



**Note of the meeting of the Neighbourhood CIL for Bath Working Group
held on Monday, 3rd September, 2018
in Dome Room - Guildhall, Bath**

In Attendance
Councillor Rob Appleyard
Councillor Colin Blackburn
David Dixon
Mark Hayward
Robin Kerr
Councillor Lin Patterson
Tracey Pike (Item 1 only)
Councillor June Player
Sam Plummer (Item 1 only)

Apologies Received from
Roger Driver

1. Youth Service Provision for Bath

Tracey Pike and Sam Plummer were welcomed to the meeting. The reason for attending the CIL Panel in Bath is to start the conversation on how the future provision of youth work will be delivered across B&NES.

There have already been conversations with Parish and Town Councils in North East Somerset. As Bath is unparished the Bath City Forum are asked to consider the ideas for future services and funding that youth workers need to have about non targeted groups.

The youth service budget is to be reduced from £1.1 million to £500K per annum from October 2018. The services that will be able to be delivered will only be for targeted support, many of the open access services will stop being delivered.

Youth Connect will be moving to a new model that will see them operate as a staff mutual that operates with twenty-one staff. B&NES Council are expected to award a delivery contract for services over the next three to five years.

Under the staff mutual model there will be an ambition to deliver additional services funded by the parish and town councils and the Bath City Forum. When the opportunity for other additional funding streams becomes available these will be considered.

Later this year an application will be submitted for funding from Neighbourhood CiL for Bath.

The panel advised that information about the specific plans for the budget for Bath service will need to be provided. Any application will need to show how development in Bath is impacting on the needs for youth services along with the setting out a specific programme of delivery will need to be included.

2. Bath Neighbourhood CiL Funding Summary

An update was give provided on the level of receipts that are presently available to be allocated in Bath.

As at 11 July 2018 £351k remain available for allocation from the total receipts of £631K.

So far the panel has allocated £280K has been allocated to fourteen projects.

3. Student Community Partnership Application BA049

The application received from the Student Community Partnership (SCP) for £2,500. This application was requesting funds to pay £2,000 for Community Student Ambassadors to door knock in highly populated student areas. Additional sums of £250 for printing and £250 for a community event were also included.

The panel felt concerned about the awarding funds to a scheme that would have potentially reoccurring costs on an annual basis.

The panel felt that the role should be filled by student volunteers, by paying people to carry out the role it will deter from this work being carried out by volunteers.

There was a feeling that the Universities should be the ones that should take responsibility for this work as they are the ones who benefit from the students coming into the city.

It was felt that the SCP is dealing with the impacts of students. The induction that is provided to students the Universities could cover the messages that are given by door knocking.

Dave Dixon will distribute to the panel latest information on the complaints that have been received by the Council and the SCP. Dave explained a greater level the prevention would save the Council money in the long term.

The panel decided that they were not willing to agree funding for this application.

Cllr Blackburn said that he could look for support towards printing of materials.

4. Bathwick St Mary School - Road Safety Application BA047

This application asked for funding of £2,450 to provide additional school crossing signage on Warminster Road, Sydney Road and Beckford Road (£750) and installation of safety bollards on Beckford Road (£1,700).

This application was submitted as the development of Holbourne Park Estate which will impact upon the traffic on the route of Bathwick St Mary's School.

The panel were in agreement in the allocated of funding to this project but have asked that B&NES Highways confirm that this scheme is considered to be above a medium priority before funds are awarded.

5. Bath City Farm - Application BA051

This application was received from Bath City Farm with a request for the sum of £125,000 a contribution towards the building of a multi-purpose café at the health and wellbeing facility at the South of Bath. The overall costs that are set out for providing the new facilities estimated to be £550,000.

Dave Dixon explained that Bath has yet to see an allocation for a project that enables stronger health and wellbeing projects to be delivered. The Strategic CiL for the 85% of receipts that B&NES retains has not allocated any funds to date. Dave agreed he would write to the officer that manages the B&NES CiL funds to find out about future contributions being made to health and wellbeing projects.

The panel felt that the work that is carried out at Bath City Farm is worthy of support. It was felt however that a greater amount of detail will be required before a firm recommendation could be made.

The panel felt that the costing for construction appeared to be high for the size of building that is being considered.

The Panel has asked for additional information to be provided:

1. A genuine set of costings for how the pricing up of the development are being calculated.
2. A business plan needs to indicate the logic and visualises how everything comes together.
3. An understanding needs to be set out of how the community will be involved in the programme for advancing the work of Bath City Farm.
4. A set of aims, targets and examples needs to be shown for how the work of Bath City Farm will be advanced.

The panel felt confident that they would wish to indicate a level of support for this project. Once information that outlines a plausible market rate for the overall project can be agreed, it could be possible to offer support of between 20-25% of the cost.

As this project is subject to a number of different successful funding bids it would be possible to set aside an agreed amount of local CiL funding once all outstanding queries have been satisfied.

6. Sydney Gardens Improvements - Application BA050

This application was received from the Sydney Gardens Project with a request for the sum of £41,076 for the provision of a fully accessible changing places facility.

The facility is part of the overall project which is presently awaiting the outcome of their bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for £2,742,500 this is due 13 December 2018.

The panel felt that supporting this facility will make a great difference to a lot of people that visit the park. Bath presently only has one facility that is situated in Southgate.

The panel recommended that funding be given to this project subject to a successful outcome from the Heritage Lottery Fund bid.

The panel also asked that Bath City Forum is recognised as the provider of funding for the facility and a plaque shows this at completion of the project.