

Note of the meeting of the Neighbourhood CIL Panel for Bath held on Monday, 13th January, 2020 in Dome Room - Guildhall, Bath

Meeting Attendance

In Attendance	
Councillor Rob Appleyard	
Dave Dixon	
Roger Driver	
Mark Hayward	
Robin Kerr	

Apologies Received from	
Councillor Colin Blackburn	
Councillor Sue Craig	
Councillor Jess David	

1. Project and Finance Summary Report

The panel were updated on the current position for available funding for Bath CIL Projects the amount that is currently available is £525,847.

The outstanding project list was discussed, and it was explained that where projects require resources from internal council departments there can be issues in gaining agreement for projects to be scheduled in.

It was explained that the grant for £125K that was awarded to Bath City Farm has resulted in additional lottery funding being secured. This will see the scheme invest a total of £550K into the new facilities that are planned.

It was felt that the panel needs to hold a special meeting which will look at the current guidance notes for CIL applications.

2. Rotunda Wellbeing Space at Newbridge School

The application received support in principle and the panel asked that several questions be answered before a recommendation is put forward.

If this application is successful, the panel asked that a minimum of £40k be raised before Bath CIL funding would be made available.

- 1. Can the applicant confirm who the land owner is for the location of where the rotunda will be built?
- 2. Planning Permission must have been agreed before funding will be recommended. What is the current status for your planning application?
- 3. What is the anticipated lifespan of the rotunda?
- 4. The panel asked that clarity be provided on the designs for the building. A better understanding is needed around the layout of the available space and what this will be used for.
- 5. Clarity is needed regarding how the ongoing maintenance and utility costs will to be covered?
- 6. The application does not show any contingency funds for the project, there is a statement saying finances are in place. We will require a clear understanding of what funds are already committed and the timetable for when all other funding is expected.
- 7. We would like to see a breakdown for the number of volunteering hours that will be contributed to the project.
- 8. The panel asked that written confirmation be provided from the executive academy headteacher, this needs to set out the reassurance that the school will be able to support access from the public to use the facilities during and outside school hours.
- 9. The panel would like to know what activities the school are already supporting the community with outside of the schools opening hours.
- 10. The panel asks that an explanation is given on how the provider for the rotunda building has been selected. Are there alternatives available and how do these compare in price to the design selected?
- 11. The panel would like written evidence of organisational support provided by a group such as Bath Mind.

The panel agreed for officers to move forward once they are satisfied with the responses from the applicant.

3. Student Community Wardens

The panel were all in favour of this application but made several recommendations to the programme.

- Funding will be granted on a yearly basis up to a maximum of £105,000 of the three-year period. The sum for year one 2020/21 will be £35,000 the subsequent sum for years 2021/22 and 2022/23 will be no more than an additional total sum of £70,000.
- The programme will require an evaluation framework which needs to include targets, critical engagements, a portfolio of what is being delivered.
- Where the programme has direct links into how improved value is being delivered to the Council there needs to be a record of these successes.
- An evaluation report will be required before the funding for years two and three of the programmes is agreed.

• This programme will require job specifications to be produced an line management arrangements to be agreed.

4. Promotion of electric transport

The panel felt that this application was a commercial event that if viable should be self-funded by the exhibitors.

It was felt that the climate emergency and the of electrification of transport should not be overlooked. The offer should be made for the applicant to meet with the council's cabinet representatives Sarah Warren, Joanne Wright and Neil Butters.

The panel agreed that they would not wish to recommend this application for funding at this time.

5. Access to Glasshouse Pavilion / Sports Field

The panel felt that all the questions that were raised at the previous meeting had been fully addressed. The panel fully supported recommending this project for Bath CIL funding.

The panel asked that a plaque that shows recognition of the support to the project be provided on completion.

The actual cost of the application is £123,215.58 excluding vat (The Rec Trust will meet the vat cost).

This funding will meet the project costs for the safe access, disabled parking and drop off provision.

6. Ensleigh Pedestrian Crossing

The Panel felt that the information that has been provided around how the S106 for the Ensleigh developments was allotted was useful. It was unfortunate that the crossing that was installed further down Lansdown Road took funding that should have been used at this location.

Due to the exceptional circumstances it was felt that residents should not suffer.

The panel noted that The National Lottery Heritage Fund has awarded over £390K which will be used at the nearby location by the Bath Preservation Trust (BPT) for their redevelopment project 'Our Tower': Reconnecting Beckford's Tower and Landscape for all.

The panel has agreed that they will recommend a contribution of £125,000 towards the crossing scheme. It was felt that a start date for the work needs to be scheduled for delivery by April 2021.

The panel asked if letters of support could be provided by the applicant from Kingswood School, Walcot Rugby and The Bath Preservation Society.