispose of the building within the next five years. For reason I'm not party to, I am told that the building cannot be fixed through insurance.

I haven't got a figure yet for the demolition and disposal cost, but I would estimate £30,000. There would also be a cost in making good the foot print of the old building and returning it to be a usable park space, approximately £5k. The toilet for the council storage area would need to be re-provided and additional security fencing for the mechanical storage area would be required; and that would be an additional cost of approximately £15k. It would seem reasonable for Green Spaces to use that inevitable cost as a contribution to refurbish rather than demolish.

Also on the park is the abandoned golf course social club. That building is dilapidated and broken in half through subsidence. It is in need of demolition. I understand that insurance for the subsidence and loss of building has been agreed. Any excess funds following the building's removal should be put towards the Pavilions refurbishment.

There is also the possibility of grants and matched funding grants that local residents have indicated they will apply for.

The Growth and Regeneration Team have also indicated there are grants that can be applied for.

	<p>A fully refurbished Pavilion would enable the council to lease the café and generate a reasonable rental income – possibly ring-fenced for the upkeep and improvement of Tudor Park.</p> <p>All these plans would take a few months to mobilise and, if it were within the committee’s terms of reference, it may be possible to split the grant over this financial year and 22/23.</p> <p>Bringing the Pavilion back into regular public use would be enormously good for residents and the park.</p>
<p>Any additional information (please list any documents here to be published with the agenda, or circulated to the Committee):</p>	<p>I think I’ve written plenty... but</p> <p><a href="https://www.barnetsociety.org.uk/overwhelming-support-for-abandoned-cricket-pavilion-to-be-restored-with-cafe-and-toilets">https://www.barnetsociety.org.uk/overwhelming-support-for-abandoned-cricket-pavilion-to-be-restored-with-cafe-and-toilets</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.theresavilliers.co.uk/news/hope-new-business-tudor-park-theresa-asks-barnet-council-think-again-about-rejecting-cafe-propo?fbclid=IwAR2SJn3ljCUn4P48Vh8hkC-l26aBFjgy60184CD5gLkwy-z2r1VqRRPeg">https://www.theresavilliers.co.uk/news/hope-new-business-tudor-park-theresa-asks-barnet-council-think-again-about-rejecting-cafe-propo?fbclid=IwAR2SJn3ljCUn4P48Vh8hkC-l26aBFjgy60184CD5gLkwy-z2r1VqRRPeg</a></p>

## REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.2 The Committee is requested to decide in respect of each application submitted by Ward Members for Neighbourhood CIL Funding, in line with its terms of reference set out in Article 7 of the Council’s Constitution.
- 1.3 The Policy & Resources Committee were requested by the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee in February and October 2020 to review and clarify the current CIL Funding Policy and Eligibility Guidelines.
- 1.4 On 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021, the Policy & Resources Committee discussed a report concerning the CIL funding process. It was agreed that each Area Committee should consider, develop and approve their own CIL funding priorities for each financial year starting in 2021/22. In addition, it was recommended that

comprehensive guidance be developed for CIL Area Committee Budget and the Road Safety & Parking Fund to ensure that Members can make informed decisions when receiving applications for funding.

- 1.5 At its meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021, the Policy and Resources Committee agreed in respect of Area Committees:
- that each Area Committee be allocated £400,000 of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding per financial year
  - to remove the funding limit for each individual Area Committee CIL funded project (which will operate within the approved annual budget)
  - the new CIL Funding Application Guidelines and Funding Application Form
- 1.6 The Area Committees have considered and agreed their priorities for CIL funding for 2021- 22 and these can be accessed via the links provided in section 6 under Background papers.
- 1.7 The priorities do not restrict the Area Committees from approving funding requests that are not agreed priorities. The Area Committee could choose to approve something that is not an identified priority providing it meets the legal definition of infrastructure.
- 1.8 The purpose of the priorities is to enable Area Committees to make informed decisions about the requests before them. This will allow each Area Committee to make appropriate decisions on how funding is allocated in line with the specific infrastructure needs of the area.
- 1.9 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a planning charge that was introduced by the Planning Act 2008 Part II to help deliver infrastructure to support the development in an area. CIL is a standard charge collected from developers on a rate per square metre basis and the funds raised are spent on infrastructure to support the development of an area. Part of CIL funding is allocated to the Neighbourhood Portion and managed by the three Area Committees for Finchley & Golders Green, Hendon and Chipping Barnet.
- 1.10 For schemes approved by Area Committee for funding above £50,000 these are recognised as more complex to deliver. The relevant Executive Director will ensure the appointment of a senior Council Officer to sponsor the scheme and the coordination of Council services, ensure the appropriate project methodology is adhered to, with the scheme set up for a successful delivery. It is recognised that these schemes may deliver outside of the financial year in which they are approved.

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

- 2.1 Not applicable; Members of the Council are able to submit applications for Neighbourhood CIL funding to the Area Committee via Members' Items. As a result, the Committee are requested to consider and determine the applications

submitted by Ward Members. 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 Community Infrastructure Levy funding supports the delivery of the Corporate Plan objectives: A pleasant, well maintained borough that we protect and invest in Getting the best out of our parks and improving air quality by looking after and investing in our greenspaces Investing in community facilities to support a growing population, such as schools and leisure centres.

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

- 4.2.1 Starting in 2021/22, the Area Committee has an allocated budget for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) of £400,00 per financial year. This enables the Area Committees to consider funding a larger number of projects with the opportunity to unlock greater community benefits.

- 4.2.2 The Policy & Resources Committee on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 agreed to remove the funding limit per scheme and that Area Committees operate within their annual budget. This enables Area Committees to consider using the increased CIL allocation to fund larger projects with the opportunity to unlock significant community benefits.

#### **4.3 Social Value**

- 4.3.1 Requests for Area Committee budget funding provides 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 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 that

a Ward Member will be permitted to have one matter only (with no subitems) on the agenda for an Area Committee where the Member is submitting a request for CIL funding to an Area Committee Budget relating to their Ward. Members' Items for CIL funding 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 Members consult with Area Committee Lead Officers at an early stage on CIL Funding applications and where relevant with other departments and services. This will enable as much supporting information as possible to be included with applications to enable committees to make an informed decision. Applications where limited or no consultation has taken place are likely to be deferred or rejected by committees. This information will enable committees to make informed decisions. There is no prescribed format for supporting information, but it is recommended that it is sufficient for the committee to make an informed decision.

### **5 Insight**

5.1 The Committee may wish to utilise the CIL funding priorities agreed by the Area Committee as a guide towards determining an application. Officers will work on collating key information to assist Members in reviewing priorities including infrastructure needs by constituency area and insight data.

## **6 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6.1 Meeting of the Community Leadership Committee, 24 June 2015, Review of Area Committees – operations and delegated budgets:

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s24009/Area%20Committees%20%20Community%20Leadership%20Committee%2025%20June%202015%20-%20FINAL.pdf>

- 6.2 Policy & Resources Committee, 9 July 2015, 'Delegating a proportion of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) income to the Council's Area Committees'  
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=692&MId=8346&Ver=4>
- 6.3 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>
- 6.4 Policy & Resources Committee, 8 February 2021, Review of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Eligibility Criteria and Guidance  
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=692&MId=10200&Ver=4>
- 6.5 Policy & Resources Committee, 24 May 2021, Review of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Eligibility Criteria and Guidance  
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=692&MId=10201&Ver=4>
- 6.6 Chipping Barnet Area Committee - CIL Funding Priorities – 21 April 2021 (item 12):  
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=711&MId=10126&Ver=4>
- 6.7 Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee – CIL Funding Priorities, 8 April 2021 (item 12):  
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=712&MId=10257&Ver=4>
- 6.8 Hendon Area Committee – CIL Funding Priorities, 16 March 2021 (item 14):  
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=717&MId=10250&Ver=4>