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| Longs                          |  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chipping Barnet Area Committee</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>9<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b></p> |  |
| <b>Title</b>                   | <b>Members Items – Applications for Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) Funding</b>   |  |
| <b>Report of</b>               | Graeme Clayton – Community Infrastructure Coordinator<br>Capital Delivery, Growth & Corporate Services   |  |
| <b>Wards</b>                   | Brunswick Park, Coppetts, East Barnet, High Barnet, Oakleigh, Totteridge, Underhill  |  |
| <b>Status</b>                  | Public   |  |
| <b>Urgent</b>                  | No   |  |
| <b>Key</b>                     | No   |  |
| <b>Enclosures</b>              | Appendix 1 – Members NCIL applications   |  |
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| <b>Summary</b>   |
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| <p>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.</p> |

## **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 summary of the applications is in the table below, and the detailed applications are in Appendix 1:

The following items are from January 2022:

| Ward        | Scheme Description  | Ward Member          | Budget Allocation<br>£ |
|-------------|---|----------------------|------------------------|
| Coppetts    | Friern Barnet Community Library - Community grant to re-furbish and redecorate interior of the building, areas damaged by damp  | Pauline Coakley-Webb | 4,100                  |
| East Barnet | Oakhill Park (North) - Amendment to increase budget for the scheme approved in Jan-21. Children's play equipment to service the north side of the park for the East Barnet Village community. | Laurie Williams      | 50,000                 |
| Underhill   | Barnet Museum Notice Board - Community grant to contribute to the replacement of dilapidated infrastructure.  | Paul Edwards         | 3,448                  |

The following items are from March 2022:

| Ward        | Scheme Description  | Ward Member          | Budget Allocation<br>£ |
|-------------|---|----------------------|------------------------|
| Coppetts    | Community Focus – new IT infrastructure (Contribution)  | Pauline Coakley Webb | 16,520                 |
| Totteridge  | Brook Farm Open Space – New Toddler & Junior Playground   | Alison Cornelius     | 200,000                |
| Oakleigh    | Whetstone – Benches & Planters (Jubilee commemoration)  | Sachin Rajput        | 10,000                 |
| Coppetts    | Food growing using hydroponics technology – for education in primary schools – by community group Allotmentz                          | Barry Rawlings       | 4,200                  |
| East Barnet | Food growing using hydroponics technology – for education in primary schools through Brookhill Nursey – by community group Allotmentz | Lawrie Williams      | 8,600                  |

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| East Barnet    | New Minibus for the 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> New Barnet Scouts Group (matched funding)                    | Nicole Richer | 20,000 |
| Underhill      | Strength & Learning through Horses - Contribution towards purchasing a new classroom as part of the overall scheme | Tim Roberts   | 20,000 |
| Brunswick Park | Extension of double yellow lines   | Lisa Rutter   | 3,000  |

## 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 the Committee to bring a wide range of issues to the attention of the 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>